

# ERIC JOHNSON

GUITAR TRANSCRIPTION





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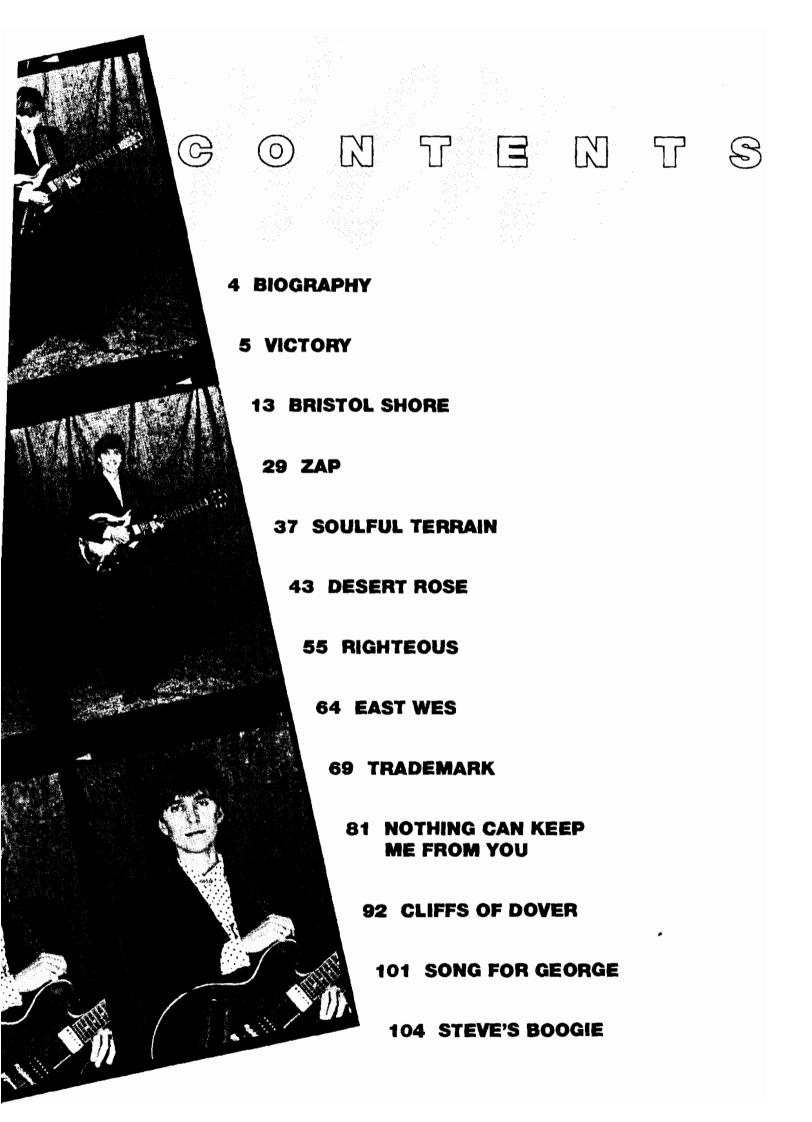
SONG FOR GEORGE . STEVE'S BOOGIE

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ery few post-Hendrix guitarists have conjured 6-string magic as well as Eric Johnson. There's no hint of anger, angst, or sloppiness in any of his playing; instead, each note, each phrase shines like a perfect polished gem. Joyous celebrations, his solos somehow seem to grow more magnificent with each listening.

Even in the dim reaches of his unsigned past, Eric was being lauded by famous players such as Johnny Winter, Billy Gibbons, and Steve Morse; Jeff Baxter went so far as to liken him to "a Jimi Hendrix who had gone on to study with Howard Roberts for eight years!" Despite the accolades, Johnson labored in relative obscurity in Austin, Texas, until the 1986 release of *Tones*. His goal was music that entertains and heals, and his playing was almost beyond belief, marrying deep emotion with mind-boggling technical finesse. The album's collage of guitar sounds ranged from purest-of-pure Strat to Hendrix-approved psychedelia, and won Johnson that year's *Guitar Player Magazine* Readers Poll award for Best New Talent.

Eric spent nearly two years producing his 1990 follow-up, *Ah Via Musicom*, but the wait was worth it. Full of fire and swirling thunder, it's an artistic triumph, as powerful a statement for Eric Johnson as *Electric Ladyland* was for Jimi Hendrix. Johnson's obsessed with tone, and it shows in every facet of his playing.

