

I LOVE YOU, BIG DUMMY (Bassline)

As recorded by Captain Beefheart & the Magic Band

(From the 1970 Album LICK MY DECALS OFF, BABY)

Transcribed by Gut Suitman

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Arranged by Don Van Vliet

Performance Notes

The 6th string is tuned down to Eb (a half step lower than standard tuning).

A 1st Riff

♩ = 150 (♩ = ♪♪)

1st Riff (Measures 1-4):

Musical notation: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F31, 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D 4th Riff

Musical notation for Riff D, measures 20-21. The notation includes a bass staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 6, 6, 7, 6, 3, 6, 6, 3, 6.

E 5th Riff

Musical notation for Riff E, measures 22-23. The notation includes a bass staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 8, 8, 6, 6, 4, 4, 5, (5), 3, 0, 6, 4.

Musical notation for Riff E, measures 24-25. The notation includes a bass staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 6, 7, 0, 6, 4, 6, 7, 0, 6, 4, 6, 7, 0, 6, 4, 6.

F 6th Riff

Musical notation for Riff F, measures 29-31. The notation includes a bass staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 6, 6, 7, 6, 6, 7, 6, 6, 7, 6, 6, 7, 5, 7, 4.

Musical notation for Riff F, measures 32-34. The notation includes a bass staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 6, 6, 7, 6, 6, 7, 6, 6, 7, 6, 6, 7, 5, x, 3.

G 7th Riff

Musical notation for Riff G, measures 35-36. The notation includes a bass staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 0, 5, 7, 6, 5, 7, 4, 5, 7, 4.

Musical notation for Riff G, measures 37-38. The notation includes a bass staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 0, 5, 7, 6, 5, 7, 4, 5, 7, 4.

H 8th Riff

Musical notation for Riff H, measures 40-41. The notation includes a bass staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 8, 8, 6, 6, 5, (5), 6, 7, 5, 7, 4, 0.

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A
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I 5th Riff (reprise)

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T
A
B

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T
A
B