

TRUTH BE TOLD

As recorded by Megadeth

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A Intro

♩ = 79

A5

N.C.

F5

E5

D5

C5

G/B

1

Gtr I

T							
A	2						
B	0	3	2	3	7	5	5

9

T							
A	2	5	5	5	4	3	3
B	0	2	3	3	2	1	1

(3)
(1)

B Verse

♩ = 120
N.C.

17

Gtrs I, III

T	2 2 4 5	2 2 2 4 5	2 2 2 4 5	0 2 3 2 5 2	4 3 2 2 3 2 3
A	0	2	2	2	2
B	0	2	2	2	2

p

Gtr IV

T					1 3 1 0 3 1
A					
B					

22

T
A
B

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

p

T
A
B

2

27

Gtrs I, III

T
A
B

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

p

T
A
B

2

Gtr IV

T
A
B

2 3 2 3

p

32

T
A
B

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

p

T
A
B

2

37

E5 C5 G#5 G5 F#5 F5

Gtr I
P.M.-----|

T
A
B

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

Gtr II

T
A
B

6 2 8

sl. sl. sl.

C Chorus

41

$\text{♩} = 109$
F5 E5 G5 E5 A5 E5 Bb5 E5 A5 Bb5

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

T
A
B

3 2 x x 0 5 2 x x 0 7 2 x x 0 8 2 0 7 8

F5 G5 A5 Bb5 F5 G5 A5 Bb5 F5 G5 A5 Bb5 F5

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

T
A
B

3 0 5 0 7 0 8 3 (3) 0 5 0 7 0 8 3 (3) 0 5 0 7 0 8 1 3

D Verse

47

$\text{♩} = 120$
N.C.

Gtrs I, III

T
A
B

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

P

52

T
A
B

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

P

Gtr IV

T
A
B

14 12 14 12 13 12 12 13 15 12 14 15 12

57

T
A
B

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

P

T
A
B

14

62

T
A
B

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

P

T
A
B

10 10 10 8 7 8 7 10

67

E5 C5 G#5 G5 F#5 F5

Gtr I
P.M.-----|

T
A
B

2 2 2 2 2 2 5 5 5 5 6 6 5 5 5 5 4 4 3 3 3 3 3 3
0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 3 3 4 4 3 3 3 3 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1

Gtr II

T
A
B

6 2 8
sl. *sl.* *sl.*

E Chorus

71

$\text{♩} = 109$
F5 E5 G5 E5 A5 E5 Bb5 E5 A5 Bb5

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

T
A
B

3 2 x x 0 5 2 x x 0 7 2 x x 0 8 2 0 7 8
1 0 x x 0 3 0 x x 0 5 0 x x 0 6 0 0 5 6

73

F5 G5 A5 Bb5 F5 G5 A5 Bb5 F5 G5 A5 Bb5

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

T
A
B

3 0 5 0 7 0 8 3 (3) 0 5 0 7 0 8 3 (3) 0 5 0 7 0 8
1 0 3 0 5 0 6 1 (1) 0 3 0 5 0 6 1 (1) 0 3 0 5 0 6

80

E5 N.C. E5 N.C. E5 N.C. E5 N.C. E5 N.C. E5 N.C.

T
A
B

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

sl. sl. sl. sl. sl. sl.

T
A
B

9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 12 12 12 12 12 12 12

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

sl. sl. sl. sl.

82

E5 N.C. E5 N.C. E5 N.C. E5 N.C. E5 N.C. E5 N.C.

T
A
B

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

sl. sl. sl. sl. sl. sl.

T
A
B

9 (9) 7 (7)

sl.