—Jas Obrecht Guitar Player Magazine

"Eric Johnson is great. I can't say enough good stuff about him. He's definitely one of the most sophisticated guitarists to come out of Texas."

—Johnny Winter

"Eric Johnson has the most beautiful tone all the way around. It's very, very masculine, and round and warm and dark. Even though he's from Texas, he doesn't have that gunslinger mentality of 'I'm going to kick your butt with my gun.' He is very pure. You can see it in his eyes: 'Okay, I got my tone and my vision, and that's good enough. The Lord will provide the rest.' He has a beautiful soul."

-Carlos Santana

"Eric is a wonderful cat and an honest human being. He has always been one of my favorite people in the world, as well as one of my favorite guitar players. The guy has done more *trying* to be the best that he can be than anybody I've ever seen. Just listen to him and learn."

-Stevie Ray Vaughan

"Eric's extremely expressive. Not only does he have a lot of flash, but he also finesses these amazing, complex lines with very intricate fingerings. He creates great rhythm parts and has fabulous tones."

-Steve Morse

"Eric Johnson? Damn, that guy can play!"

## **Victory**

#### By Eric Johnson, Roscoe Beck and Tommy Taylor

Moderate, Funky Half-time Feel



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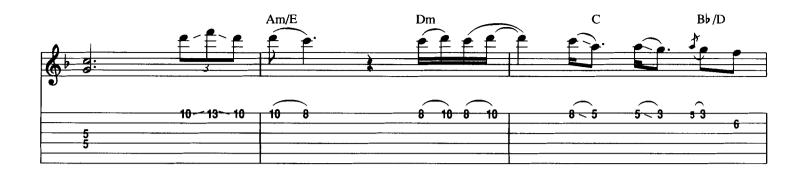


