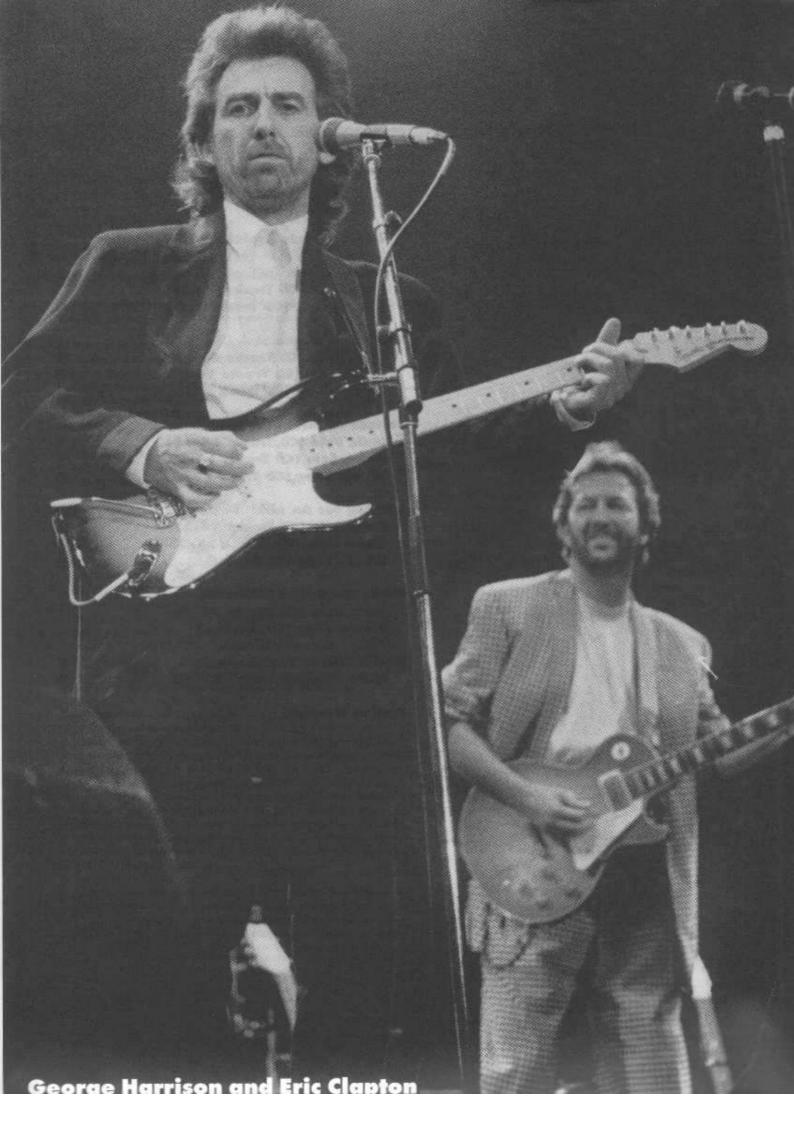


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Welcome To Slowhand!

Anyone who learns to play guitar has probably been inspired by the playing of someone else.

Most of us start trying to learn our favourite songs by playing and replaying a favourite track. However, listening to our guitar heroes play the music is one thing, but trying to work out what exactly they are playing is another! What you really want is to slow down a recorded solo until you can identify every individual element in it: you need to learn slowly in order to play fast.

In the past the nearest to this you could get was to play vinyl tracks at a slower speed – which had the unfortunate side effect of dropping the pitch to absurd levels. With regular CDs you can't even do that.

But at last, the answer is here! Welcome to Slowhand – every guitar player's dream come true!

Slowhand lets you listen to some of the world's great guitar solos at the correct pitch but at a much slower tempo. It also gives you matching, slowed-down backing tracks minus the solo for practice, then faster solos and faster backing tracks to take you up to speed. The CD lets you hear exactly what is happening while the book shows you what notes to play and where to put your fingers.

Finally, there's a full 'soundalike' version of the whole song without the vocals and guitar, notated in chords, lyrics and rhythm slashes, in case you just want to play rhythm. And when the solos come in, you'll be able to let rip along with your favourite guitarist!

There are also tips on each track along with performance notes, and information on how to duplicate the sound for yourself. We've shown all the settings we used on the Lineó POD effects unit, and which guitars and amps to use to really get that authentic sound.

With Slowhand it's simpler than ever before to learn those 'impossible' solos.

So what are you waiting for? Get started with Slowhand, the revolutionary way to listen and learn!

TUNING

Make sure you tune up before starting to play along with the CD. An electronic tuner is the easiest, and most accurate way, but you can also use a tuning fork or piano or keyboard.

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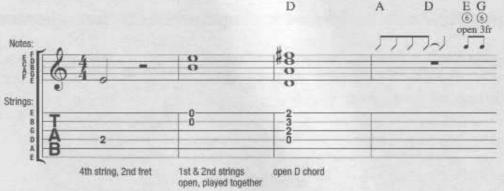
Guitar Tablature Explained

Guitar music can be notated three different ways: on a musical stave, in tablature, and in rhythm slashes

RHYTHM SLASHES are written above the stave. Strum chords in the rhythm indicated. Round noteheads indicate single notes.

THE MUSICAL STAVE shows pitches and rhythms and is divided by lines into bars. Pitches are named after the first seven letters of the alphabet.

TABLATURE graphically represents the guitar fingerboard. Each horizontal line represents a string, and each number represents a fret.



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definitions for special guitar notation

SEMI-TONE BEND: Strike the note and bend up a semi-tone (1/2 step).



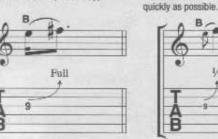
BEND & RELEASE: Strike the note and bend up as indicated, then release back to the original note.



WHOLE-TONE BEND: Strike the note and

bend up a whole-tone (whole step).

COMPOUND BEND & RELEASE: Strike the note and bend up and down in the rhythm indicated



then strike it.



GRACE NOTE BEND: Strike the note and

bend as indicated. Play the first note as

PRE-BEND: Bend the note as indicated,



QUARTER-TONE BEND: Strike the note and

bend up a 1/4 step.

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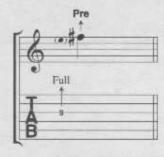
PRE-BEND & RELEASE: Bend the note as indicated. Strike it and release the note back to the original pitch.



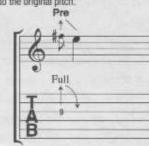
UNISON BEND: Strike the two notes simultaneously and bend the lower note up to the pitch of the higher.



BEND & RESTRIKE: Strike the note and bend as indicated then restrike the string where the symbol occurs



BEND, HOLD AND RELEASE: Same as bend and release but hold the bend for the duration of the tie.



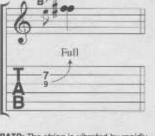
BEND AND TAP: Bend the note as indicated and tap the higher fret while still holding the bend.

Full

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VIBRATO: The string is vibrated by rapidly bending and releasing the note with the fretting hand.



HAMMER-ON: Strike the first (lower) note with one finger, then sound the higher note (on the same string) with another finger by fretting it without picking.

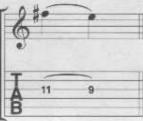


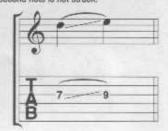
PULL-OFF: Place both fingers on the notes to be sounded, Strike the first note and without picking, pull the finger off to sound the second (lower) note



LEGATO SLIDE (GLISS): Strike the first note and then slide the same fret-hand finger up or down to the second note. The second note is not struck







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SHIFT SLIDE (GLISS & RESTRIKE): Same as legato slide, except the second note is struck

TRILL: Very rapidly alternate between the notes indicated by continuously harmmering on and pulling off.

TAPPING: Hammer ("tap") the fret indicated with the pick-hand index or middle finger and pull off to the note fretted by the fret hand.

PICK SCRAPE: The edge of the pick is rubbed down (or up) the string, producing a scratchy sound.







MUFFLED STRINGS: A percussive sound is produced by laying the fret hand across the string(s) without depressing, and striking them with the pick hand.

NATURAL HARMONIC: Strike the note while the fret-hand lightly touches the string directly over the fret indicated.

PINCH HARMONIC: The note is fretted normally and a harmonic is produced by adding the edge of the thumb or the tip of the index finger of the pick hand to the normal pick attack.

HARP HARMONIC: The note is fretted normally and a harmonic is produced by gently resting the pick hand's index finger directly above the indicated fret (in parentheses) while the pick hand's thumb or pick assists by plucking the appropriate string.









by the pick hand lightly touching the string(s) just before the bridge

PALM MUTING: The note is partially muted RAKE: Drag the pick across the strings indicated with a single motion.

TREMOLO PICKING: The note is picked as rapidly and continuously as possible.

ARPEGGIATE: Play the notes of the chord indicated by quickly rolling them from bottom to top.









SWEEP PICKING: Rhythmic downstroke and/or upstroke motion across the strings.

VIBRATO DIVE BAR AND RETURN: The pitch of the note or chord is dropped a specific number of steps (in rhythm) then returned to the original pitch

VIBRATO BAR SCOOP: Depress the bar just VIBRATO BAR DIP: Strike the note and before striking the note, then quickly release the bar

then immediately drop a specific number of steps, then release back to the original pitch









additional musical definitions

(accent)

· Accentuate note (play it louder).

