

# The House Of the Rising Sun

Here is our "Unplugged" arrangement of the Animals' 1964 hit *The House of the Rising Sun*. The song was originally introduced in 1937 with historian Alan Lomax's recording of Middlesboro, Kentucky's Georgia Turner *Rising Sun Blues*. Later, Lomax published the song in his 1941 *Our Singing Country* and it soon became a staple of 1940's New York City folk music. Our unique "Unplugged" arrangements are created for one acoustic guitar and one voice. The song is played in a steady 4/4 time not the 6/8 time of the original hit recording. The chord fingerings I use are shown below in Tab form. The original version has been substantially reharmonized. The opening progression pedals on the A bass note. For variation, you may want to try substituting the "Esus4" for the last "E11" chord.

Am7		Bm7/A		FM7/A
E--5----- ----- ----- -----		E--7----- ----- ----- -----		E--5----- ----- ----- -----
B--5----- ----- ----- -----		B--7----- ----- ----- -----		B--5----- ----- ----- -----
G--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----		G--7---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----		G--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----
D--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----		D--7---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----		D--3---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----
A--0----- ----- ----- -----		A--0----- ----- ----- -----		A--0----- ----- ----- -----
E----- ----- ----- -----		E----- ----- ----- -----		E----- ----- ----- -----
1.	2.	3.		4.

Am7	E11	Am7	E11
E--5----- ----- ----- -----	E--7----- ----- ----- -----	E--5----- ----- ----- -----	E--7----- ----- ----- -----
B--5----- ----- ----- -----	B--7----- ----- ----- -----	B--5----- ----- ----- -----	B--7----- ----- ----- -----
G--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----	G--7---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----	G--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----	G--7---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----
D--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----	D--7---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----	D--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----	D--7---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----
A--0----- ----- ----- -----	A--7----- ----- ----- -----	A--0----- ----- ----- -----	A--7----- ----- ----- -----
E----- ----- ----- -----	E--0----- ----- ----- -----	E----- ----- ----- -----	E--0----- ----- ----- -----
5.	6.	7.	8.

Am7		Bm7/A		FM7/A
E--5----- ----- ----- -----		E--7----- ----- ----- -----		E--5----- ----- ----- -----
B--5----- ----- ----- -----		B--7----- ----- ----- -----		B--5----- ----- ----- -----
G--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----		G--7---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----		G--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----
D--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----		D--7---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----		D--3---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----
A--0----- ----- ----- -----		A--0----- ----- ----- -----		A--0----- ----- ----- -----
E----- ----- ----- -----		E----- ----- ----- -----		E----- ----- ----- -----
9.	10.	11.		12.

Am7	E11	Am7	E11
E--5----- ----- ----- -----	E--7----- ----- ----- -----	E--5----- ----- ----- -----	E--7----- ----- ----- -----
B--5----- ----- ----- -----	B--7----- ----- ----- -----	B--5----- ----- ----- -----	B--7----- ----- ----- -----
G--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----	G--7---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----	G--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----	G--7---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----
D--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----	D--7---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----	D--5---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----	D--7---/---/---/--- ----- ----- -----
A--0----- ----- ----- -----	A--7----- ----- ----- -----	A--0----- ----- ----- -----	A--7----- ----- ----- -----
E----- ----- ----- -----	E--0----- ----- ----- -----	E----- ----- ----- -----	E--0----- ----- ----- -----
13.	14.	15.	16.

Am7 Bm7/A FM7/A Am7 E11 Am7 E11  
There is a house in New Orleans they call the Rising Sun  
Am7 Bm7/A FM7/A Am7 E11 Am7 E11  
and it's been the ruin of many poor boy and God I know I'm one.

Now the only thing a gambler needs is a suitcase and a trunk  
and the only time that he is satisfied is when he's on a drunk.

Now mother tell your children not to do what I have done  
spend your life in sin and misery in the house of the Rising Sun.

There is a house in New Orleans they call the Rising Sun  
and it's been the ruin of many poor boy and God I know I'm one  
and God I know that I'm one, Yes God I know that I'm one.