

I LOVE YOU, BIG DUMMY

As recorded by Captain Beefheart & the Magic Band
(From the 1970 Album LICK MY DECALS OFF, BABY)

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Performance Notes

The 6th string is tuned down to Eb (a half step lower than standard tuning). Also, open Eb on the 6th string is sometimes played with open A on the 5th string, so you might barely hear the diminished feel from the notes.

A 1st Riff

♩ = 150 (♩ = $\frac{7}{8}$ ♩)

Gtr I

0 3 6 3 4 5 6 3

B 2nd Riff

T
A
B

(0) 3 5 0 4 1 (1) 1 4 1 4 1 1 4 1 1 1

T
A
B

4 1 (1) 4 1 (1) (0) (0) 3 5 0 4 1 (1) 1 4 1 4

T
A
B

1 1 4 1 1 1 4 1 (1) 4 1 (1)

C 3rd Riff

T
A
B

8 8 6 3 6 5 3 6 5 3 0 1 4

D 4th Riff

15

T
A
B

3 3 2
4 4 4
2 2 2

3 (3) 6 5 3 6 5 3 0 1 4 3 6 5 3 0 1 4

18

4/4

3x

T
A
B

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

E 5th Riff

[illegible]**F 6th Riff**

27

T

A

B

(0) 3 4 5 6 5 3

G 7th Riff

31

T
A
B

33

3x

H 8th Riff

36

T
A
B

40

3x

I 5th Riff (reprise)

44

T
A
B

47