

I LOVE YOU, BIG DUMMY (Bassline)

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).

A 1st Riff

♩ = 150 (♩ = ♪♪)

1

Gtr I

T A B

6 6 7 6 6 7 6 6 7 6 6 7 6 6 7 5 3

B 2nd Riff

5

T A B

7 4 6 7 4 6 (6) 7 4 6 7 4 6 7 4 6 7 6 7

8

T A B

4 6 4 8 (8) (8) (6) 7 4 6 7 4 6 (6) 7 4 6 7 4

12

T A B

6 7 4 6 7 6 7 4 6 4 8 (8) (8) (6)

C 3rd Riff

15

T A B

6 6 7 6 6 7 6 6 7 6 6 7 6 3

18

T A B

6 6 7 6 6 7 6 6 7

D 4th Riff

20

T
A
B

6 6 7 6 3 6 6 3 6

E 5th Riff

22

T
A
B

8 8 6 6 4 5 (5) 3 0 6 4

25

T
A
B

6 7 0 6 4 6 7 0 6 4 6 7 0 6 4 6

F 6th Riff

29

T
A
B

6 6 7 6 6 7 6 6 7 6 7 5 7 4

32

T
A
B

6 6 7 6 6 7 6 6 7 6 7 5 x 3

G 7th Riff

35

T
A
B

0 5 7 6 5 7 4 5 7 4

37

T
A
B

0 0 5 7 6 5 7 4 5 7 4

H 8th Riff

40

T
A
B

8 8 6 6 5 (5) 6 7 5 7 4 0

44

T
A
B

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

I 5th Riff (reprise)

48

T
A
B

8 8 6 6 4 4 5 (5) 3 0 6 4

51

T
A
B

6 7 0 6 4 6 7 0 6 4 6 7 0 6 4 6