(accent)

Accentuate note with great intensity.



· Shorten time value of note. (staccato)



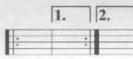
Downstroke



D.%. al Coda

D.C. al Fine





- Go back to the sign (%), then play until the bar marked To Coda 4 then skip to the section marked + Coda.
- Go back to the beginning of the song and play until the bar marked Fine (end).
- Instrument is silent (drops out).
- Repeat bars between signs.

When a repeated section has different endings, play the first ending only the first time and the second ending only the second time.

Hotel California

The Eagles

This classic track features one of the most famous guitar solos of all time, and features Joe Walsh and Don Felder playing twin lead!

'Hotel California' was the second of three singles (the other two were 'New Kid In Town' & 'Life In The Fast Lane') taken from the album of the same name which stormed the charts back in 1977.

The band still has the same line up with three guitarists up front – Glenn Frey, Don Felder and Joe Walsh. The solo guitars in the song are split between Joe and Don which answer each other before harmonising on the famous decending outro.

The solo written out here incorporates both Joe and Don's solo into a single part until the harmony section where the top part is to be played (Joe Walsh's line).

TECHIE CORNER

Here's how we got that sound:

Guitar: Tom Anderson Custom (single coil pickups front and middle, humbucker for the back)

Amp: 1968 Marshall Plexi into a 4x12 vintage '30s cab

Line6 POD settings:



PERFORMANCE NOTES:

- * If you have a guitar with humbuckers and single coil pickups try switching between them to distinguish the tone between the solo sections using humbuckers for Joe Walsh's Gibson parts and single coils for Don Felder's Strat sounds.
- * It is a very considered solo the string bends and phrasing are quite precise. E.g. bars 3 and 4 of Joe Walsh or bars 5 and 6 of Don Felder's solo.

POP TRIVIA

Not only did 'Hotel California' win Favourite Album at the 1977 American Music awards, but the album went on to sell over nine million copies in the US alone.

CD LISTING



MAIN SOLO

Track 1 - Slow demo

Track 2 - Slow practice

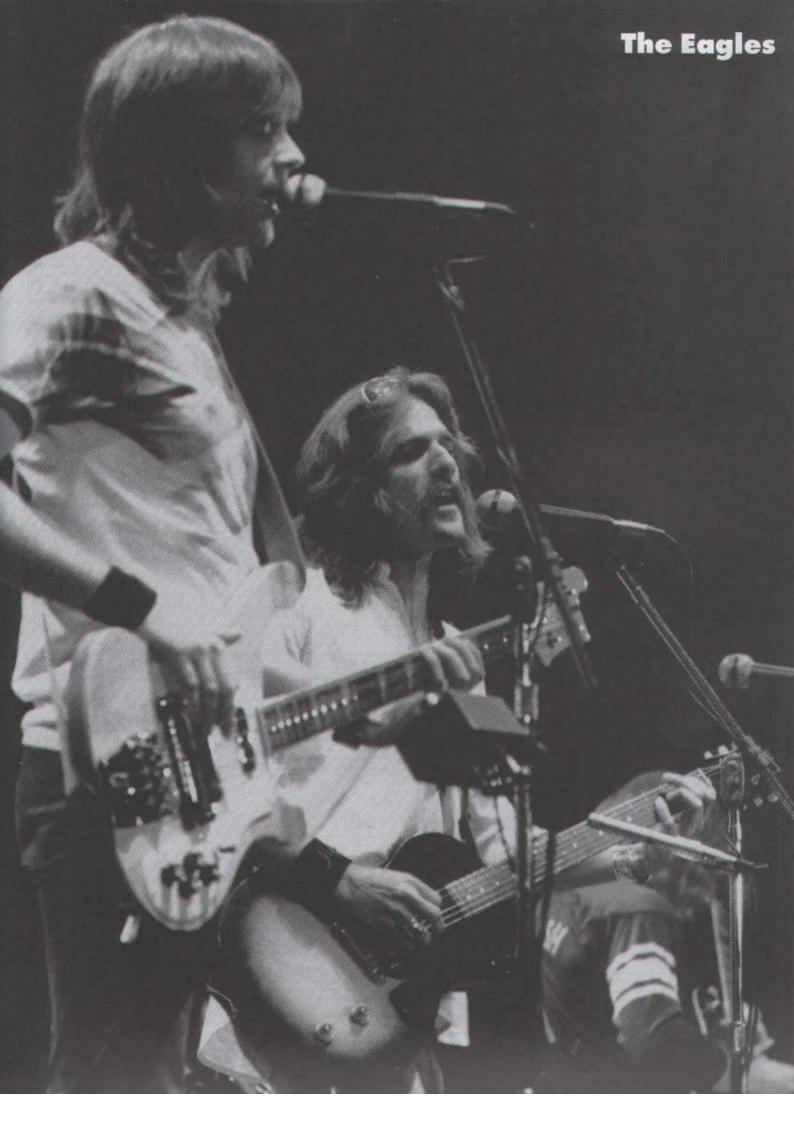
Track 3 - Fast demo

Track 4 - Fast practice



WHOLE SONG

Track 5 - Whole Song





Joe Walsh solo







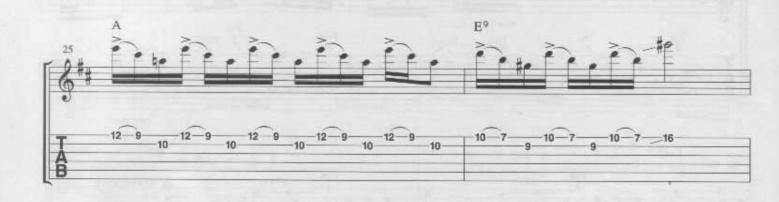






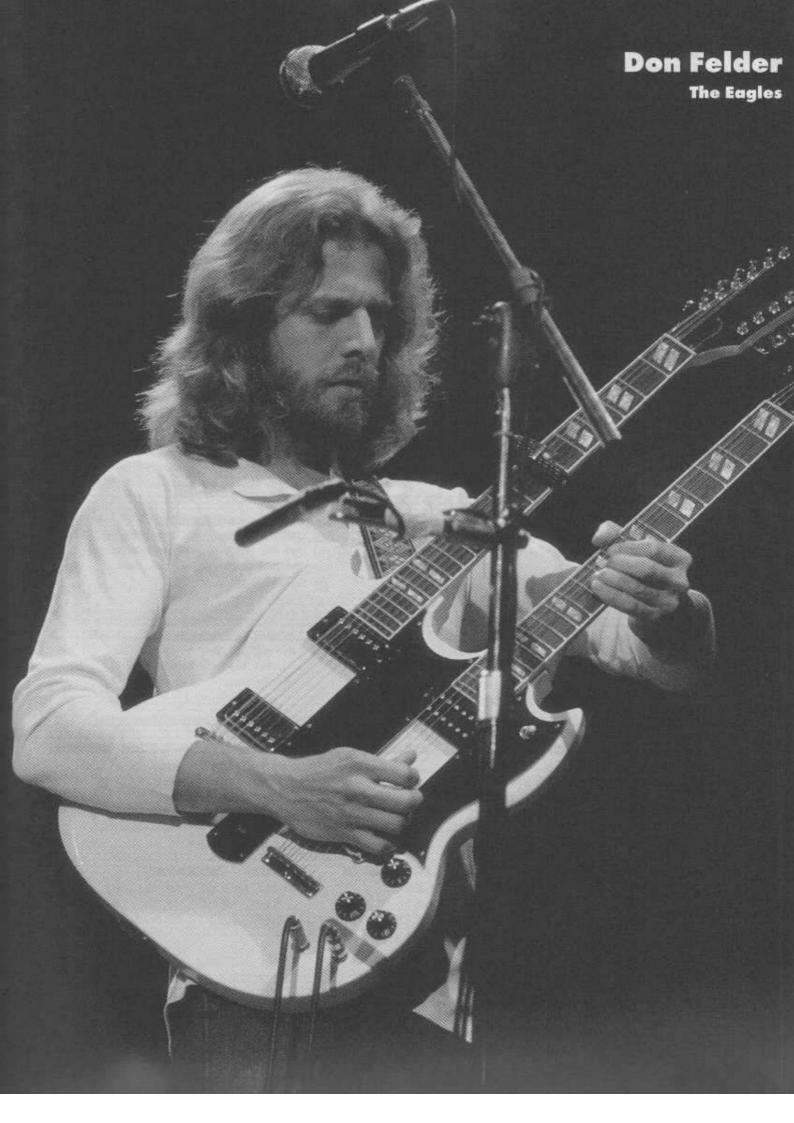
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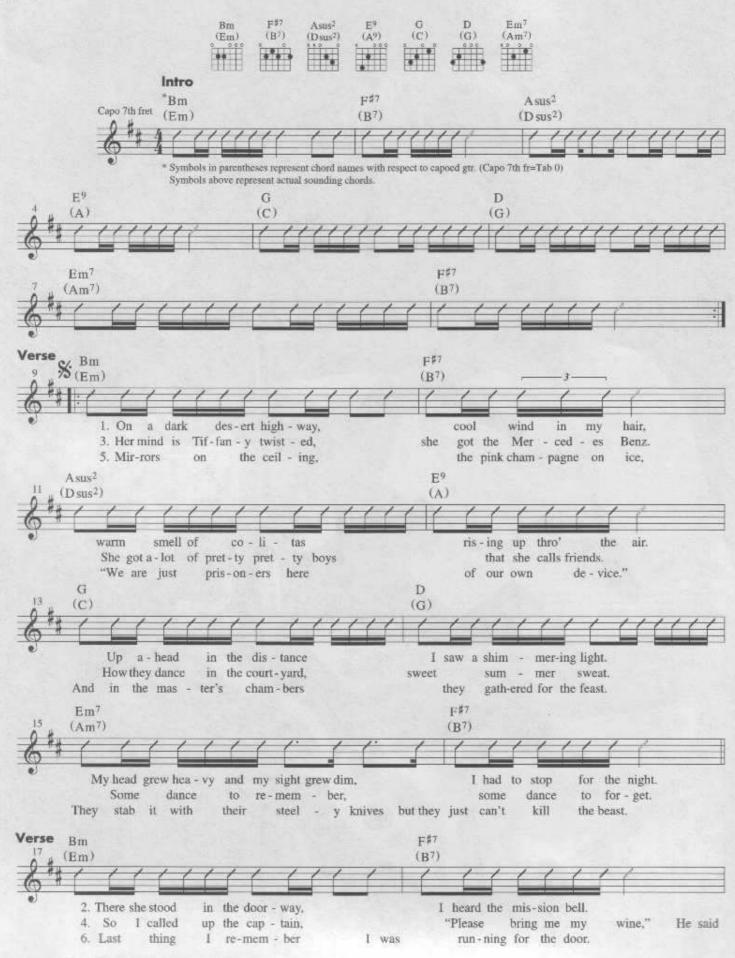


