For The Sake Of Mary - Richard Thompson

Key: Notes: Intro is repeated in the song, sliding up and down on the two strings.

[Intro]
C5/D5 D5 D5   C5 B5 A4   F5   [4x]

[Verse 1]
      D5
For the sake of Mary   I kicked the reds
F5
Junked the juice,   I drink coffee instead
D5
Straightened my teeth,   bent my back
F5
Cut my friends dead   from the old rat-pack,
D5 [hammer]   [2x]
for Mary.

[Verse 2]
      D5
She bought me this silk suit,   watch and chain
     F5
She put the rhythm   in my stride again
     D5
She showed me the way   to make her feel good
F5
If I could do more   then I surely would,
D5 [hammer]
for Mary.
    D5 [hammer]
Ah   Mary

    [Chorus]
       G
   For the sake of Mary I played my hand
      D
   She still don't trust me to be her man
     G
   I say the right thing but my timing's bad
     Am   G
   She thinks I'm like the rest, but I'm the best she's ever had
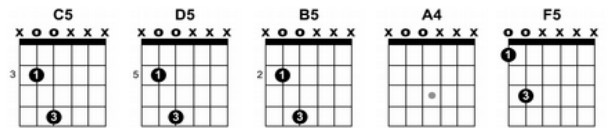   [[C5/D5 D5 D5   C5 B5 A4   F5]]
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[[C5/D5 D5 D5   C5 B5 A4   F5]]   [2x]

[Verse 3]
    D
Oh **I was cook first class   on the Belfast B**
F
But when she sailed   she sailed without me
    D
In Needle Pete's   I got my last tattoo
   F
In bleeding letters   of red and blue for Mary.
   D5 [hammer]   D5 [hammer]
Ah,   for Mary

    [Chorus]
        G
  For the sake of Mary I changed my drift
       D
  I got a good job on the graveyard shift
      G
  She set her heart on a pretty little place
      Am   G
  I want to see the tears of joy on her face, oh-oh

                  D5 [hammer]
For the sake of Mary

[Instrumental Part]
B♭ – C – D – C – C\B – C\A – F   [2x]

[[C5/D5 D5 D5   C5 B5 A4   F5]]   [2x]

    [Chorus]
       G
  For the sake of Mary I keep the flame
      D
  I don't want to be a villain again
     G
  She had her bad times and it shook her about
     Am   G
  I don't want to take the easy way out, no, no

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         For the sake of Mary
   [Close][Twice]
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         For the sake of Mary