Beast of Burden ©1978 Jagger/Richards

This is a vampy ‘feel’ ‘groove’ song. Jagger makes up the lyrics all the time, depending on the performance. It’s pretty much how he wrote the lyrics, with not a lot of literary care (did he ever?)

The song is largely built on a constantly repeating chordal riff. Here we’ll do it in F.

Main Riff
You can play it as just an **F** to **Dm**, but using strict single thumb strums.

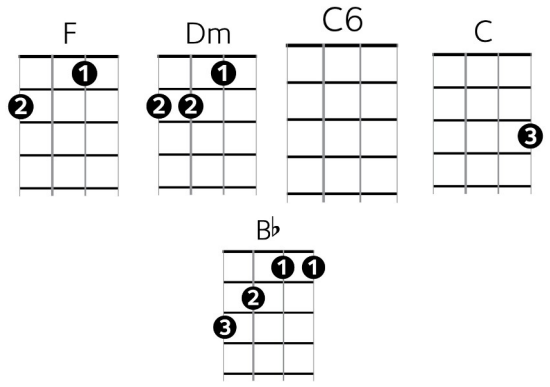
If you want to play ‘the riff’, each F & Dm is preceded by a C6, with Bb ending the progression with two beats.

The Bridge is different.

Verse 1
I'll never be your beast of burden
My back is broad, but it's a hurting
All I want is for you to make love to me

Verse 2
I'll never be your beast of burden
I've walked for miles, my feet are hurting
All I want is for you to make love to me

Bridge
Bb
Am I hard enough,
F
Am I rough enough,
Bb
Am I rich enough
F C
I'm not too blind to see



Verse 3
I'll never be your beast of burden
So let's go home and draw the curtains
Music on the radio
Come on baby, make sweet love to me

Repeat Bridge

Back to main riff
You're such a pretty, pretty, pretty, pretty, pretty, pretty boy
Pretty, pretty such a pretty, pretty, pretty girl
Come on, baby please, please, please

Further random verse lyrics
(I'll tell ya)
You can put me out on the street
Put me out with no shoes on my feet
But put me out, put me out, put me out... out of misery

All your sickness I can suck it up
Throw it all at me
I can shrug it off
There's one thing, baby, I don't understand
You keep telling me I ain't your kind of man

These are the Bridge lyrics but said over the Main Riff
Ain't I rough enough
Ain't I tough enough
Ain't I rich enough
In love enough
Ooh Ooh please

Repeat Verse 1

Final Verse
I don't need no beast of burden
I need no fussing, I need no nursing
Never, never, never, never, never, never, never be...