

# Going To California – Led Zeppelin

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**Key:** G **Notes:** Original in Double drop D (D A D G B D) in the key D. This is standard tuning. FINGER PICK this song.

[Intro]

D

[Verse 1]

G Gmaj7 G6 G G Gmaj7 G6 G D  
Spent my days with a woman unkind, smoked my stuff and drank, all my wine  
G Gmaj7 G6 G G Gmaj7 G6 G D  
Made up my mind to make a new start, going to California with an aching in my heart  
G Gmaj7 G6 G G Gmaj7 G6 G D  
Someone told me there's a girl out there, with love in her eyes and flowers in her hair

[Bridge] [2x]

F – G – D

[Verse 2]

G Gmaj7 G6 G G Gmaj7 G6 G D  
Took my chances on a big jet plane, never let them tell you that they're all, the same  
G Gmaj7 G6 G G Gmaj7 G6 G D  
The sea was red and the sky was grey, wondered how tomorrow could ever follow today  
G Gmaj7 G6 G  
The mountains and the canyons started to tremble and shake  
G Gmaj7 G6 G D  
As the children of the sun began to awake. (watch out!)

[Interlude]

Dm

Seems that the wrath of the gods got a punch on the nose and it started to flow

A  
I think I might be sinking.

Dm

Throw me a line if I reach it in time, I'll meet you up there where the path

A D  
Runs straight and high.

[Verse 3]

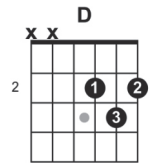
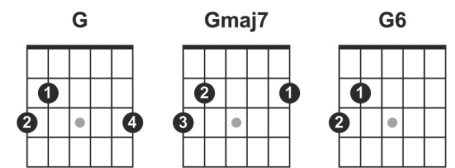
G Gmaj7 G6 G G Gmaj7 G6 G D  
To find a queen without a king, they say she plays guitar and cries as she sings  
G Gmaj7 G6 G  
Ride a white mare in the footsteps of dawn,  
G Gmaj7 G6 G D  
Tryin to find a woman who's never, never, never been born.  
G Gmaj7 G6 G  
Standing on a hill in my mountain of dreams,  
G Gmaj7 G6 G D  
Telling myself its not as hard, hard, hard as it seems.

[Bridge]

F – G – D [2x]

[Close]

D



Suggest, after the G-GM7-G6 progression, I play the D (x-x-0-7-5), alternating the 1st string open and 5th fret. The F-G-D return is also nice with the FM7 slid down the fret board from G return like a FM7 on the third fret (x-0-0-3-4-5) and then slide that shape down to a D in a Bb shape on the fifth fret to the third fret, and back to the above cited D chord. This brings in the mandolin-like sound nicely, particular when finger-picked.