

Rocky Mountain High (John Denver) [in the key of C]

*Calypso strum throughout, each chord one measure, single strum on **

INTRO: C (4X)

C C F G
He was born in the summer of his twenty-seventh year,

C C F F
Comin' home to a place he'd never been before.

C Am F G
He left yesterday behind him, you might say he was born a-gain,

C C F F
You might say he found a key for every door.

C C F G
When he first came to the mountain his life was far a-way,

C C F F
On the ro-o-ad and hangin' by a song,

C Am F G
But the string's already broken and he doesn't really care,

C C F F
It keeps changin' fast and it don't last for long.

F G C C F G C C
But the Colorado Rocky Mountain high,..... I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky.

F G C F F F F*
The shadow from the starlight is softer than a lullaby.

(NC) C C F F C C F F
Rocky Mountain high,.... Colorado, Rocky Mountain high (high, Colorado).

C C F G
He climbed cathedral mountains, he saw silver clouds below,

C C F F
He saw everything as far as you can see.

C Am F G
And they say that he got crazy once and he tried to touch the sun,

C C F F
And he lost a friend, but kept his memory.

C C F G
 Now he walks in quiet solitude the forests and the streams,
 C C F F
 Seeking gra-a-a-ce in every step he takes.
 C Am F G
 His sight has turned inside himself to try and understand
 C C F F
 The serenity of a clear blue mountain lake.

F G C C F G C C
 And the Colorado Rocky Mountain high,..... I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky.
 F G C F F F F*
 Talk to God and listen to the casual reply.
 (NC) C C F F C C F F
 Rocky Mountain high (high, Colorado), Rocky Mountain high (high, Colorado).

C C F G
 Now his life is full of wonder, but his heart still knows some fear
 C C F F
 Of a simple thing he cannot comprehend.
 C Am F G
 Why they try to tear the mountain down to bring in a couple more,
 C C F F
 More people, more scars upon the land.

F G C C F G C C
 And the Colorado Rocky Mountain high,..... I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky.
 F G C F F F F*
 I know he'd be a poorer man if he never saw an eagle fly.
 (NC) C C F G C F G C C
 Rocky Mountain high.....It's a Colorado Rocky Mountain high, I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky
 F G C F F F F*
 Friends around the campfire and everybody's high,
 (NC) C C F F C C F F
 Rocky Mountain high (high, Colorado), Rocky Mountain high (high, Colorado).
 C C F F C [finish measure]
 Rocky Mountain high (high, Colorado), Rocky Mountain hi-i-i-i-i-i-i-i-i-i-i-i-i-i-i-i-gh.....

(Ending "high" should be stretched past the ringing of the last string)