2

G Bridge

84

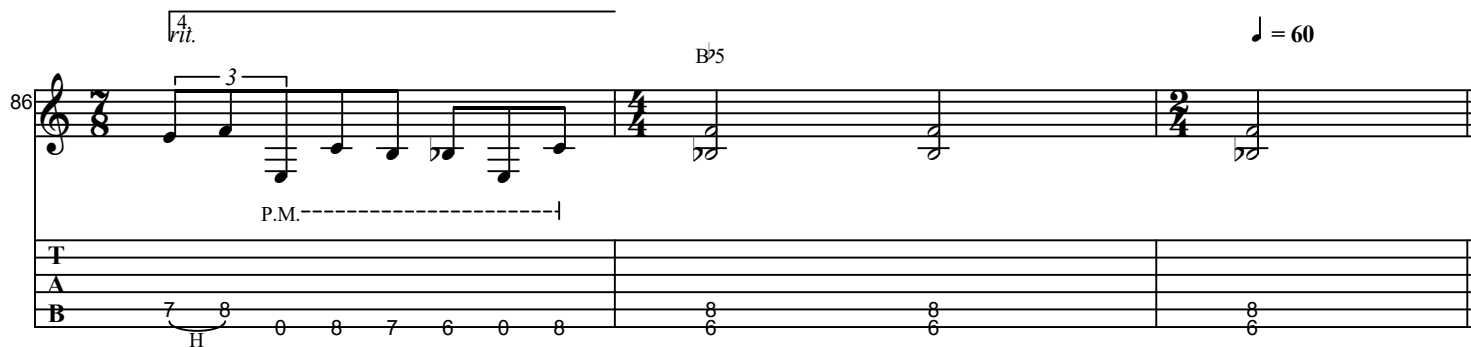
N.C. 1. , 2. , 3. 4x

Gtr I P.M.-----| w P.M.-----| P.M.-----| w P.M.-----|

T
A
B

7 8 0 8 7 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 8 0 8 7 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

H H

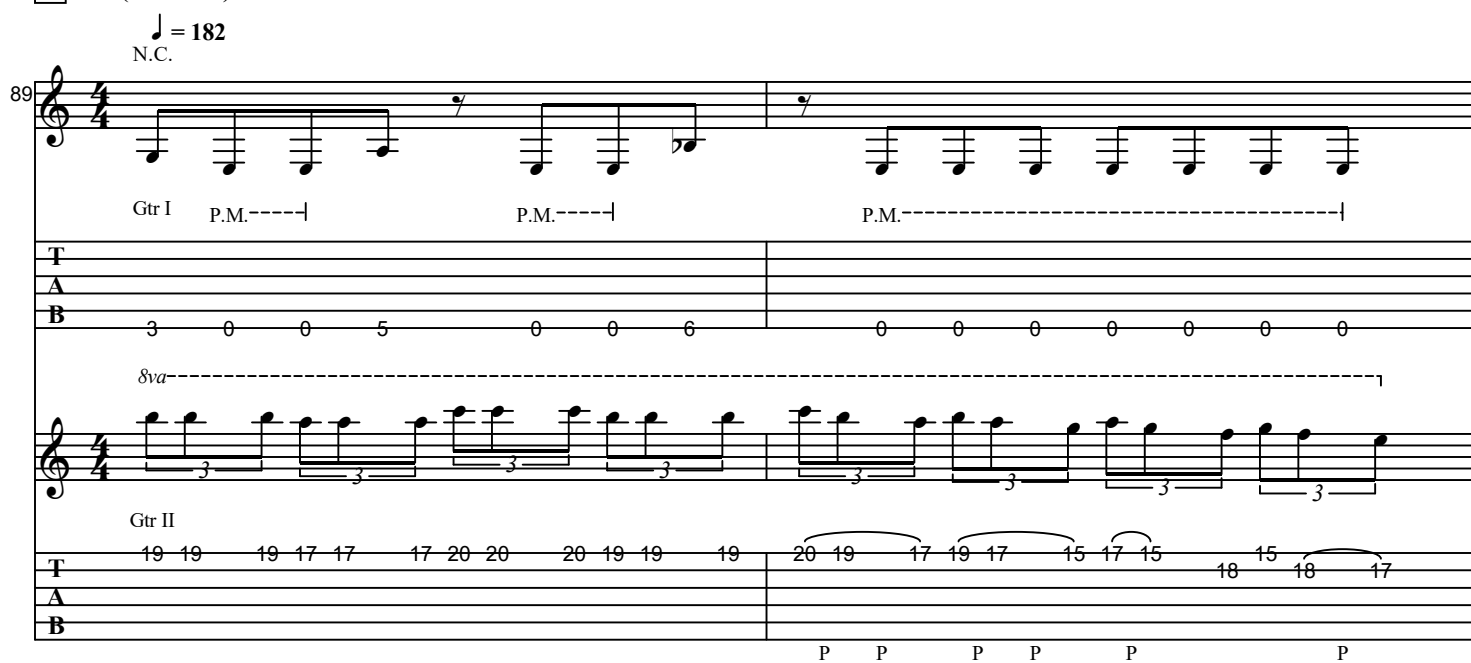
86 

T
A
B

7 8 0 8 7 6 0 8 8 8 8

H

[H] Solo (Mustaine)

