

SIMPLE MAN LYNYRD SKYNYRD

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All guitars tune down one half step (low to high: E \flat A \flat D \flat G \flat B \flat E \flat).

Bass tuning (low to high): E \flat A \flat D \flat G \flat .

All notes and chords sound one half step lower than written (key of A \flat minor).



A Intro (0:00)

Moderately Slow $\text{♩} = 60$

Chords: C, G, Am7

Gr. 1 (clean elec.) *Rhy. Fig. 1* let ring throughout *end Rhy. Fig. 1*

Bass

Chords: C, G, Am7, C, G

Gr. 1 plays *Rhy. Fig. 1* three times (see meas. 1)

Gr. 2 (clean elec. w/phaser effect) *Rhy. Fig. 2*

Bass

Chords: Am7, C, G, Am7

6 *end Rhy. Fig. 2*

1. My mama

As heard on Lynyrd Skynyrd's MCA recording *Pronounced Leh-Nerd Skin-Nerd*

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B 1st Verse (0:33)

told me when I was young Come sit beside me my only

C G Am7 C G

Gtrs. 1 and 2 play Rhy. Figs. 1 and 2 six times (see meas. 1 and 5)

Bass

9

son and listen closely to what I say And if you

Am7 C G Am Am7

12

do this it'll help you some sunny day Ah yeah

C G Am7 C Riff A G

Gtrs. 3 and 4 (elec. w/dist.)

15

2. Oh take your

Am7 C G Am7

end Riff A

18

(repeat previous two measures)

2



C 2nd, 3rd and 4th Verses (1:21, 2:33, 4:30)

(2.) time don't live too fast Troubles will come and they will
 (3.) lust for the rich man's gold All that you need is in your
 (4.) worry you'll find yourself Follow your heart and nothin'

C G Am7 C G

Gtrs. 1 and 2 play Rhy. Figs. 1 and 2 three and a half times (see meas. 1 and 5)

21

pass Go find a woman yeah and you'll find love And don't for-
 soul do this And you can do this oh babe if you try All that I
 else And you can do this oh babe if you try All that I

Am7 C G Am7

24

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D Chorus (1:53, 3:05, 5:01)

get son there is someone up above }
 want for you my son is to be satisfied kind of
 want for you my son is to be satisfied } And be a simple kind of

C G A5 C^{III} G^{III}

27 Gtrs. 3 and 4

Gtrs. 1 and 2

Bass

man or be somethin' you love and understand Baby be a

A5 C^{III} G^{III} A5

Gtrs. 3 and 4

30 *end Rhy. Fig. 3*

Bass

(3rd time) **To Coda** ⊕
 (skip ahead to meas. 54)

simple kind of man Oh won't you do this for me son if you can

C^{III} G^{III} A5 C^{III} G^{III}

Gtr. 3 plays Rhy. Fig. 3 one and a half times (see meas. 29)

33 Gtr. 4

Bass

1. 3. Forget your

A5 C G Am7

Gtr. 2 plays Rhy. Fig. 2 (see meas. 5)

36 Gtrs. 3 and 4

Gtr. 1 (clean)

Bass

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E Guitar Solo (3:36)

2. Oh yes I will

39 Gtrs. 5 and 6 (elec. w/dist.)

A5 C5 D5 C5 G5 G5 A5^V G5 A5^V C5 A5^V

39 Gtr. 6 plays Fill 1

Gtr. 4 Rhy. Fig. 4 end Rhy. Fig. 4

Gtr. 3 Rhy. Fig. 4a end Rhy. Fig. 4a

Bass

42 Gtr. 5 full

C5 D5 C5 G5 A5^V G5 A5^V C5 A5

Gtrs. 3 and 4 play Rhy. Figs. 4 and 4a three and one half times (see meas. 40)

Bass

44 C5 D5 C5 G5 A5^V G5 A5^V C5 A5^V

46 C5 D5 C5 G5 A5^V G5 A5^V C5 A5^V

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C5 D5 C5 G5 A5^V G5 A5^V C5

Gr. 6 plays Fill 2

Gr. 5

48

Gr. 4

Gr. 3

Bass

D.S. $\text{\textcircled{C}}$ al Coda $\text{\textcircled{C}}$

(go back to $\text{\textcircled{C}}$)

4. Boy don't you

F Interlude (4:14)

C G Am C G Am

Gtrs. 1 and 2 play Rhy. Figs. 1 and 2 twice (see meas. 1 and 5)

Gtrs. 3 and 4 play Riff A

Bass

50

$\text{\textcircled{C}}$ Coda (5:28)

And baby be a simple be a simple man or be

A5 C^{III} G5 A5 G5 A5^V

Gtrs. 3 and 4

54

Bass

somehth'

you love and understand

Baby be a

C^{III} G5 A5 G5 A5^V

57

Fill 1 (3:40)

Gr. 6 (elec. w/dist.)

Fill 2 (4:07)

Gr. 6 (elec. w/dist.)