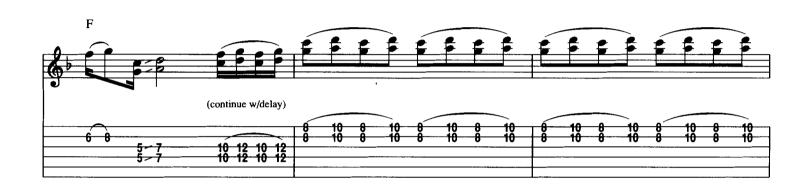


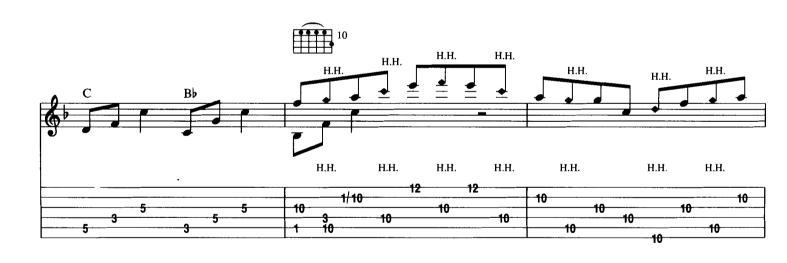


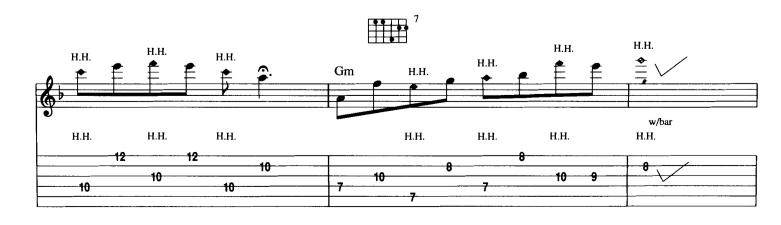




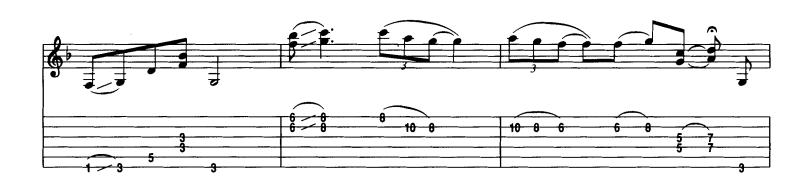




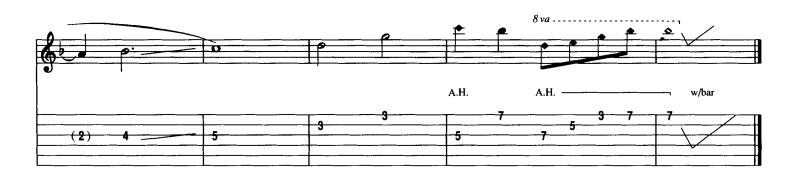








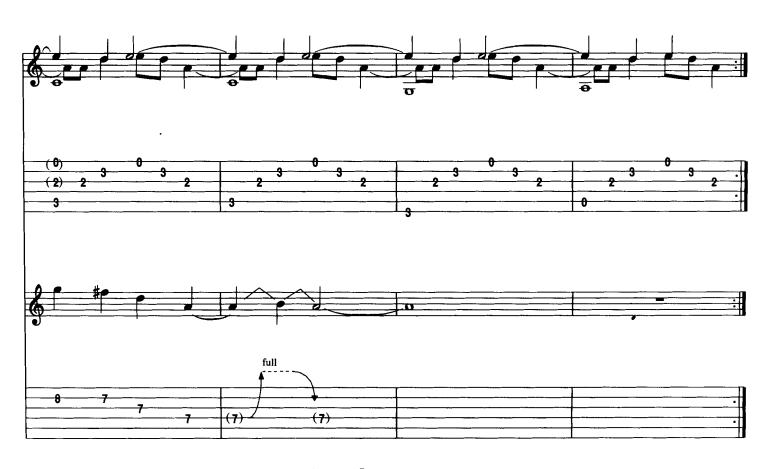




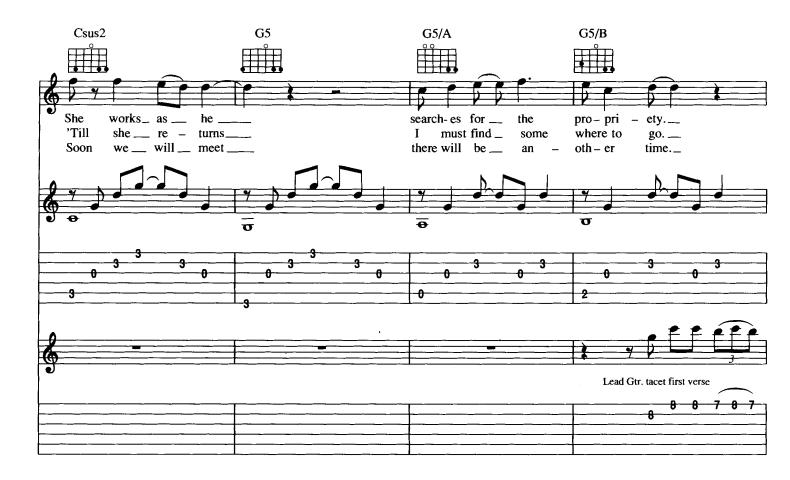
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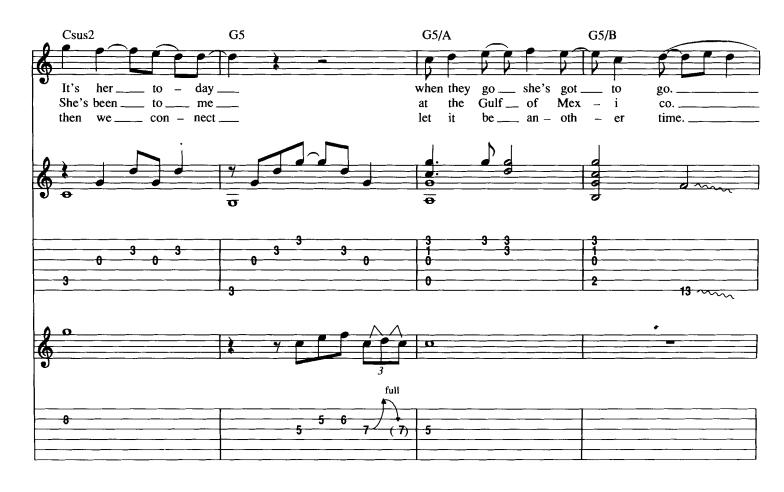
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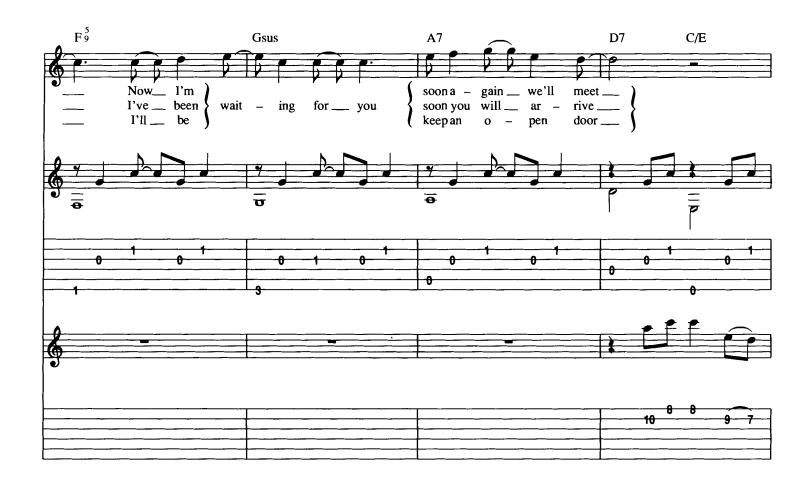


