

Swift Guitar Lessons

"THE FIRST CUT IS THE DEEPEST" BY CAT STEVENS

Standard Tuning | Key of G | 95bpm | Released Dec. 1967 | Decca | Live Version



Intro:

G D C D G D C D

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e |-----7-----5---|-----3-----5---|-----7-----5---|-----3-----5---|
B |---8---8---7---7-|---5---5---7---7-|---8---8---7---7-|---5---5---7---7-|
G |-7-----7-----| -5-----7-----| -7-----7-----| -5-----7-----|
D |-----|-----|-----|-----|
A |-----|-----|-----|-----|
E |-----|-----|-----|-----|
    
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Verse 1: Apply Intro Picking Pattern

G D C D
I would have given you all of my heart

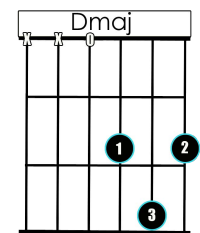
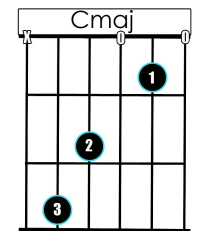
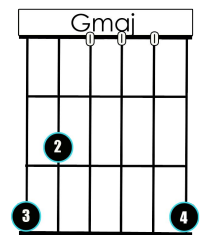
G F D C
but there's someone who's torn it apart

G D C
and she's taken almost all that I've got

D G D C
but if you want, I'll try to love again

D G F D *Lick*
baby I'll try to love again but I know

Open Chords (Chorus)



Pre-Chorus Lick:

D Dsus2 Dsus4

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e |-2----2h3-2--0--2----3-|-2---0---2h3-2-0-2-|
B |-3--3-3-----3-----3-3-|-3---3---3---3-3-3-|
G |-2----2-----2-----2-2-|-2---2---2---2-2-2-|
D |-0-----0-----|-----|
A |-----|-----|
E |-----|-----|
    
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Chorus #1

G D C *Riff 1* D G
The first cut is the deepest, baby I know,

(G) D C *Riff 2* D
The first cut is the deepest

(D) G D C *Riff 2* D
'Cause when it comes to being lucky she's cursed,

G C D *Riff 3* C *Riff 4*
When it comes to loving me she's worst

(C) G D C *Riff 2* D
But when it comes to be in love she's first... that's how I know



Chorus Continued

G D C Riff 1 D G

The first cut is the deepest, baby I know,

(G) D C Riff 2 D

The first cut is the deepest

Transition Riff:

D

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e | -2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2- | -2----- |
B | -3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3- | -3----- |
G | -2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-0- | -2----- |
D | -0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0- | -0----- |
A | ----- | ----- |
E | ----- | ----- |
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Verse 2:

G D C D

I still want you by my side

(D) G F D C

just to help me dry the tears that I've cried

G D C

cause I'm sure gonna give you a try

D G D C

but if you want, I'll try to love again

D G F D Lick

baby I'll try to love again but I know

Pre-Chorus Lick:

D Dsus2 Dsus4

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e | -2----2h3-2--0--2----3- | -2---0---2h3-2-0-2- |
B | -3--3-3-----3----3-3- | -3--3---3---3-3-3- |
G | -2----2-----2----2-2- | -2---2---2---2-2-2- |
D | -0-----0----- | ----- |
A | ----- | ----- |
E | ----- | ----- |
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Chorus #2 (short)

G D C Riff 1 D G

The first cut is the deepest, baby I know,

(G) D C Riff 2 D

The first cut is the deepest



Transition Riff *See page 1*

Instrumental Section *Rob's Solo*

G	D	C	D	G	D	C	D
e -3-3----- -----2-2-2- -3-3----- 0-0-0--0-----							
B -0-0---3v~--- -----3-3-3- -0-0---3v--3-3- -8-7-5-5-5---0-1-							
G -0-0-/4---\2-0- -h2-0-----2-2-2- -0-0-/4-----4--- -----7---7\-----							
D -0----- ----- (1) h2-0----- 0----- -----							
A -2----- ----- 2----- -----							
E -3----- ----- 3----- -----							

G	D	C	D
e -3--3-3--2--2-2- ----- 2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2- -2-----			
B -0--0-0--3--3-3- -1--1-- 3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3- -3-----			
G -0--0-0--2--2-2- -0--0-- 2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-0- -2-----			
D -0--0--0--0--0-- 2--0-- 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0- -0-----			
A -2--2----- 3--2-- ----- -----			
E -3--3----- ----- ----- -----			

Chorus #3

G D C Riff 1 D G

The first cut is the deepest, baby I know,

(G) D C Riff 2 D

The first cut is the deepest

(D) G D C Riff 2 D

'Cause when it comes to being lucky she's cursed,

G C D Riff 3 C Riff 4

When it comes to loving me she's worst

(C) G D C Riff 2 D

But when it comes to be in love she's first... that's how I know

G D C Riff 1 D G

The first cut is the deepest, baby I know,

(G) D C Riff 2 D

The first cut is the deepest

Transition Riff *See page 1*

Outro: *Ritardando measures 3 - 5*

G	D	C	D	G	D	C	D	G
e ----- 3-0----- ----- 3-0----- -----3-----								
B -0--3-1-0--3--3- -1--3-1--3--3- -0--3-1-0--3--3- -1--3-1--3-3-3-3- -----0-----								
G -0-----2--2- -0-----2--2- -0-----2--2- -0-----2-2-2-2- -----0-----								
D -0-----0--0- -2-----0--0- -0-----0--0- -2-----0-0-0-0- ---0-----								
A -2----- 3----- 2----- 3----- 2-----								
E -3----- ----- 3----- ----- 3-----								