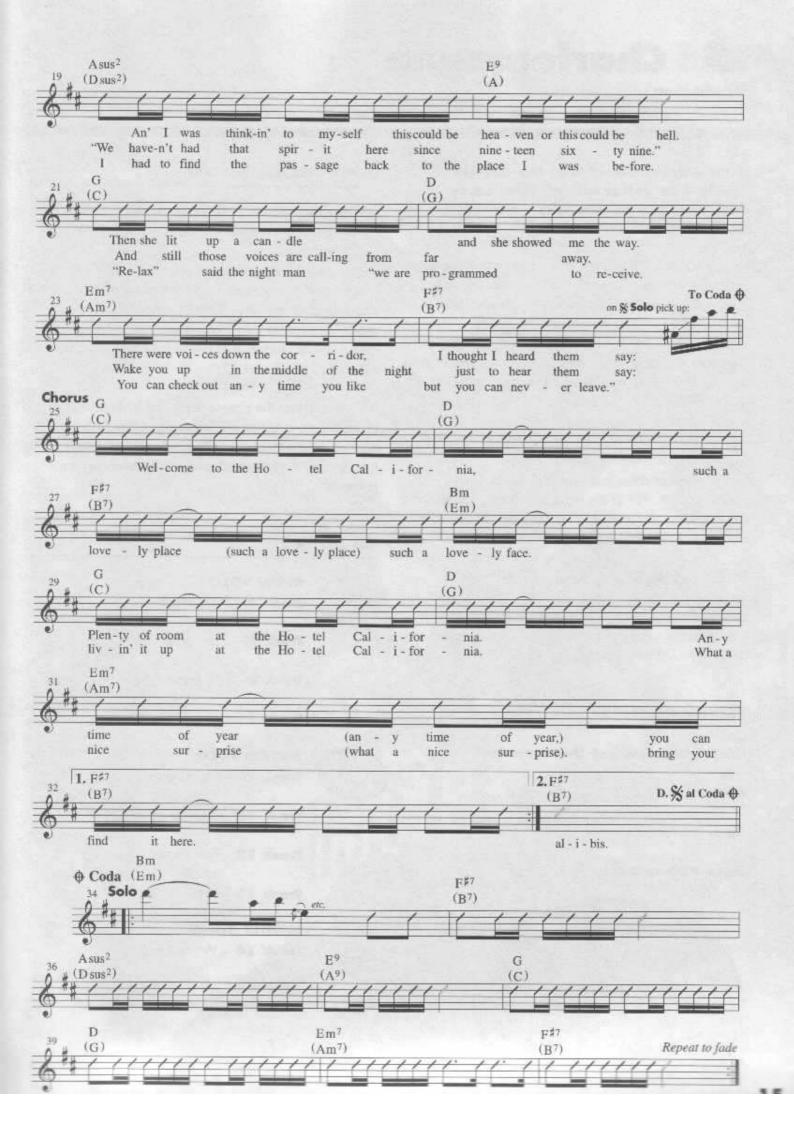
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Hotel California

Track 5

Words & Music by Don Felder, Glenn Frey & Don Henley





Kid Charlemagne

Steely Dan

If 'The Royal Scam' was the definitive Steely Dan guitar album, then Larry Carlton is the reason why – according to Walter Becker.

Becker quotes: "With Larry, every pass would be good. His disposition was so even that it always seemed fairly easy, even if it took a while to get what you finally wanted."

Certainly one of Carlton's best solos on the album (and possibly one of the best he has ever recorded) was on 'Kid Charlemagne', the opening title and first single from the album.

Carlton admits it was his claim to fame: "I did two hours' worth of solos that we didn't keep. Then I played the first half of the intro, which they loved, so they kept that. I punched in for the second half, so it was done in two parts."

Nicknamed "Mr 335" in those days, his main instrument was a Gibson ES335 generally plugged into a Fender or MESA/Boogie amp. His sound was unmistakable – a smooth, bass light sustain played with masterful touch and control.

TECHIE CORNER

Here's how we got that sound:

Gultar: Gibson ES345 - lead pickup

Amp: '65 Fender Deluxe

Lineó POD settings:



PERFORMANCE NOTES:



- Watch the accuracy of your string bends, especially the pre-bends – they need to be very controlled!
- Besides his tone and technique, Carlton's trademark is in his melodic approach which comes from understanding the underlying harmony he is playing over. Although he uses scale ideas, notice his use of arpeggio-like phrases that follow the chord changes e.g. bars 10, 12 and 13.
- In the last bar the phrase is played by tapping the E^b (bent from a D) on the 3rd string at the 14th fret with your right-hand finger to produce a B^b, removing it (sounding the E^b again), and finally releasing back to the D.