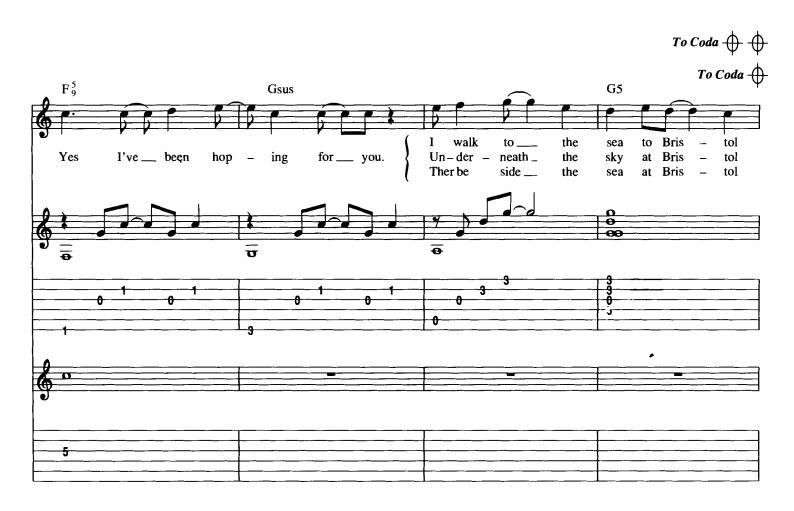










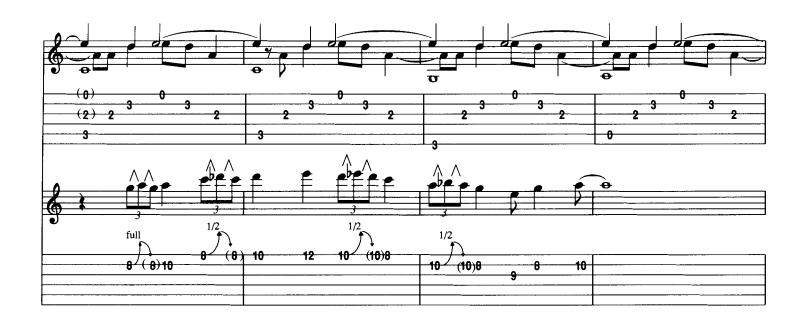


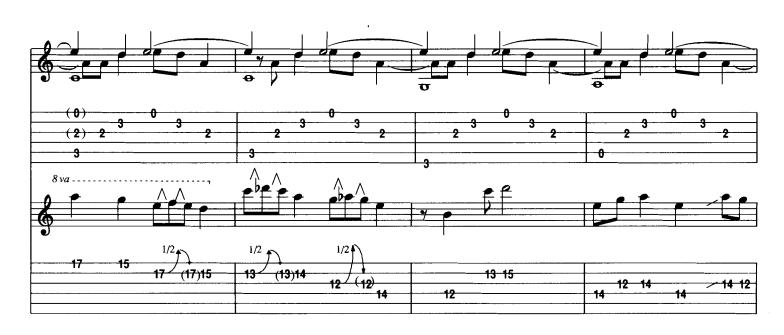


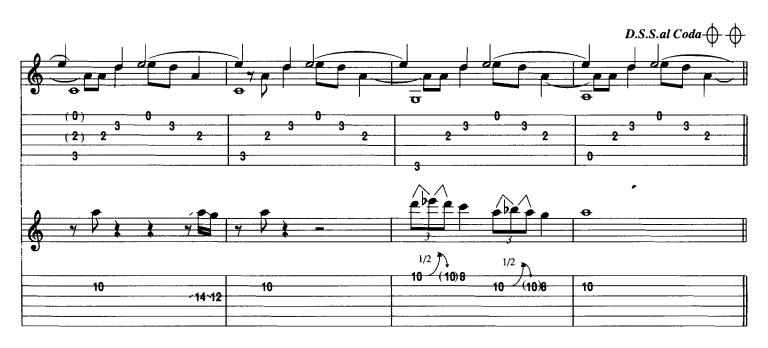




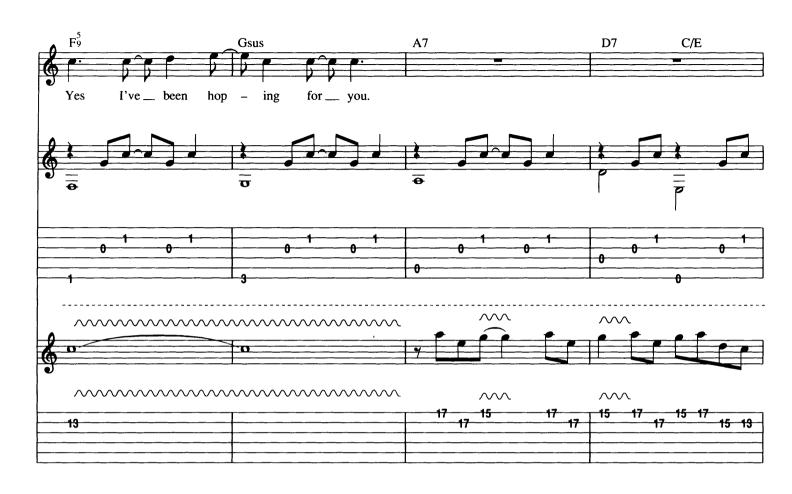








