

fahey john - Sligo River Blues

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Subject: Sligo_River_Blues by John Fahey

Hi All,

I've had a couple of requests for this. It's a very simple song based on 1st, 4th and 5th (C, F, G). It is repetitious and you could find it boring if you don't vary syncopation and occasionally hit double notes with your thumb on alternate notes. Listen to the CD if you want more details. I got this off Return of the Repressed Give it a bit of bounce and it's a great song to play.

Enjoy
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Sligo River Blues
John Fahey

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chord sequence
CFCFCG

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e |-----|
b |0-h1-p0-----0-----| 0
G |0-----0-----0-----0-----| : 0
D |2-----2-----2-----2-----| : 2
A |3-----3--2--3-----| 3
E |-----|

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                roll                roll
e |-----0-----|-----|
b |0----1-----1-----|0---1-----1-----|
G |-----0-----|0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----2-----2-----|-----2-----2-----|
A |3-----3-----|3-----3-----|
E |-----|-----|
  1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

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e |-----0-----|-----0-----|
b |0---1-----0-----|1-----0-----1-----|
G |-----|-----0-----|
D |-----2-----2-----|-----2-----2-----|
A |3-----3-----|3-----3-----|
E |-----|-----|
  1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

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e |-----0-----|-----0-----|
b |0----1-----|0---1-----0-----|
G |-----|-----|
D |-----3-----3-----|-----3-----3-----|

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A |-----|-----|
E |1-----1-----|1-----1-----|
  |1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |

e |-----0-----|-----0-----|
b |1-----0-1-----|-----0-1-----|
G |-----0-----|-----0-----|
D |-----2-----|-----2-----|
A |3-----3-----|3-----3-----|
E |-----|-----|
  |1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |

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repeat last 4 bars

Thumb is playing double notes on beats 2 & 4.
This happens occasionally elsewhere.

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e |-----0-----|-----0-----|
b |0-----1-----|0-1-----0-----|
G |-----0-----|-----0-----|
D |-----0-----|-----0-----|
A |-----|-----|
E |3-----3-----|3-----3-----|
  |1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |

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Repeat those bars you repeated before

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e |-----|-----|
b |1-----0h1-----|1-----1-----|
G |0-----|0-----|
D |-----2-----|-----2-----|
A |3-----3-----|3-----3-----|
E |-----|-----|
  |1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |

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e |-----0-----0-----|0-----0-----0-----|
b |0-h1-----0-h1-----|0-h1-----0-h1-----|
G |-----|-----|
D |-----2-----|-----2-----|
A |3-----3-----|3-----3-----|
E |-----|-----|
  |1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |

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repeat last two

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e |-----0-----0-----|0-----0-----0-----|
b |0-h1-----0-h1-----|0-h1-----0-h1-----|
G |-----|-----|
D |-----3-----|-----3-----|
A |-----|-----|
E |1-----1-----|1-----1-----|
  |1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |

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e |-----0-----0-----|0-----0-----0-----|
b |0-h1-----0-h1-----|0-h1-----0-h1-----|
G |-----|-----|
D |-----2-----|-----2-----|
A |3-----3-----|3-----3-----|

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E|-----|-----|
 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
repeat last 4 bars

e|-----0-----0-----|0-----0-----0-----|
b|0--h1-----0--h1-----0--h1---|---0--h1-----0--h1-----|
G|-----|-----|-----|-----|
D|-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----|
A|-----|-----|-----|-----|
E|3-----3-----|3-----3-----|
 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |

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then repeat those 4 bars again but throw an A in (on the bass) instead of the F near the end (for fun)

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e|-----0-----0-----|0-----0-----0-----|
b|0--h1-----0--h1-----0--h1---|---0--h1-----0--h1-----|
G|-----|-----|-----|-----|
D|-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----|
A|-----|-----|-----|-----|
E|3-----3-----|3-----3-----|
 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |

e|-----3-----3-----|3-----3-----3-----|
b|0--h1-----0--h1-----0--h1---|---0--h1-----0--h1-----|
G|-----|-----|-----|-----|
D|-----2-----2-----|-----2-----2-----|
A|3-----3-----|3-----3-----|
E|-----|-----|-----|-----|
 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |

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repeat

Do it with the F base
then back with the C base
then repeat those 4 bars again
then in G
then repeat the 4 bars again reverting to an e-0 (instead of g-3)
high on the last bar.

run through the whole C-F-C-F-C-G findangle like you did at the start

and end on a:

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roll          roll          big thumb strum
e|-----|-----|-----|-----|
b|h1-----1-----0h1-----1-----|1-----|
G|0-----0-----0-----0-----|0-----|
D|2-----2-----2-----2-----|2-----|
A|3-----3-----|3-----|
E|-----|-----|-----|-----|
 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |

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