Not Your Stepping Stone
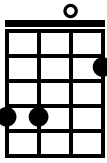
The Monkees, 1966
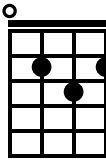Main (slower) strum pattern:


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E    |G    |A  C|  C  |
D-du |D-du |dudU|-udu |
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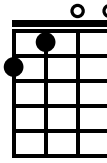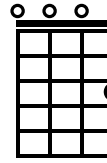
Intro:
| [E]/ / [G]/ / | [A]/ / [C] / / | x4

Chorus:
[E]I-I-[G]I-I-[A]I'm not your [C]stepping [E]stone, [G] [A] [C]
[E]I-I-[G]I-I-[A]I'm not your [C]stepping [E]stone, [G] [A] [C]

Verse 1:
You're [E]trying to make your [G]mark in so-[A]cie-[C]ty,
You're [E]using all the [G]tricks that you [A]used on [C]me,
You're [E]reading all them [G]high fashion [A]maga-[C]zines,
The [E]clothes you're wearing, [G]girl,
are causing [A]public [C]scenes, I said

Chorus:
[E]I-I-[G]I-I-[A]I'm not your [C]stepping [E]stone, [G] [A] [C]
[E]I-I-[G]I-I-[A]I'm not your [C]stepping [E]stone, [G] [A] [C]

Up-tempo break:
[E]//// |[G]// [A]/ [G]/ | X4

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    [E]       [G] [A]   [E]     [G] [A]
A ----7---5-------|----7---5-------|
E 0-----------7---|0-----------7---|
C ----------------|----------------|
G ----------------|----------------|
                            Not your stepping
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(Resume slower strum)
[E]stone [G] [A] [C]
[E]   [G] [A] [C]

Verse 2:
When [E]I first met you [G]girl, you didn't [A]have no [C]shoes,
But [E]now you're walking [G]'round like you're [A]front page [C]news,
[E]You been awful [G]careful 'bout the [A]friends you [C]choose,
But [E]you won't find my [G]name in [A]your book of [C]who's who.

Chorus:
[E]I-I-[G]I-I-[A]I'm not your [C]stepping [E]stone,
[G] No, [A]girl, not [C]me!
[E]I-I-[G]I-I-[A]I'm not your [C]stepping [E]stone, [G] [A] [C]

Up-tempo break:
[E]//// |[G]// [A]/ [G]/ | X4


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     [E]        [G] [A]   [E]      [G] [A]
A ----7---5-------|----7---5-------|
E 0-----------7---|0-----------7---|
C ----------------|----------------|
G ----------------|----------------|
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                                 Not your stepping

[E] stone,
[G] not your [A]step-[G]ping [E]stone,
[G] not your [A]step-[G]ping [E]stone,
[G] not your [A]step-[G]ping [E]stone [G] [A] [G] [E]

Alternate fingerings for uptempo break:
Barre slide up the neck
E: 4402 (using fingers 34x1)
G: 4232 (barre)
A: 6454 (barre)
or two-string power chords
E: 44xx
G: 77xx
A: 99xx