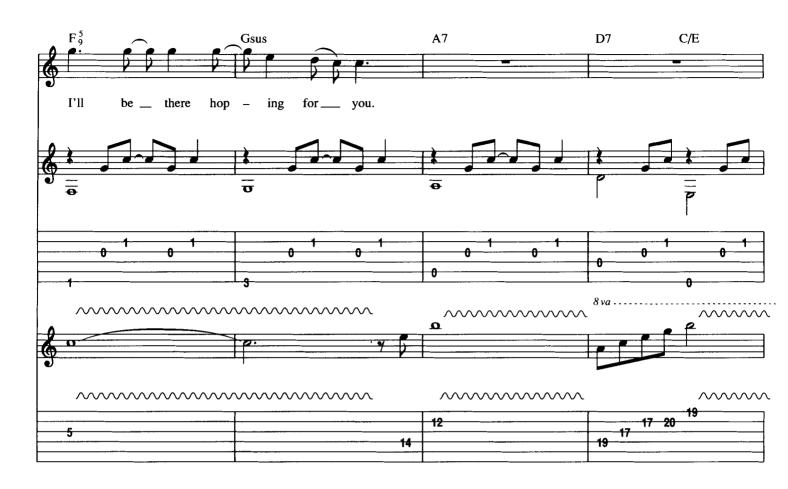


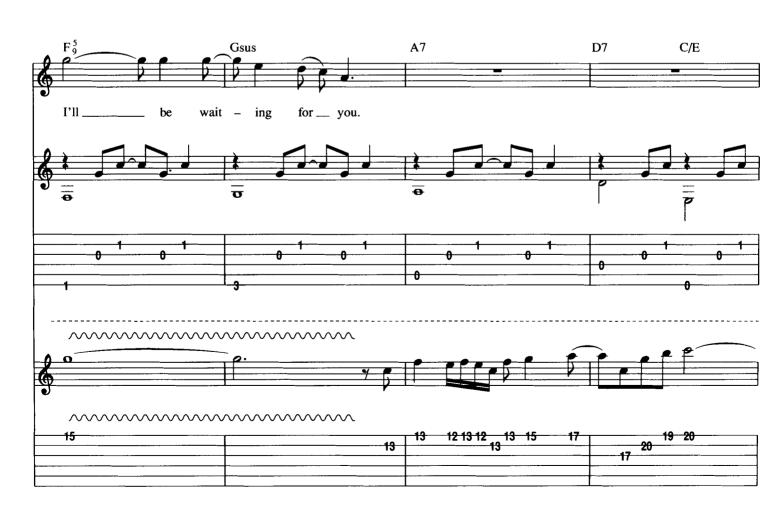


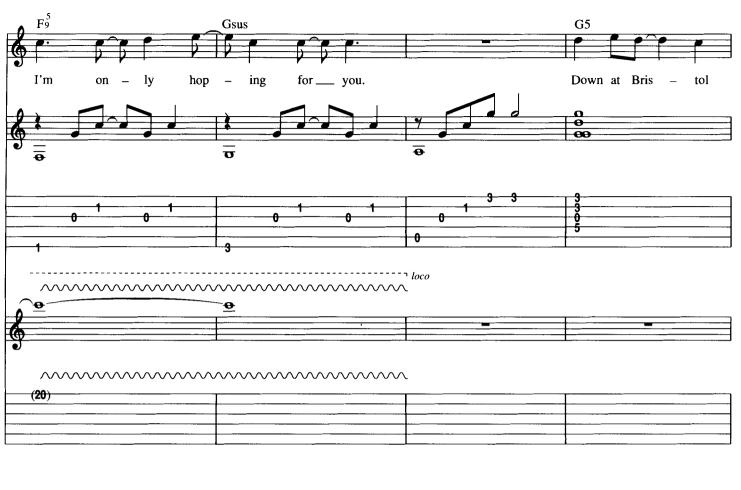


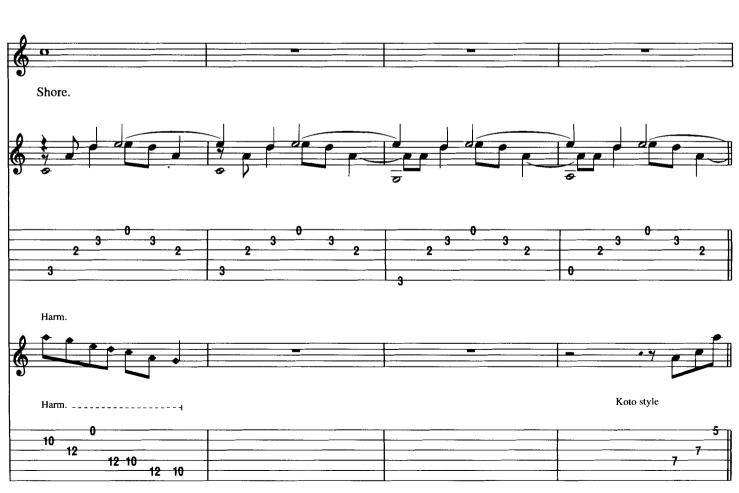








