

POISON WAS THE CURE

As recorded by Megadeth

(From the 1990 Album RUST IN PEACE)

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Arranged

A Intro

Moderately Fast Rock ♩ = 138
N.C.

1

4

4x

Gtrs I, II

T
A
B

5

A5

C5 C#5 A5

3x

P.M.

T
A
B

2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 6 2 3 4 0 0

9

A5

C5 C#5 A5

P.M.

T
A
B

2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 6 14 14 14 14 3 4 0 12 (14) (14) (14) (12)

13

Gtr I

T
A
B

(14) (14) (14)
(14) (14) (14)
(12) (12) (12)

Gtr II

T
A
B

14 6 4
12 4

sl. sl.

B Pre-Verse

Double Time Feel ♩ = 284

(A)

E5

(A)

D5

C5

B5

16

Gtr I
P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

T
A
B

P P P P

Gtr II
P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

T
A
B

P H P P P P

(A) E5 (A) D5 E^b5 E5

20

P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

T
A
B

P P P P

C Verse

(A) E5 (A) D5 C5 B5

24

P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

T A B

P P

P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

T A B

P H P P P

(A) E5 (A) D5 E^b5 E5 5x

28

P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

T A B

P P

P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

T A B

P H P P 5x

D Chorus

F5 F#5 G5 G#5 G5 F#5 A5

32

Gtrs I, II
P.M.-----

T A B

3 4 5 (5) 6 5 4 2 0 (2) (0)

1 2 3 (3) 4 3 2

36 F5 F#5 G5 G#5 G5 F#5 B5

P.M.-----|

T							
A							
B	3	4	5	(5) 6	5	4	4
	1	2	3	(3) 4	3	2	2

40 F5 F#5 G5 G#5 G5 F#5 G5 G#5 A5 G#5 G5

P.M.-----|

T											
A											
B	3	4	5	(5) 6	5	4	4	5	6	(6) 7	6
	1	2	3	(3) 4	3	2	2	3	4	(4) 5	4
											5

44 G5 G#5 A5 B#5 A5 G#5 A5 B#5 B5 A5 B#5 B5

P.M.-----|

T											
A											
B	5	6	7	(7) 8	7	6	7	8	9	7	8
	3	4	5	(5) 6	5	4	5	6	7	5	6
											9

E Bridge

C5 C5 B5 B5 B#5

P.M.-----|

T							
A	12				12	11	(11)
B	10	0	0	0	10	9	(9)
		0	0	0	0	0	0

B#5 A5 A5 G#5

P.M.-----|

T							
A					10	9	(9)
B	0	0	0	0	8	7	(7)
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

56

G#5 G5

P.M.-----|

G5 F#5

P.M.-----|

T	A	B
		0 0 0 0 0 0
	8 7 (7)	0 0 0 0 0 0
	6 5 (5)	0 0 0 0 0 0

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in three systems. The first system shows the beginning of the piece in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The bass line consists of a continuous eighth-note pattern: G3, A3, B3, A3, G3. The second system continues the melody with a quarter note C5, followed by a half note D5, and then a quarter note E5. The bass line continues with G3, A3, B3, A3, G3. The third system shows the end of the piece with a quarter note F#5, followed by a half note G5, and then a quarter note A5. The bass line continues with G3, A3, B3, A3, G3. The score is written for a single melodic line and a continuous bass line.

F Breakdown

63

F5 G5 F5 F#5 G5 G#5 G5 F#5 A5

P.M.

T	A	B
		3 4 5 3 4 5 (5) 6 (3) 4 5 4 2 0 (2) (6)

68

F5 F#5 G5 G#5 G5 F#5 B5

P.M.-----|

T

A

B

3 4 5 (5) 6 5 4 4 2

1 2 3 (3) 4 3 2

(4)
(2)

G Interlude

A5

C5

72

Gtr I
P.M. P.M. P.M.

T
A
B

P P P P P P P P

Gtr II
P.M.----- P.M.-----

T
A
B

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

D5

F5

E5

[illegible]

80

A5 C5

P.M. P.M. P.M.

T A B

2 0 5 2 0 2 0 2 0 0 1 2 0 2 0 5 5 2 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 2 0

P P P P P P P P P P

P.M. P.M.

T A B

2 0

84

D5 F5 E5

P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. let ring P.M.

T A B

2 0 5 2 0 5 2 0 3 2 5 3 2 1 1 2

P P P P P P

P.M. P.M. let ring P.M.

T A B

7 5 0

[H] Outro\Guitar Solo

88

A5

C5

Gtr I

P.M.-----|

P.M.-----|

T																							
A																							
B	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Gtr III

Full

Full

Full

Full

T																								
A	7	7	(7)										7	7	5	7	6	5	8	5	8	7	5	
B																								

P

92

D5

F5

E5

P.M.-----|

P.M.-----|

P.M.-----|

T																												
A																												
B	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	10	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	7	7	7	7	7	7

Full

Full

Full

T																								
A	5	7	5	7	5	7	5	7	(7)						5	4								
B																								

96

A5

C5

P.M.-----|

P.M.-----|

T

A

B

2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

T

A

B

5 8 7 10 9 10 9 12 12 13 12 15 15 12 13 12 15 12 13 15 12 13 15 12 15 12 15 12 15 12 14 15 13

H H H H H P P P H H P

Full

100

D5

F5

E5

P.M.-----|

P.M.-----|

P.M.-----|

T

A

B

7 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 10 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 9 7 7 7 7 7 7 7

T

A

B

17 13 15 14 10 12 10 10 10 13 10 10 22 17 18 19 19 20 17 19 17 (17)

P P H P P P P

104

A5 B $\flat$ 5 B5 C5 D5 E5

P.M.-----| P.M.-----|

T
A
B

2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 4 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 5 7 9

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 5 7 9

Full

20 17 19 17 20 17 20 17 20 17 19 17 20 17 20 17 20 17 20 (20) 20

P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P sl.

D5 E $\flat$ 5 E5 F5 E5

108

P.M.-----| P.M.-----| P.M.-----|

T
A
B

7 5 5 5 5 5 5 7 8 9 10 8 8 8 8 8 8 9 7 7 7 7 7 7

5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 6 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 7 7 7 7 7 7

3 3 3

0 1 7 9 10 9 10 9 8 7 10 9 7 11 10 9 12 9 10 9

sl. P P H P

A5 B $\flat$ 5 B5 C5 D5 E5

112

T
A
B

2 0 2 3 4 5 3 7 5 7 5 7 5 7

0 0 1 2 3 5 6 7 5 6 7 5 7 5 7

5 3 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7

H P P P P P P

1

D5 E^b5 E5 F5 E5 A5

T
A
B

7 5 7 5 8 6 9 7 10 8 9 7 2 0

Full Full Full

5 8 5 8 7 5 17 14 17 14 17 15 13 15 17 14 17 14 17 17 19 19 22 20 17 20 (20)

P P P P H H P H H P