

Cripple Creek Arrangement

4/4 Time, Key of G

Part A - Instrumental Break (8 bars):

G G G G C C G G G G G G D D G G

G G G G C C G G G G G G D D G G

Part B - Verse (8 bars):

G G G G G G G G G G G G D D G G

G G G G G G G G G G G G D D G G

Sample Lyrics for Verse (8 bars):

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1. Goin' up Cripple Creek, Goin' on a run,
2. I got a gal at the head of the creek,
3. I got a girl and she loves me,

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1. Goin' up Cripple Creek, to have a little fun,
2. I'm goin' up to see her 'bout the middle of the week.
3. She's as sweet as she can be.

G

1. Goin' up Cripple Creek, Goin' in a whirl,
2. Roll my britches to my knees,
3. She got eyes of baby blue,

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1. Goin' up Cripple Creek To see my girl.
2. I'll wade old Cripple Creek when I please.
3. Makes my gun shoot straight and true.

Cripple Creek Arrangement:

Intro or Kickoff (Instrumental): Part A then Part B

Sing Verse 1: Part B (Banjo vamps)

1st Instrumental Break: Part A

Sing Verse 2: Part B (Banjo vamps)

2nd Instrumental Break: Part A

Sing Verse 3: Part B (Banjo vamps)

3rd Instrumental Break: Part A

Ending

Notes:

1. Instrumental Breaks could be taken by mandolin, guitar, Dobro, banjo, etc. For this lesson the banjo is going to be taking the kickoff, all breaks, and the ending.
2. Think in terms of 8 bars per Part and 2 bars for the Ending. Therefore, the entire practice track is 66 bars long.
 - ✓ Intro = 16 bars
 - ✓ Three Verses and Three Breaks = 48 bars
 - ✓ Ending = 2 bars.