

# SLAP THAT BASS

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Moderato

*f marcato*

*mp*

*mp*

*dim*

*p*

Zoom - zoom! zoom-zoom! The world is in a mess! With

pol - i - tics and tax - es And peo - ple grind - ing ax - es, There's no hap - pi -

Ebm Gb6 Abm6 Bb7 Ebm Gb F7(b5)  
 Gb6 A dim cb6 Ebm Bb7 F7

Bb7
Eb m
Cb6
Ab m6
Bb7
Eb m
Cb

-ness. Zoom - zoom!\_ zoom - zoom!\_ Rhy - thm, lead your

F7(b5)
Cb6
A dim
Cb6
Db7<sup>9</sup>

ace! The fu - ture does - n't fret me If I can on - ly get me

Cb6
Bb+
Eb
Eb7
Bb7

Some - one to slap that bass! Hap - pi - ness is not a rid - dle

Eb
Eb7
Bb7
Eb cresc.
Eb7
Cm
Eb7

When I'm list'n - ing to that big bass fid - dle.

cresc.

Ab7 Bb7 Ab7 F<sup>9</sup>7 Ab7 B7 Ab7 F<sup>9</sup>7

*f* *molto marc.*

Refrain Ab7 *mp-f* Fm B7 B<sup>9</sup>7 Ab7 Fm

Slap that bass, *rhythmically* slap it till it's diz - zy, — Slap that bass,

*mp-f*

F7 F Eb Ebm Bbm Ab Bb7

Keep the rhy- thm bus- y! Zoom!zoom! zoom! Mis - e - ry you gct to go! —

Eb6 Bb7 Bb+ Eb7 Ab7 Fm

Slap that bass,

*f* *mp-f*

B7 B<sup>9</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>7 Fm F7 F

Use it like a ton - ic! Slap that bass, Keep your Phil - har - mon - ic!

E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>m B<sup>b</sup>m A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>7

Zoom! zoom! zoom! And the milk and hon - ey - 'll flow!

B<sup>b</sup>m6 D<sup>b</sup>maj7 E<sup>b</sup>7 *mf* A<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7

— Dic - ta - tors would be — bet - ter off — If they

E<sup>b</sup> Fm6 Ddim E<sup>b</sup>7<sup>9</sup> E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>maj7

zoom zoomed now and then. — To - day — you can see

Ab6 Bb7 Ebmaj7 Eb6 Bb7 Fm6 Abmaj7 Bb7

- that the hap - pi - est men All got rhy - thm!

Ab7 Fm B7 B<sup>9</sup>7 Ab7 Fm

*mp* In which case If you want to bub-ble, Slap that bass,

F7 F Eb6 Eb Bb7 Eb6 Gb Bb7

Slap a - way your trou-ble! Learn to zoom, zoom, zoom! Slap that

1. Eb Eb7 Bbm6 Bb7 F#m6 2. Eb Eb7 B<sup>9</sup>7 Ab<sup>9</sup>7 Ab Eb

bass! — bass! —

*mf* *molto marc.* *f* *ff*