

The Kinks - Arthur

Tom: A

Arthur was born just a plain simple man
 in a plain simple working class position
 Though the world was hard and its ways were set
 he was young and he had so much ambition
 All the week he was overtaken
 by people who make the big decisions
 But he tried and he tried for a better life
 and a way to improve his own condition
 If only life were easy it would be such fu-u-un
 Things would be more equal and be plenty for everyone
 Arthur the world's gone and passed you by
 Don't you know it, don't you know it
 You can cry, cry all night but it won't make it right
 Don't you know it, don't you know it
 Arthur we know and we sympathize
 Don't you know it, don't you know it
 Arthur we like you and want to help you
 Somebody loves you, don't you know it

It shifts keys back to the A-E section for the guitar solo and with liberal bends on the E's at the 12th fret.

the "How's your wife" verse, then goes back to D-A after repeating the middle eight ("If only life were easy"). At the end there's this part:

Don't you know it, don't you know it
 Somebody loves you, don't you know it
 Don't you know it, don't you know it

And then it's back to "Arthur, the world's gone..." with its D-A chords, which are continued for the long fade-out.

On those late verses where there's no singing on the "don't you know it" parts, you can play an A7 instead of an A.

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"Arthur" lead guitar bits.

During the A & E chords ("verses"), the following is played:

The prechorus I just play the chords noted. Over the D & A chords ("chorus"), I play:

and during the solo, this line is moved up an octave to:

Acordes