CD LISTING



MAIN SOLO

Track 6 - Slow demo

Track 7 - Slow practice

Track 8 - Fast demo

Track 9 - Fast practice



OUTRO SOLO

Track 10 - Slow demo

Track 11 - Slow practice

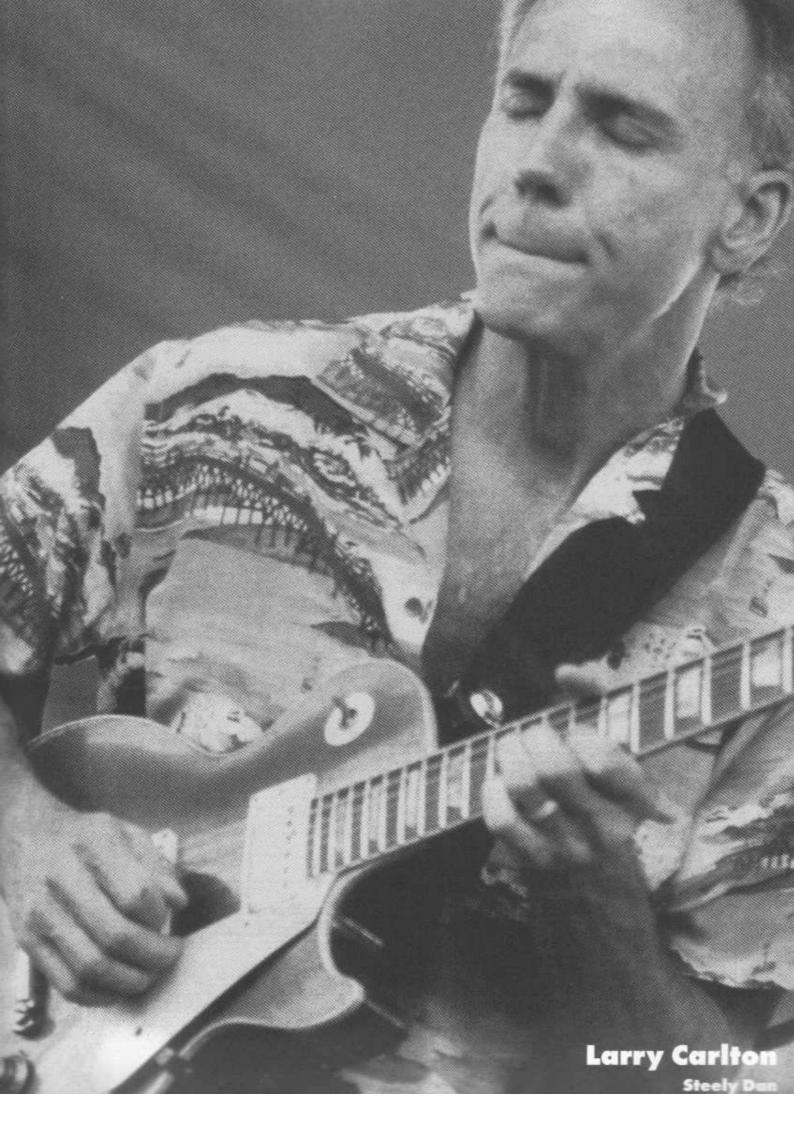
Track 12 - Fast demo

Track 13 - Fast practice



WHOLE SONG

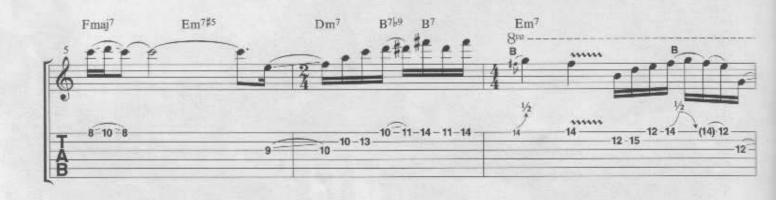
Track 14 - Whole song

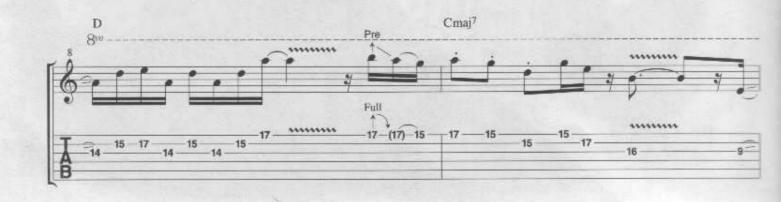


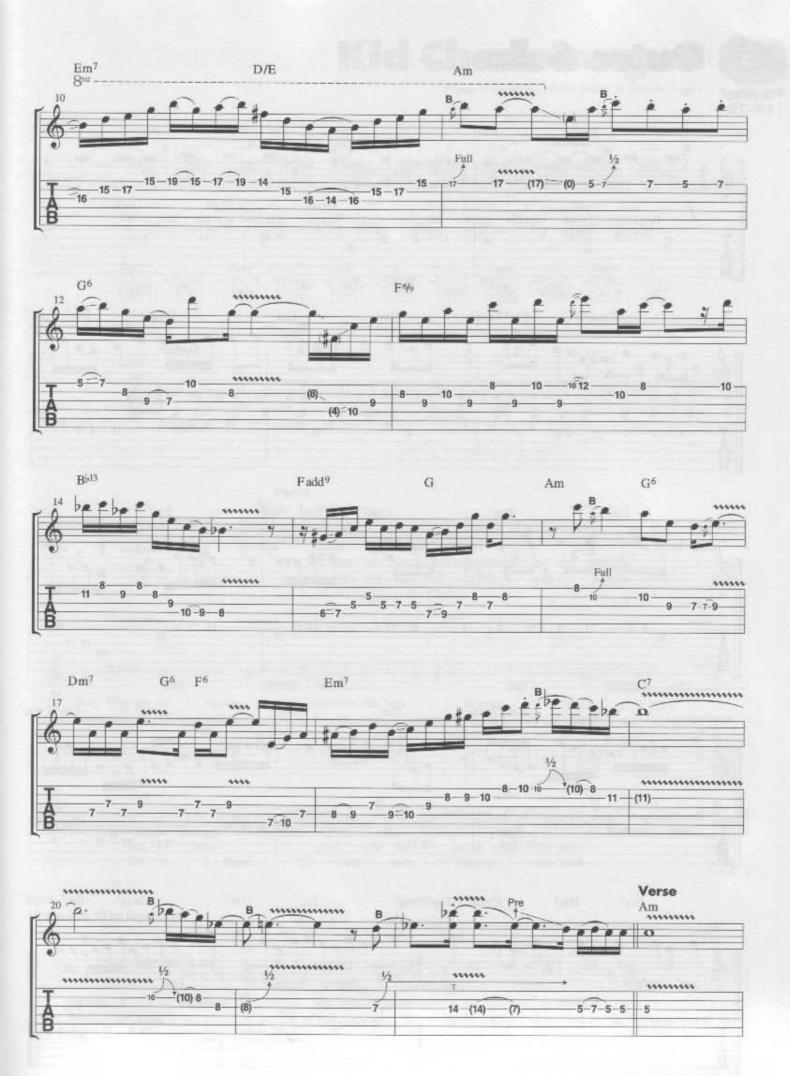
Main Solo











Outro Solo

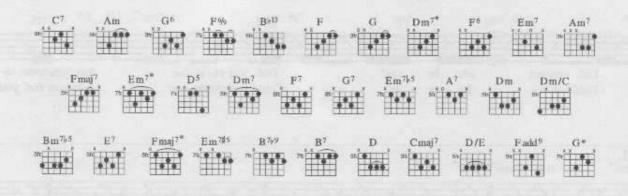




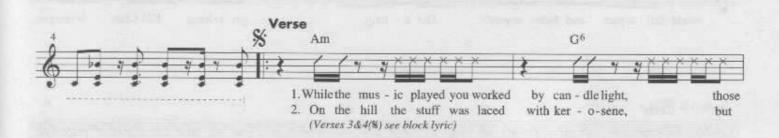
Kid Charlemagne

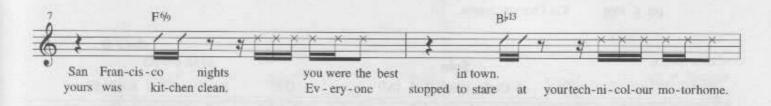
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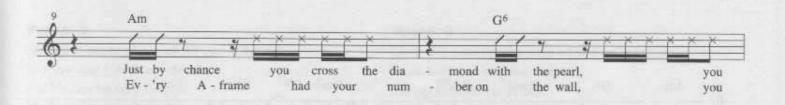


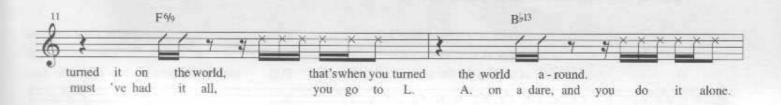








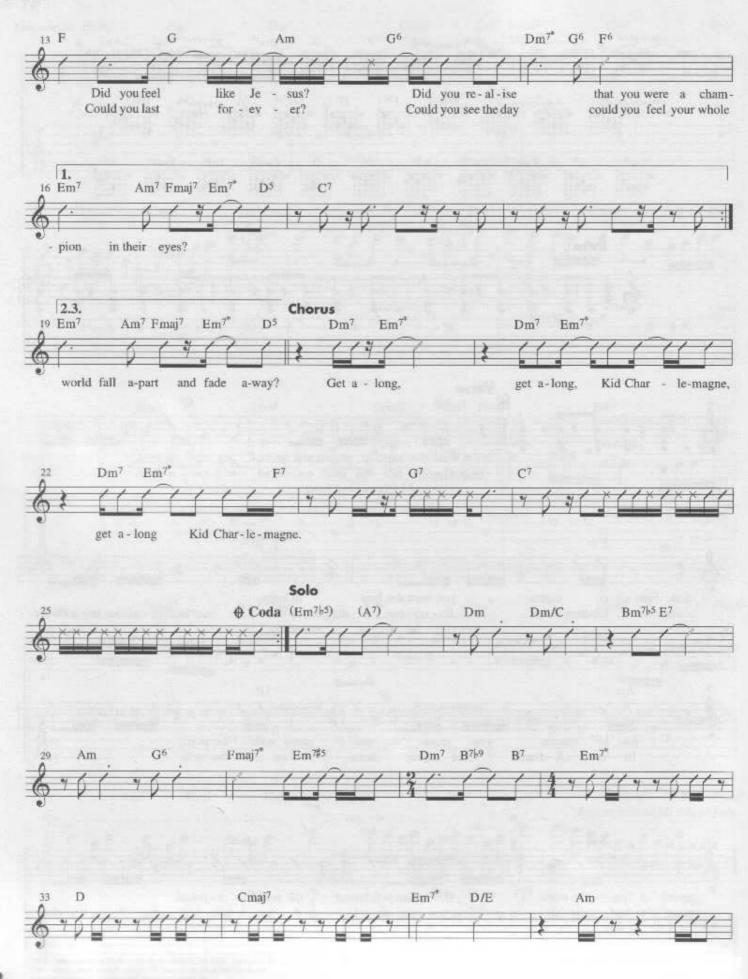






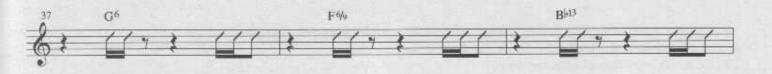
Kid Charlemagne (continued)

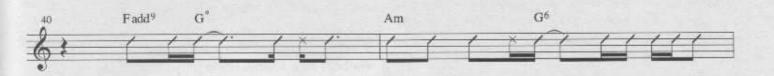
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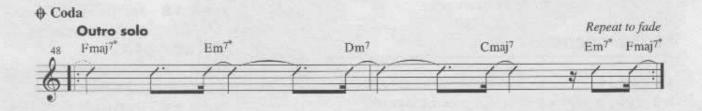
City City











Verse 3

Now your patrons have all left you in the red Your low rent friends are dead This life can be very strange All those dayglow freaks who used to paint their face They've joined the human race Some things will never change

Son you were mistaken You are obsolete Look at all the white men on the street

Chorus

Verse 4

Clean this mess up else we'll all end up in jail
Those test tubes and the scale
Just get them all out of here
Is there gas in the car
Yes, there's gas in the car
I think the people down the hall know who you are

Careful what you carry
'Cause the man is wise
You are still an outlaw in their eyes

Chorus

Sultans Of Swing

Dire Straits

This song started a whole wave of clean Strat sounds and proved that guitar solos could exist without distortion.