89 

T
A
B

3 0 0 5 0 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

8va-----|

Gtr II

T 19 19 19 17 17 17 20 20 20 19 19 19 20 19 17 19 17 15 17 15 18 15 18 17

A

B

P P P P P P

91 

T
A
B

3 0 0 5 0 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

8va-----|

T 17 17 17 15 15 15 18 18 18 17 17 17 18 17 15 17 15 13 15 13 16 13 16 14

A

B

P P P P P P

93

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

T
A
B

3 0 0 5 0 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

T
A
B

16 16 16 14 14 14 17 17 17 16 16 16 17 16 14 16 14 12 14 12 15 15 14

P P P P P P

95

Gtr I P.M.-----| P.M.-----| P.M.-----|

T
A
B

3 0 0 5 0 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Gtr II

T
A
B

15 14 12 14 12 15 12 15 14 15 14 15 14 12 14 12 16 12 16 13 16 12

P P P P P P P P P P P

Gtr V

T
A
B

14

97

Gtr I P.M.---| P.M.-----| P.M.-----|

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

8va

Gtr V

T 14 17 17 16 17 16 14 17 16 14 14 17 17 14 16
A 16 17 17 16 17 16 14 17 16 14 17 16 14 16 17 14 16
B P P P P P P P

99

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

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

8va

Full 1/2

T 18 (18) 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18
A
B

101

Gtr I P.M.-----| P.M.-----| P.M.-----|

T
A
B 3 0 0 5 0 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Gtr II

T 15 12 14 16 12 14 17 12 14 16 12 14 15 12 14 16 12 14 17 12 14 16 12 14
A
B P P P P P P P

103

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

T
A
B

3 0 0 5 0 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

8va-----|

T
A
B

15 12 14 16 12 16 17 14 17 18 14 18 19 15 18 20 16 19 21 16 19 21 16 19

P P P P P P P P

105

Gtr I P.M.-----| P.M.-----| P.M.-----|

T
A
B

5 2 2 2 2 2 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2

8va-----|

Gtr V

T
A
B

17 19 14 17 19 14 17 14 19 14 17 19 14 17 19 14 17 14 19 14 17 19 14 17 14 19 14

P P H P P P P P H P P

107

Gtr I P.M.-----| P.M.-----| P.M.-----|

T
A
B

5 2 2 2 2 2 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2

8va-----|

Gtr V

T 17 19 14 17 19 14 17 14 17 14 19 14 17 19 14 17 19 14 17 14 19 14

A
B

P P H P P P P P H P P

Gtr II

T
A
B

12

109

Gtr I P.M.--| P.M.-----| P.M.-----|

T
A
B

3 0 0 5 0 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

8va-----|

Gtr II

T 12 17 15 12 12 17 12 15 12 17 12 15 12 17 15 12 15 12 15

A
B

P P P P P P P P P H

111

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

T
A
B

3 0 0 5 0 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

T
A
B

15 (15) (15)

I Solo (Mustaine)

113

$\text{♩} = 79$

E5 D5 C5 G/B

T
A
B

9 7 5 5

T
A
B

12 14 12 14 14 14 14 14 14 (14) 12 14 14 12 14 12 15

H H P H

117

A5 N.C. F5

δva-----

Full Full

P H sl. P P P P P 12

121

E5

4 1/2

J Verse/Outro

♩ = 153
N.C.

125

Gtr I
P.M.-----

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

127

Gtr I
P.M.-----|

T
A
B 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 3 5 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 3 5 0 0 5 6

Gtr II

T
A
B 11 10 8 10 9 7

129

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

T
A
B 7 8 0 8 7 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 8 0 8 7 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0

H P sl. H P sl.

T
A
B 9 10 9 10 10 8 11 10 8 10 9 7 9 10 9 10 10 8 11 10 8 10 9 7

H P sl. H P sl.

131

P.M.-----|

T
A
B 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 3 5 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 3 5 0 0 5 6

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T  
A  
B 8

sl.

133

Gtr I  
P.M.-----|

T  
A  
B

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

135

Gtr I  
P.M.-----|

T  
A  
B

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

Gtr II

T  
A  
B

11 10 8 10 9 7

137

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

T  
A  
B

7 8 0 8 7 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 8 0 8 7 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

H P sl. H P sl.

T  
A  
B

9 10 9 10 10 8 11 10 8 10 9 7 9 10 9 10 10 8 11 10 8 10 9 7

H P sl. H P sl.

139

**S**

P.M.-----|

**T**

**A**

**B** 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 3 5 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 3 5 0 0 5 6

**T**

**A** 9 (9)

**B**

*sl.*

141

**S**

Gtr I  
P.M.-----|

**T**

**A**

**B** 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 3 5 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 3 5 0 0 5 6

143

**S**

Gtr I  
P.M.-----|

**T**

**A**

**B** 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 3 5 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 3 5 0 0 5 6

Gtr II

**T**

**A** 11 10 8 10 9 7

**B**

(2nd time) D.S.

145

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

T  
A  
B

7 8 0 8 7 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 8 0 8 7 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0

H P sl.

9 10 9 10 10 8 11 10 8 10 9 7 9 10 9 10 10 8 11 10 8 10 9 7

H P sl.

E5

147

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

T  
A  
B

7 8 0 8 7 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 8 0 8 7 0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 2

H P sl.

9 10 9 10 10 8 11 10 8 10 9 7 9 10 9 10 10 8 11 10 8 10 9 7 9

H P sl.

sl.