

Freebird

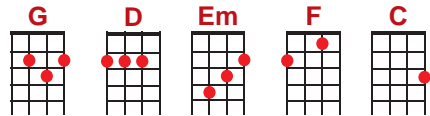
allen collins & ronnie van zant



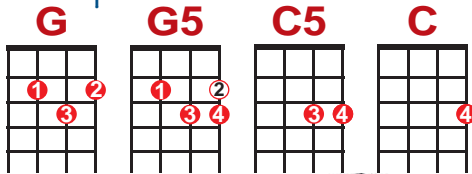
Lynyrd Skynyrd

Gene Odom, who was Lynyrd Skynyrd's security manager, explained in his book "Lynyrd Skynyrd: Remembering The Free Birds of Southern Rock", that this song came about when Allen Collins' wife asked him, "If I leave here tomorrow would you still remember me?"

The solo at the end is a three-guitar solo. Even though the band had only 2 guitarists at the time, the song had 3 guitar parts. A rhythm part (played by Gary Rossington), an acoustic part (played by Allen Collins), and an electric part (also played by Allen Collins). After Collins laid down the lead track, he re-recorded (actually played it again) the part, but played a little behind the original lead to give it that full sound, and those double licks at the end.



and a power chord riff for the finish



"a little travelin music, Sam"
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G D Em
F If I leave here tomorrow,
G C D
F would you still remember me?
G D Em
F For I must be travelling on now.
C D
'cause there's too many places I got to see

G D Em
F If I stay here with you girl
C D
G things just couldn't be the same
D Em
F 'cause I'm as free as a bird now
C D
F and this bird you cannot change
C D
F and this bird you cannot change
C D
F and this bird you cannot change
C D
F Lord knows - I can't change!

G D Em
F Bye bye baby, it's been a sweet love
C D
G though this feeling I can't change
D Em
F but please don't take it so badly
C D
'cause the Lord knows I'm to blame

G D Em
F But, if I stay here with you girl
C D
G things just couldn't be the same
D Em
F 'cause I'm as free as a bird now
C D
F and this bird you cannot cha - ange (oooh oooh oooh oooh)
C D
F and the bird you cannot cha- ange
C D
F and this bird you cannot cha-ange
C D
F Lord knows, I can't cha-ange!
C D
F Lord help me! I can't cha-ange -ange -ange -ange

and now... speed it up a little...

G G5 C5 C
F Lord... I can't change
G G5 C5 C
WON'T 'CHA FLY HIGH FREE BIRD - Yeah!

and now... play lots and lots of

G IIII G5 IIII C5 IIII C IIII

...plus some shredding leads if you can!

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