Dire Straits burst onto the music scene with this song – the opening title of their first album. Mark Knopfler's guitar sound is immediately identifiable; it's wonderfully expressive and subtle, and his control of dynamics and texture has become his trademark.

Mark originally learned the guitar using a pick but soon changed his mind: "When the fingerpicking and flatpick style were fusing together for me I realised I was doing things with my fingers that I used to do with a pick, but it was more comfortable and rhythmic with my fingers. This was well before Dire Straits – I remember being conscious of the style developing when I was sleeping on someone's floor in Turnpike Lane! They had a cheap copy of a Gibson Dove acoustic with very light strings and I realised the pick was becoming redundant."

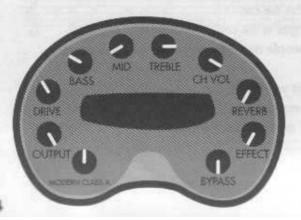
Although over the years Mark has used specialist makes such as Schecter and Pensa-Suhr, the guitar on 'Sultans' is his red 1960 Fender Strat which he bought second-hand. It originally had a natural finish that was quickly replaced with red lacquer!

TECHIE CORNER:

Guitar: 1972 Fender Strat with EMG pickups (with out of phase middle and bridge pickups selected)

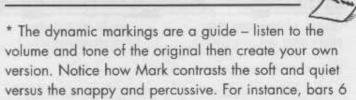
Amp: Matchless Chieftain. Compression was added on the desk

Lineó POD settings:



PERFORMANCE NOTES

and 7 - it's all in the fingers!



- * Notice the country-style bends (bars 9 and 20) let the bent note sustain while playing another.
- * The 'chicken-pickin' in bar 5 of the outro solo is achieved by plucking with the thumb and immediately with the index finger, Additional muting can come from releasing the fret hand pressure as well.
- * For the fast passage (bar 13) try using two successive thumb strokes (downwards), followed by the index finger (upwards).

CD LISTING

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MAIN SOLO

Track 15 - Slow demo

Track 16 - Slow practice

Track 17 - Fast demo

Track 18 - Fast practice



OUTRO SOLO

Track 19 - Slow demo

Track 20 - Slow practice

Track 21 - Fast demo

Track 22 - Fast practice

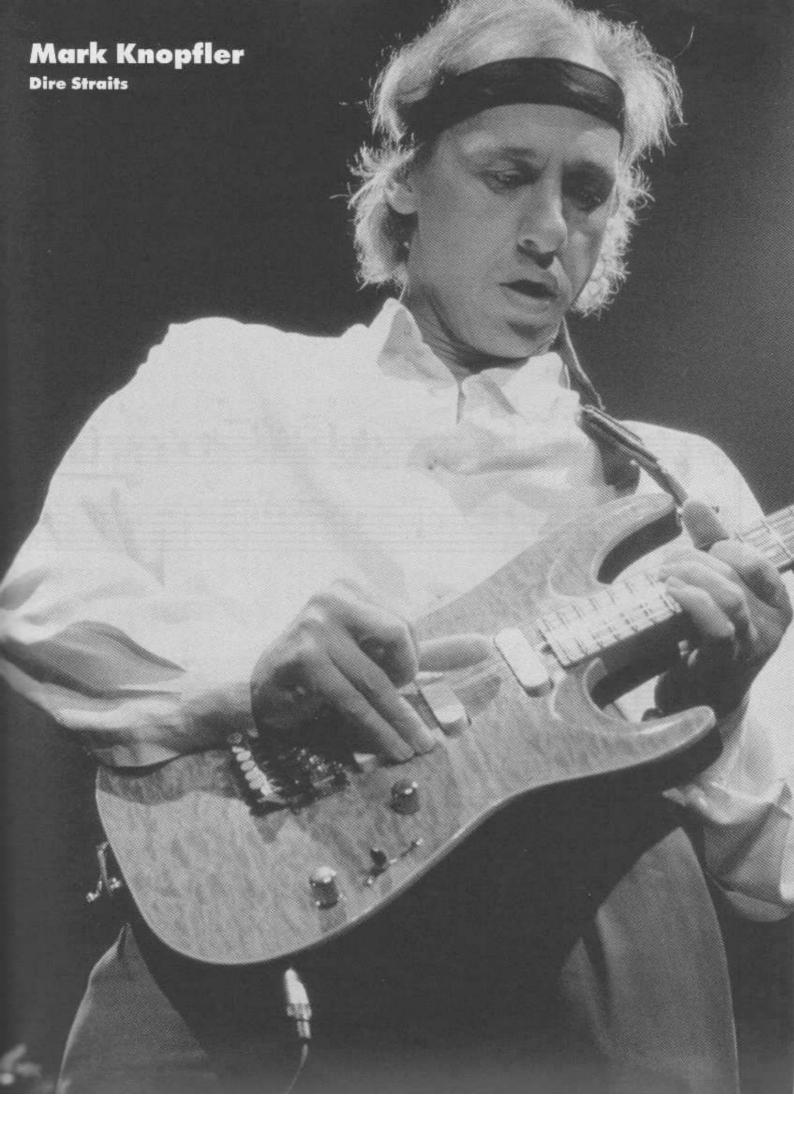


WHOLE SONG

Track 23 - Whole song

FRIENDS AND INFLUENCES

Mark's influences but probably the most influential relationship was with the late Chet Atkins – "Working with Chet and other fine musicians like him really helped my playing – you're always learning when you play with good players".

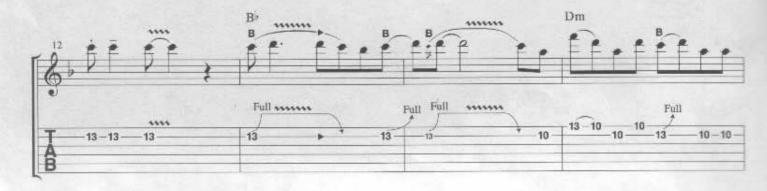


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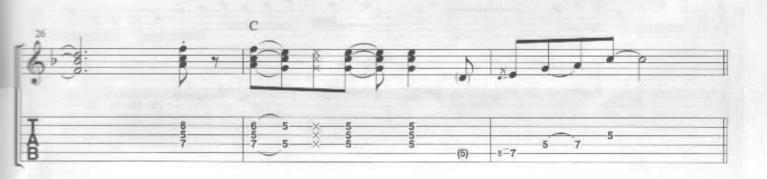














