



# House of the Rising Sun

Trad. American

This American folk song became an international chart-topping hit for the English band The Animals in 1964. The chords are shown in two keys, Am and Em (Em chords in brackets). Playing the song in Em avoids the tricky F chord.

## Finger-picking style:

**The F chord:** The chord of F requires you to press the index finger across two strings at once. This **barre** technique can be quite difficult, so feel free to play the alternative, easier version of F.

## Strumming rhythm

### Am

### C

### D

### F

### F (easier)

### E

### E7

Am (Em)

C (G)

D (A)

F (C)

Am (Em)

C (G)

1. There is a house in New Or - leans, they call the Ris - ing

E (B7)

E7

Am (Em)

C (G)

D (A)

Sun, and it's been the ru - in of ma - ny a poor

F (C)

Am (Em)

E (B7)

Am (Em)

E (B7)

boy, and God I know I'm one

2. My mother was a tailor,  
She sewed my new blue jeans,  
And my father was a gamblin' man,  
Down in New Orleans.

3. Now the only thing a gambler needs  
Is a suitcase and a trunk,  
And the only time he's satisfied  
Is when he's all a-drunk.

4. With one foot on the platform  
And the other on the train,  
I'm goin' back to New Orleans  
To wear that ball and chain.

5. Now mothers tell your children,  
Not to do as I have done,  
And spend your life in pain and misery  
In the House of the Rising Sun.