

"SOMEBODY GET ME A DOCTOR" VAN HALEN

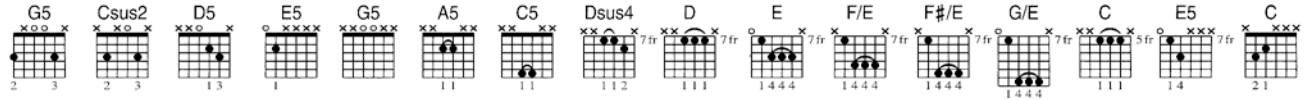
As heard on **VAN HALEN II** (WARNER BROS.)

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Guitar is tuned down one half step (low to high, **E^b A^b D^b G^b B^b E^b**).

Bass tuning (low to high): **E^b A^b D^b G^b**.

All instruments sound in the key of **A^b minor**, one half step lower than written.



A Intro (0:00)

Moderately Fast ♩ = 130

G5 Csus2 D5

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One two three four

1 Gtr. (elec. w/dist.) w/fdbk. dip w/bar -2

Bass pitch: A

B (0:11, 1:56)

N.C.(A5) Rhy. Fig. 1

G5 A5

C5 Dsus4 D

(A5)

G5 A5

C5 Dsus4 D

Ooh Hoo

end Rhy. Fig. 1

7 1/4 P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

yeah

Oh oh oh...

Ow

(A5) G5 A5 C5 Dsus4 D

(A5) G5 A5 C5 Dsus4 D

Gtr. plays Rhy. Fig. 1 twice (see bar 7)

Gtr. substitutes Fill 1 second time (see below)

Bass substitutes Bass Fill 1 second time (see below)

11 Bass 14 14 14

Fill 1 (2:08) (A5) *A.H.

*Produce random harmonics by lightly touching string with outside edge of pick hand and moving hand down the string while performing pull-offs with the fret hand.

Bass Fill 1 (2:08)

"SOMEBODY GET ME A DOCTOR"

1. You better
4. You better

Ow Ooh

15 (A5) G5 A5 C Dsus4 D (A5) G5 A5 C5 Dsus4 D

C 1st and 4th Verses (0:34, 2:19) 2nd time, skip ahead to **J** 3rd Chorus

call me a doctor baby no pain Overloaded down the
call up a doctor feelin' high I'm overloaded baby I say

E F/E E F/E

Gtr. Rhy. Fig. 2 end Rhy. Fig. 2
pick scrape

19 * P.M. P.M. P.M. pick scrape

*repeat previous chord

Bass 9 9 7 7 9 7 9 7 9 7 9 7

D 1st Chorus (0:41) You better

drain Somebody get me a doctor

(A5) G5 A5 C5 Dsus4 D (A5) G5 A5 C5 Dsus4 D

23 1/4 P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

Bass Fig. 1 Bass Fig. 2

Bass 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 2 2 2 3 3 3

E 2nd Verse (0:49)

call up the ambulance I'm deep in shock overloaded baby I can hardly

E F/E E F/E

Gtr. 1 plays Rhy. Fig. 2 (see bar 19)

27 Bass

Bass 0 7 7 0 7 7 7 0 0 7 7 5 0 7 7 7 7 0 7 7 0 8 8 7

F 2nd Chorus (0:56) Yeah

walk ooh Somebody get me a doctor
Somebody get me a doctor

(A5) G5 A5 C5 Dsus4 D

31 1/4 P.M. P.M. (repeat previous two bars) 2

Bass plays Bass Fig. 1 twice (see bar 23) Bass plays Bass Fig. 2 simile (see bar 25)

Bass 3 0 X X 0 0 2 2 2 3 7 5 0 7 7 7 7 0 8 8 7

"SOMEBODY GET ME A DOCTOR"

G 3rd Verse (1:07)

I'm feelin' over fine and I'm speedin' down that line
 E F/E F# / E G/E
 Gtr. P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. pick scrape
 35

H Interlude (1:15)

(3rd time) Woo woo
 (A5) C N.C.
 P.M. P.M. (play 3 times) slight P.H. trem. pick 16th note triplets
 39
 *Note in parenthesis played first time only.
 Substitute Bass Fill 1 on repeats Bass Fill 1 (play 3 times)

I Guitar Solo (1:29)

N.C.(B5)
 42
 1/2 let ring
 45
 (G5) wide vib. let ring (F5) P.M. P.M. P.M.
 47

"SOMEBODY GET ME A DOCTOR"

50

(G5) (Bb5) (C5) (D5) (E)

P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. N.H.

pitch: G B E D B F# G B E

53

Freely (1:49)

(Bb5) (C5) (D5) E5

P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M. ritard

Ow ow... Yeah yeah... go back to B

dip w/bar fdbk. w/bar

let ring... let ring... let ring trem. pick

J 3rd Chorus (2:26)

bye bye Oh yeah Somebody get me a doctor
Ooh Oh ooh yeah Somebody get me a doctor
Somebody get me a doctor Ah yeah

(A5) G5 A5 C5 Dsus4 D (A5) G5 A5 C5 Dsus4 D5

¼ P.M. P.M. (play 3 times) ¼ P.M. P.M.

K Outro (2:41)

Freely

Ooh Somebody give me a shot

C (A5)

fdbk. ¼

pitch: A