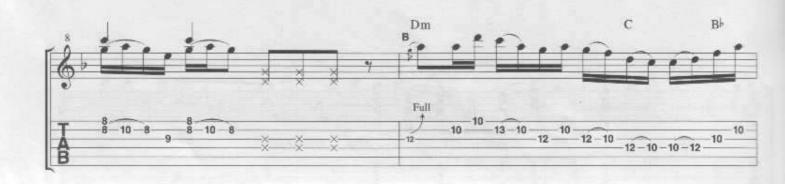
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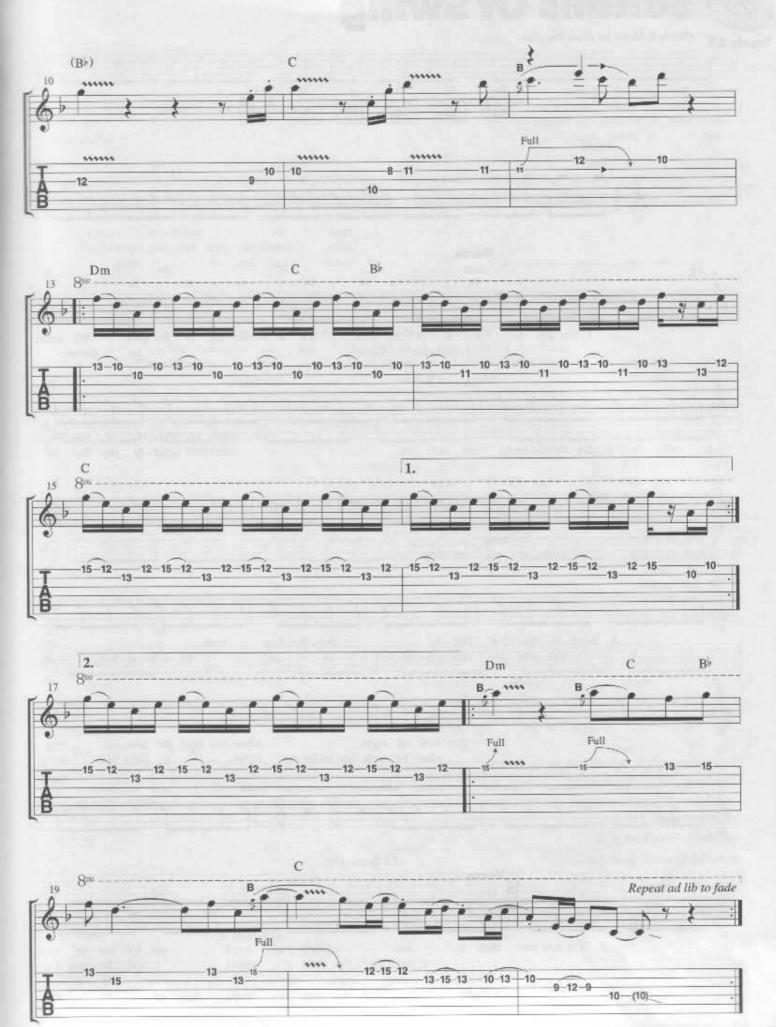
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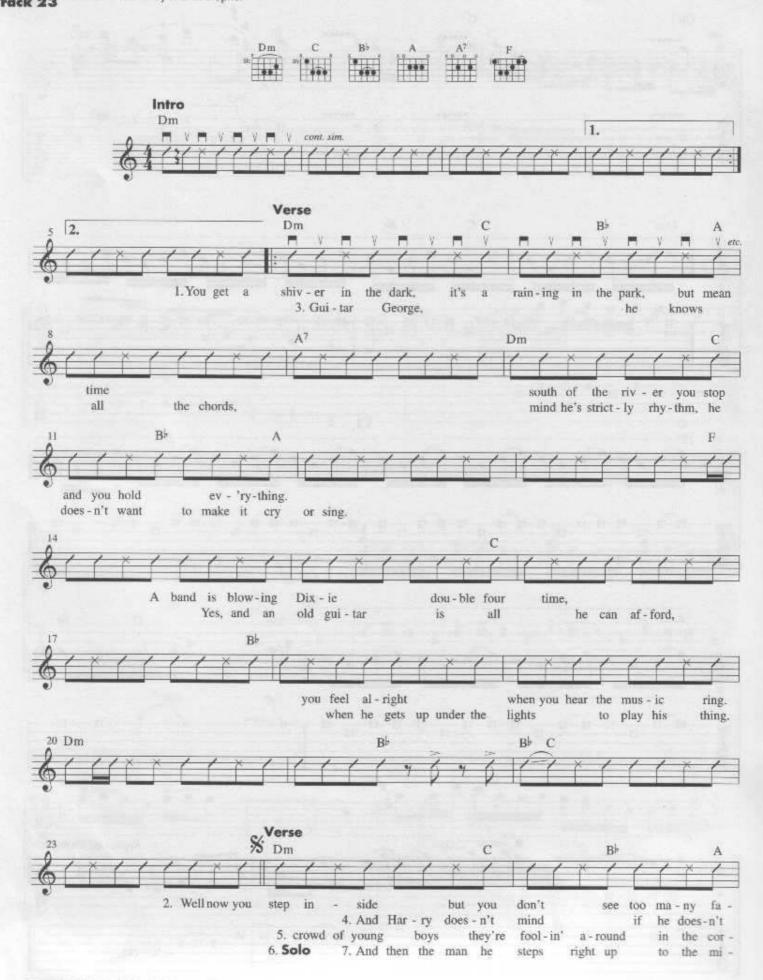


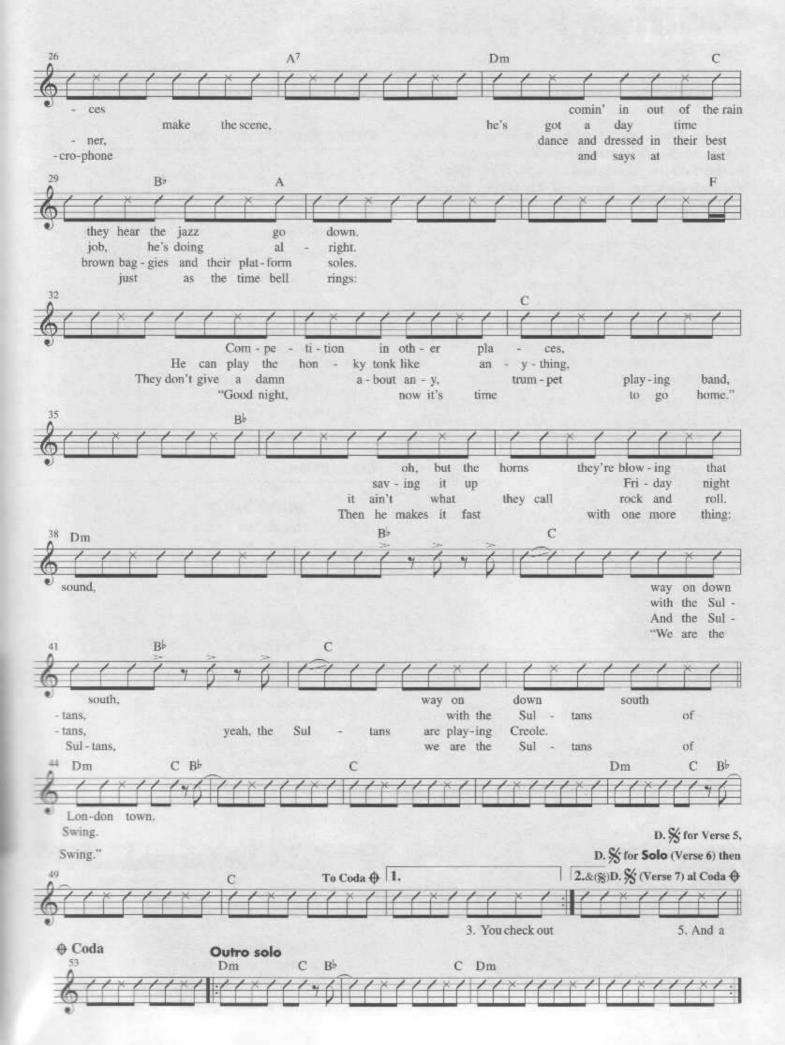






Sultans Of Swing Words & Music by Mark Knopfler





Waiting For An Alibi

Thin Lizzy

One of Phil Lynott's wishes was for Thin Lizzy to be remembered for the great guitarists in his band, much like The Yardbirds who spawned Clapton, Beck and Page.

Phil Lynott met Gary Moore in Dublin, playing in the band Skid Row back in the '60s. With Moore and Scott Gorham at the helm there was no doubt that Lynott's wish had been granted.

The main solo and outro are both demonstrated here. Although Scott takes the first part in the main solo, the harmony part has Moore stamped all over it. Gary Moore: "I do a lot of hammer-on and pull-off playing, without picking so much. I can play either way, really. I think it's important to play cleanly. If someone's going to play fast they might as well ensure that everyone can hear what they're doing, or it's just a mess!"

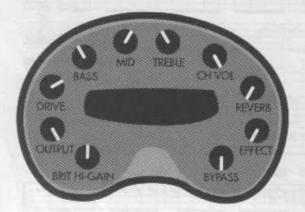
Both Gary and Scott used Les Pauls to record this track; Gary his old Standard and Scott either his Deluxe or vintage Standard. Both were played through Marshall 50 heads into 4x12 cabs.

TECHIE CORNER

Guitar: Les Paul – lead pickup

Amp: Marshall JCM 800 with 4X12 'Greenback' cab.

Line6 POD settings:



PERFORMANCE NOTES:



- As on the original recording, all guitars are tuned down a semitone.
- The main feature of the these solos are the guitars playing harmonies derived from the C#m pentatonic scale (see below).
- Scott takes the first 8 bars of the main solo based on C#m pentatonic and C# natural minor before Gary joins in at the end of bar 8.
- The pull-off runs fall under the fingers but should be played evenly with alternate picking through out.

CD LISTING



MAIN SOLO

Track 24 - Slow demo

Track 25 - Slow practice

Track 26 - Fast demo

Track 27 - Fast practice



OUTRO SOLO

Track 28 - Slow demo

Track 29 - Slow practice

Track 30 - Fast demo

Track 31 - Fast practice



WHOLE SONG

Track 32 - Whole song

SCALES EXPLAINED

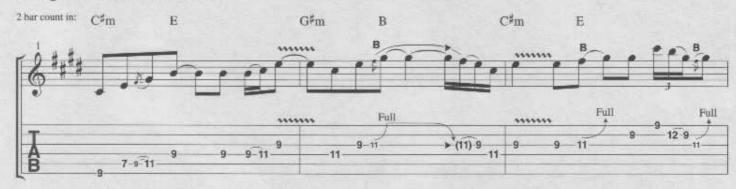
Cfm pentatonic is: C#E F#G#B in the Intro they play in 6ths while in the other solos they play in 3rds or 4ths.

C# natural minor is C* D# E F# G# A B.

