16 Inside

Background: This became my 100th song, a milestone. It's a very Bruce-like song, being nostalgic about being young, high school, parties, the boardwalk, running from cops, chasing girls, living without obligation. Most of it is accurate, with some imagination around the edges.

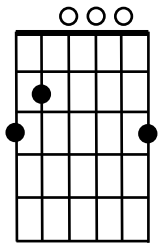
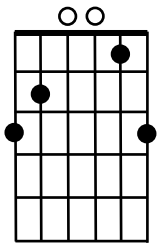
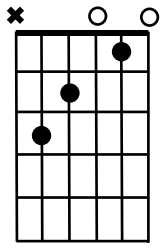
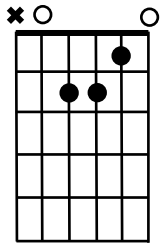
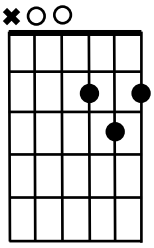
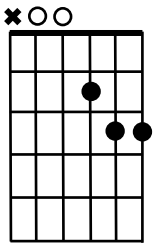
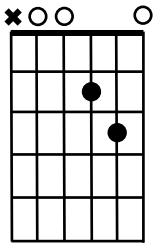
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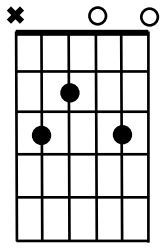
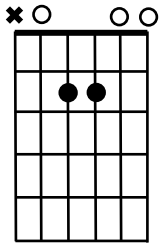
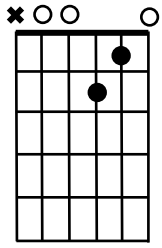
Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	C	4/4	Standard	135	Rock and Roll	None*

***second guitar, capo on 5, start in D relative to capo (still in G)**

Arrangement	1
Intro	G Gadd11 G Gadd11
Verse	C G D G x2 D Am C D G
Chorus	C G C G D Am C D G **(Back to Intro 2x)**
Bridge	Am C G D x2
Ending	Gadd11 G Gadd11 G Gadd11 G

Chords Used in this Song

G	Gadd11	C	Am	D	Dsus	Dsus2
						

Cadd9	Asus2	AmAdd11
		

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16 Inside

Verse 1

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        C
Remember all those parties
        G
Where high school teens would meet
        D
In backyards and random fields
        G
Down basements and dead-end streets
              C
Sometimes bands would play and the kids would sway
          G
And we felt like we were kings
           D
With the sound of quarters bouncing
                                    G
You could barely hear the singer sing
D
In that world we could just exist
Am
It was our place to hide
C                    D    G   Gadd11 G Gadd11
We were all just 16 inside
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Verse 2

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             C
Remember hitch hiking down Coastal Highway
    G
To where the boardwalk ends
              D
We rode The Zipper and Himalaya
                      G
Over and over again
          C
Chasing girls outside Playland arcade
G
Down ‘round Thrasher’s Fries
        D
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That smell of caramel popcorn

G
And girls that could burn your eyes
D
Even 19 seemed so old then
Am
Adult life a distant compromise
C **D** **G**
We were all just 16 inside

Chorus 1
C
(16 inside) Round and Round
G
(16 inside) That summer sound
C
(16 inside) Running around
G
(16 inside)
D
When it was good enough
Am
To just be along for the ride
C **D** **G**
We were all just 16 inside

Verse 3
C
Her porch had no screen door to slam
G
But her dress swayed anyway
D
Her Daddy yelled something from behind her
G
But she didn't even turn to wave
C
She reminded me of a nail polish model
G

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Torn out of a magazine
D
With no desire to be rich or famous
G
But just to fill the space in between
D
It didn't matter where we were going
Am
The destination was the ride
C **D** **G**
We were both just 16 inside

Chorus 2
C
(16 inside) Radio blarin'
G
(16 inside) Not a care
C
(16 inside) Chasing dares
G
(16 inside)
D
When it was good enough
Am
To just be along for the ride
C **D** **G**
We were both just 16 inside

Bridge 1
Am
Searching for hidden treasures
C
Indulging guilty pleasures
G **D**
We walked like stars in a Broadway show
Am
And when she said the songs like this I sing
C

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Sound way too much like Springsteen
G **D**
I said, hey girl thanks, that's good to know

Solo / Interlude

Bridge 2
Am
Pool hopping and High School dances
C
Football games and short romances
G
Running from the cops and hopping fences
D
Taking wild stupid chances
Am
Like we had 9 lives
C **D** **G**
We were all just 16 inside

Verse 4
C
Well we're all grown up now
G
In fact our kids are nearly grown
D
I don't know where all the years have gone
G
Feels like we're in the twilight zone
C
But when we get together now
G
We go back to simpler times
D
Just like we never left

Why would we want to?

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G
We are still partners in crime
D
So put this car's top down
Am
And let's take a joy ride
C **D** **G**
We are all still 16 inside

Chorus 3 (backup singers sing "16 Inside" on highlighted word)

C
16 inside
G
When songs **defined us** (16 inside)
C
They are the ties **that bind us** (16 inside)
G
No one could **ever find us** (16 inside)
D
When it was good enough
Am
To just be along for the ride
C **D** **G**
We were all just 16 inside

Chorus 4 (with backup singers)

C
16 inside
G
Summer nights **remind us** (16 inside)
C
How true love **can blind us** (16 inside)
G
How the world **can grind us** down (16 inside)
D
How it was once good enough

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Am
To just be along for the ride
C D G
We'll always be just 16 inside

Ending

D
So let those summer nights drift back in
Am
Let's find a new place to hide
C D G
We are all still 16 inside

C D G Gadd11 G Gadd11 G Gadd11 G
Yeah we'll always be 16 inside

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16 Inside

Verse 1
Remember all those parties
Where high school teens would meet
In backyards and random fields
Down basements and dead-end streets
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With the sound of quarters bouncing
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Bridge 1
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We walked like stars in a Broadway show
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Sound way too much like Springsteen
I said, hey girl thanks, that's good to know

Solo / Interlude

Bridge 2
Pool hopping and High School dances
Football games and short romances
Running from the cops and hopping fences
Taking wild stupid chances
Like we had 9 lives
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Verse 4
Well we're all grown up now
In fact our kids are nearly grown
I don't know where all the years have gone
Feels like we're in the twilight zone
But when we get together now
We go back to simpler times
It's like we never left
Why would we want to?
We are still partners in crime
So put this car's top down
And let's take a joy ride
We are all still 16 inside

Chorus 3 (backup singers sing "16 Inside" on highlighted word)
16 inside
When songs **defined us** (16 inside)
They are the ties **that bind us** (16 inside)
No one could **ever find us** (16 inside)
When it was good enough
To just be along for the ride
We were all just 16 inside

Chorus 4 (with backup singers)
16 inside
Summer nights **remind us** (16 inside)
How true love **can blind us** (16 inside)
How the world **can grind us** down (16 inside)
How it was once good enough
To just be along for the ride
We'll always be just 16 inside

Ending
So let those summer nights drift back in
Let's find a new place to hide
We are all still 16 inside

Yeah we'll always be 16 inside

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D Am C D G

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Bridge: Am C G D Am C G D

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Interlude

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