

When I'm Up (I Can't Get Down) - Great Big Sea + Oysterband

Lyrics + Chords

F **C**
I am the fountain of affection
F
I'm the instrument of joy

to keep the good times rolling,
Dm **G**
I'm the boy, I'm the boy
F **C**
You know the world could be our oyster
F
If you put your trust in me

We'll keep the good times rolling
Dm **G**
Wait and see, wait and see
Am G F G
Oh, wait and see (*Intro Lick*)

Am **G**
There's exaltations, sweet disintegrations
F **G**
A few discolourations then it comes along (*Verse 1 Lick*)
Am **G**
Up is why he chooses, the kisses and the bruises
F **G**
There ain't nothing he refuses then it comes along
F **Am**
It comes along and I am lifted
F **G**
I am lifted, I am lifted

[Chorus]

F **C**
When I'm up I can't get down
F **G**
Can't get down can't get level
F **C**
When I'm up I can't get down
F **G**
Get my feet back on the ground
F **C**
When I'm up I can't get down
F **G**
Can't get down can't get level
F **C**
When I'm up I can't get down
F **G**
Get my feet back on the ground

Am **G**
He just needs something to bind him, something to wind him up
F **G**
It won't take long to find him, when it comes on strong (*Verse 2 Lick*)
Am **G**
Black skies are grinning, street lights are spinning
F **G**
The night is just beginning, and then it comes on strong
F **Am**
It comes on strong, and I am lifted,
F **G**
I am lifted, I am lifted!

[Chorus]

Fiddle Solo

Am G F G

Am G F G

F **Am**
Oh, it comes on strong, and I am lifted

F **Am**
It comes on strong, and I am lifted,

F **G**
I am lifted, I am lifted!

[Chorus]

[Outro]

Fiddle Outro

Am **G** **F**
Oh-oh-oh, I can't get down

G **Am** **G**
Oh no, no, no, no, I can't get down

F
Oh no, oh no,

G
No-oh-oh-oh, I can't get down

Fiddle Parts

Intro Lick

0A(sl) 1A 0A 3D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u)

0A(sl) 1A 0A 3D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u)

0A(sl) 1A 0A 3D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u)

0A 1A 2A 3A

0A(sl) 1A 0A 3D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u)

0A(sl) 1A 0A 3D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u)

0A 1A(u) 2A(u) 3A 2A(u) 1A(u) 0A

Verse 1 Lick

2A 1A 3D 1D

0D... 3G... 3G 1D 0D 3D...

Verse 2 Lick

1G 0D 3G 3G 1D 0D 3D...

Fiddle Solo + Outro

1D 2D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u) 3G 0D

1D 2D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u) 3G 0D

1D 2D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u) 3G 0D

1D 2D 3D 2D

1D 2D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u) 3G 0D

1D 2D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u) 3G 0D

1D 2D 3D 3D 0A 2A 1A 0A 3D 1A...

0A(sl) 1A 0A 3D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u)

0A(sl) 1A 0A 3D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u)

0A(sl) 1A 0A 3D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u)

0A 1A 2A 3A (outro ends here with fast notes, as shown in tutorial)

0A(sl) 1A 0A 3D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u)

0A(sl) 1A 0A 3D(u) 1D(u) 0D(u)

0A 1A(u) 2A(u) 3A 2A(u) 1A(u) 0A (harmonic)