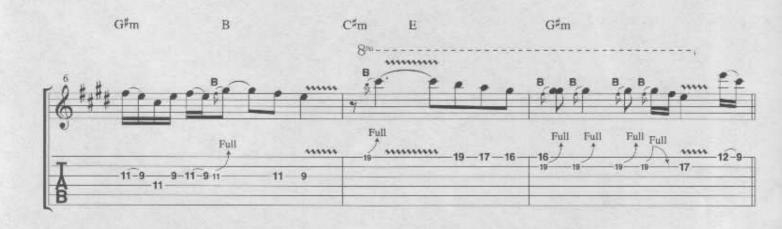


Main Solo Tracks 24-27

Tune guitar down a semitone







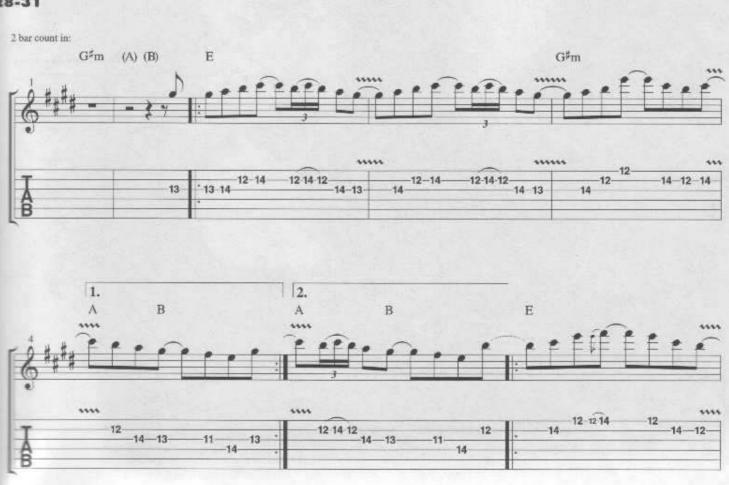




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Outro Solo

Tracks 28-31



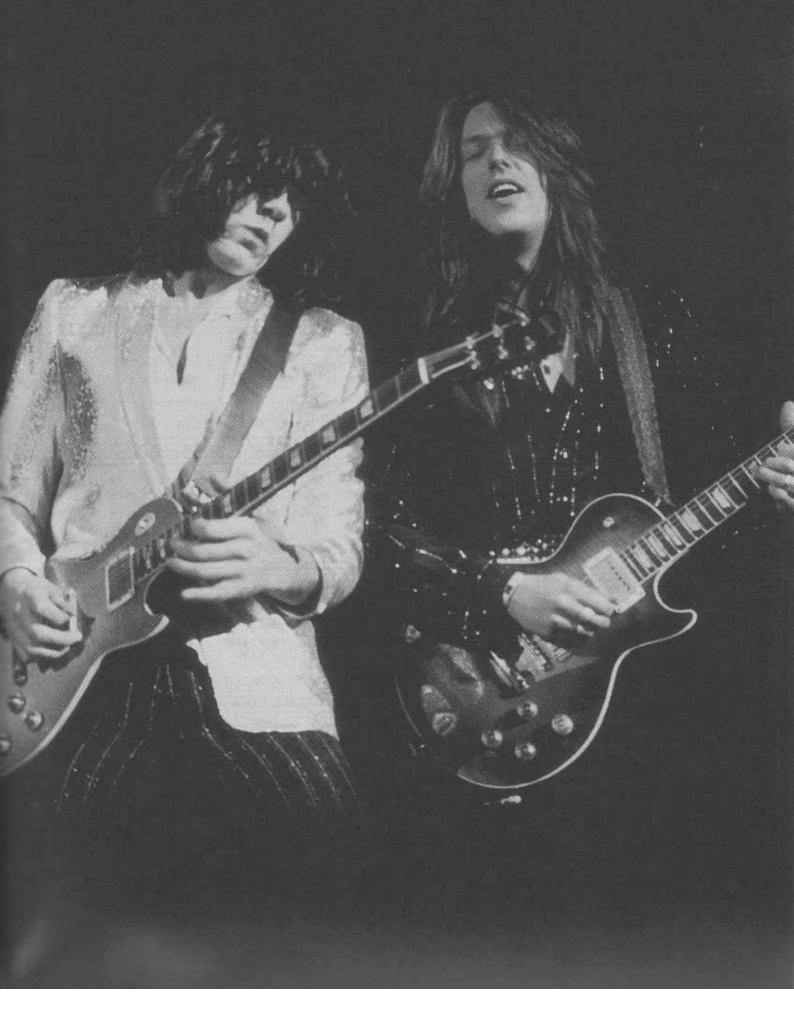


Outro Solo (continued)





Gary Moore and Scott Gorham Thin Lizzy









While My Guitar Gently Weeps

The Beatles

When you are the greatest band in the world and you need a guitar solo, who else do you invite but one of the greatest players?

George Harrison and Eric Clapton had been friends for some time, and while recording this song for the White Album George asked if Eric would help out on his track. George's previous attempts at achieving a weeping effect using backward guitar sounds hadn't been too successful, and he saw the opportunity of inviting Eric to the session as a way of solving his problem and at the same time encouraging the others to pay more attention to his song!

TECHIE CORNER

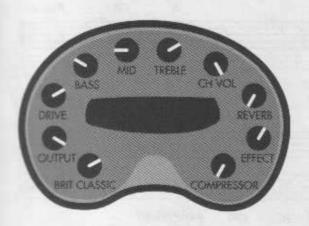
Here's how to get that sound

The weeping sound was encouraged by adding a 'rotary' effect – using a modified Leslie speaker and overdrive through the amps – no simple effects units then!

Guitar: Les Paul - lead pickup

Amp: '68 Marshall with Rotary Effect: Line 6 MM4 Modulation Modeler

Lineó POD settings:



PERFORMANCE NOTES:



- Eric's lead lines mostly centre around the Am pentatonic scale, but with inspired control and tastel Listen to Clapton's soulful vibrato – it's all part of the performance.
- Ensure the accuracy of the pre-bends and bends notice the added vibrato with the slight release of the pitch in bars 4-7.
- Watch out for the bend in bar 6 (high D to E). It's held and re-struck in bar 7 and then released – similarly in bars 10-11. Use your 3rd finger for this bend, leaving your 4th free to play the high G on the 1st string.

CD LISTING



MAIN SOLO

Track 33 - Slow demo

Track 34 - Slow practice

Track 35 - Fast demo

Track 36 - Fast practice



WHOLE SONG

Track 37 - Whole song

FASCINATING FACT

Eric played a late '50s cherry red Les Paul (apparently known as 'Lucy'), which he had previously given to George as a present. George went on to use it for the Abbey Road and Let It Be sessions.

