

AMERICAN SUNSET

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Tempo: 87

Key: VERSES in G; CHORUS mostly in F

INTRO:

(G) Note: don't play the chord, play the notes

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e|-3>5-5-5-3-3-3-2-2-0-0-----|
b|-----3-5-|
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VERSE 1 (repeat twice before lyrics):

Am

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e|-3>5-5-5-3-3-3-2-2-0-0-----|
b|-----3-5-|
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Silhouette in the sunset. Who's that rising in the American sunset?
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 Don't misunderstand me; I'm not talking about a cowboy.
 Don't misunderstand me; I'm not talking about a ten gallon hat.
 No five o'clock shadow or eleven o'clock rescue; no tumbleweeds or Joshua trees.
 Fuck that naïveté.
 Can you climb that greasy pole
 only if you're covered with sand?
 (or rice?) No excuse in Syracuse on either side.
 King Arthur: at least he brings a sigh.

CHORUS 1:

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F           Dm  Am   Asus4  Am  Asus2  Am
Where did you      go T.R.?
Lost on a hill in San Juan.

           F           Dm           Am           C           E7
And did you bring McKinley, Harrison, Cleveland, and Arthur there with you?
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VERSE 3:

Now it's lights, camera, and action news as three-piece suits flash baby blues
 when the three-by-four world-wide circus comes to town.
 We've gone from "fuck all the tea in China" party to all-new china at the garden party,
 and every four-to-eight it's another's fault party.

CHORUS 2:

Where did you go T.R.?
 Lost on a hill in San Juan.
 And did you bring McKinley, Harrison, Cleveland, and Arthur too?

VERSE 4 (do four lines of instrumental before lyrics):

The log-cabin presidency is long since over because
 all the frontiers have long since closed.
 And though you can still point at a pin stuck in a map
 that's not what I'm talking about.

CHORUS 3 (same lyrics as CHORUS 1)

FADE OUT over VERSE sequence:

4 x Silhouette in the sunset. Who's that rising in the American sunset?

CHORDS USED IN THIS SONG:

Am	G	F	Dm	Asus4	Asus2	C	E7
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1 1	1 1 1	111111	1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1
123	1 1 1	2	2	123	123	12	2 1
1 1 1	2 1 1 3	34	3	1 1 4	1 1 1	3 1	1 1 1