Main Solo

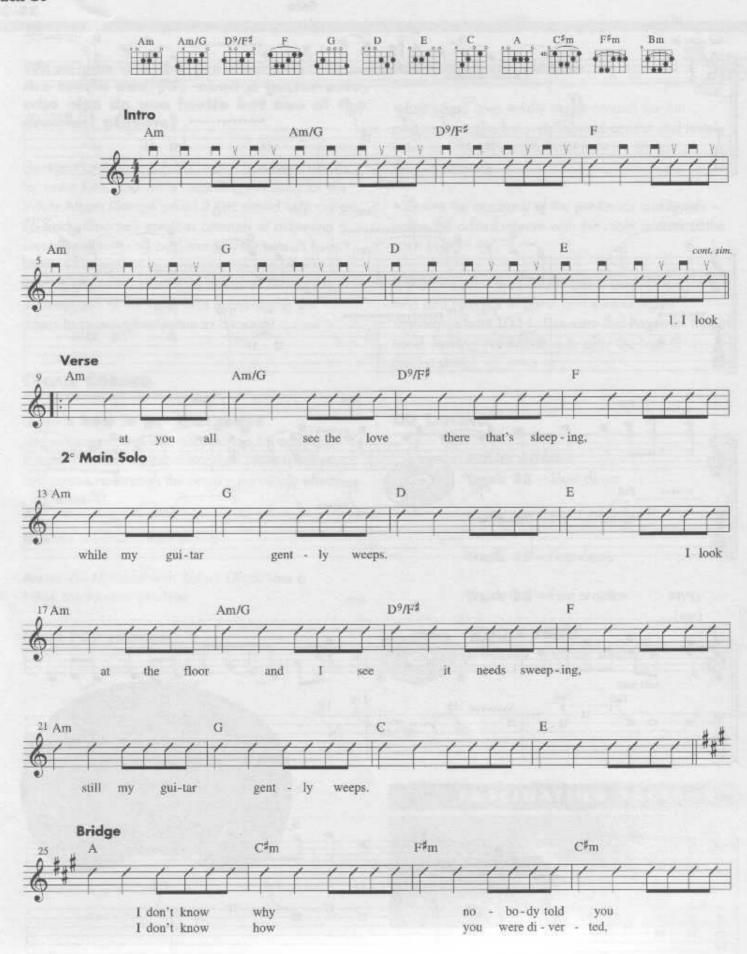


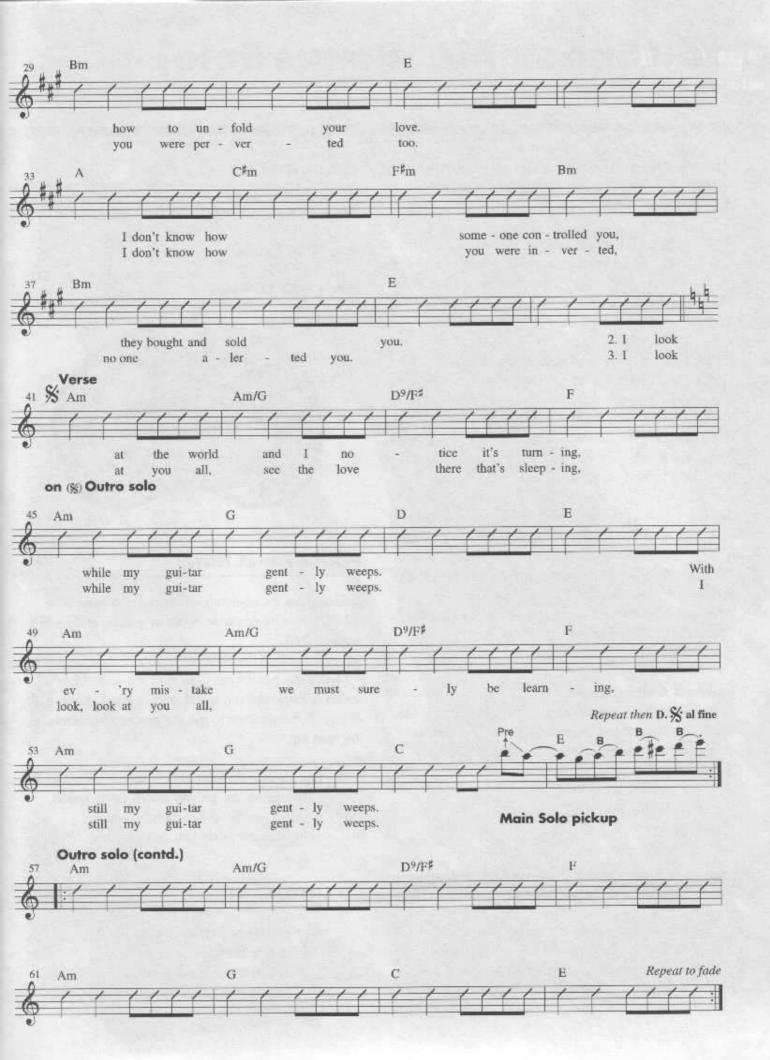




While My Guitar Gently Weeps

Track 37 Words & Music by George Harrison





You Shook Me (Bonus Solo)

Led Zeppelin

Jimmy Page was not only one of the great guitarists, he was also a very talented producer.

His creativity and manipulation of sounds in the studio are evident on this track from the album Led Zeppelin 1. The famous John Bonham ambient drum sound was down to Page's production skills, as were many of his guitar effects using echo delays and 'violin' bowing.

When 'You Shook Me' was recorded in October 1968, the band had only been together a few weeks. The group's first get together was in fact in a tiny room below a record store on London's Gerard Street. Page remembers: "The room was about 18x30, very small. We played one number, 'Train Kept A-Rolling' and it was there immediately. An indescribable feeling."

But even without a record deal, the band went ahead to record their first album at Olympic Studios in Barnes – all within 30 hours! Besides their own compositions, the material was drawn from many sources that had influenced them. 'You Shook Me' was written by bluesman Willie Dixon while Jimmy got the idea for 'Babe I'm Going To Leave You' from hearing a Joan Baez version.

Jimmy's Guitar Sound

Although Jimmy is usually associated with playing Les Pauls, for most of Led Zeppelin 1 he used a Fender Telecaster (a present from Jeff Beck) through a small Supro amp. The delay effects were probably tape delays created in the studio and added to the recording during the mix.

FACT

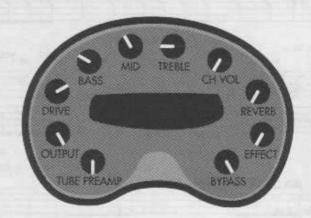
Jimmy Page produced the digital re-mastering of Led Zeppelin's entire catalogue. He was not satisfied with the first releases, considering them unworthy of the original – so decided to do it himself!

TECHIE CORNER

Guitar: PRS with single coil tap

Amp: Tube Preamp

Lineó POD settings:



PERFORMANCE NOTES

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- * Check out the counting although the song is in 12/8, it is a lot easier to count in groups of 3 as if it were in 3/8.
- * Notice the bend from G to A at the end of bar 3 which is then released to G# and re-struck. Keep hold of your hand position to get the pinched harmonic in the next bar.
- * The fast phrases through bars 5 and 6 fall under the fingers, but need to be played slowly up to speed. Don't forget to use the delay pedal which, incidentally, doesn't mean you can play any old thing!

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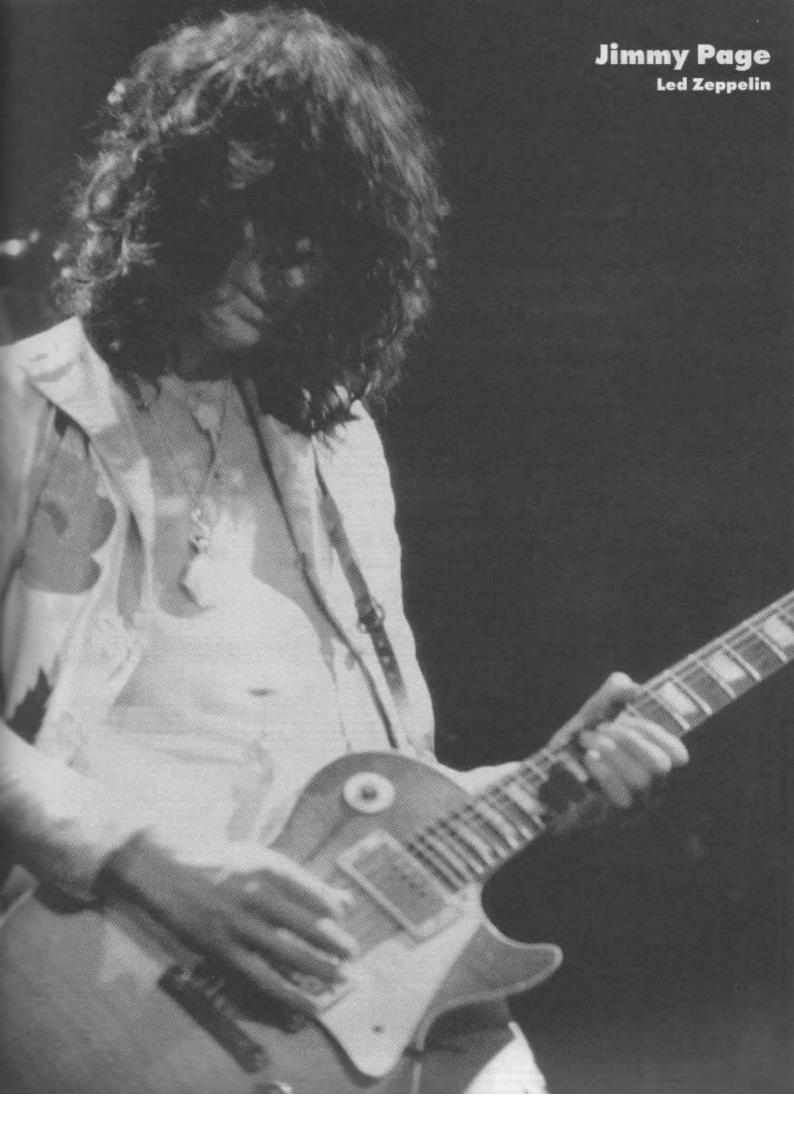


BONUS SOLO

Track 38 - Slow demo

Track 39 - Slow practice

Track 40 - Fast demo





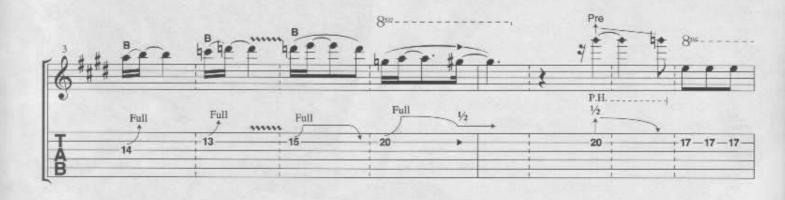
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You Shook Me Main Solo

Words & Music by Willie Dixon & J.B. Lenoir





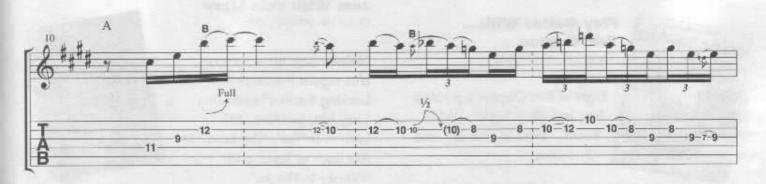














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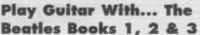
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