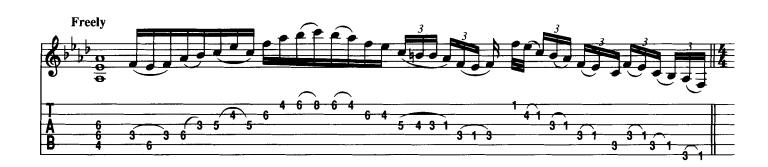








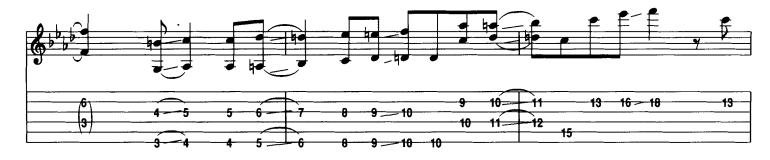
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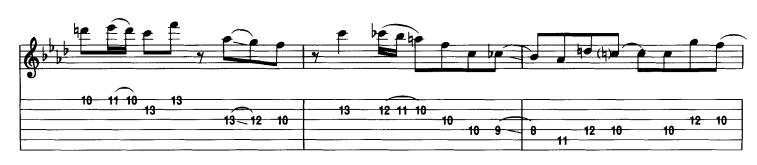








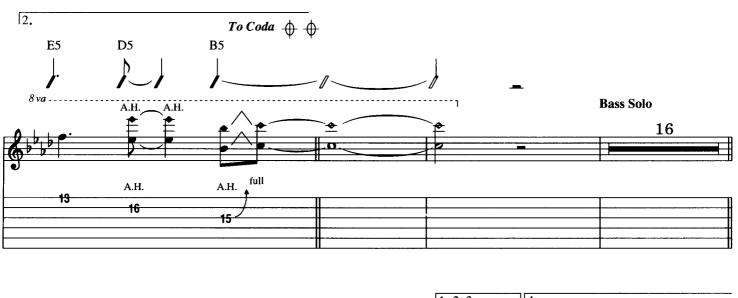




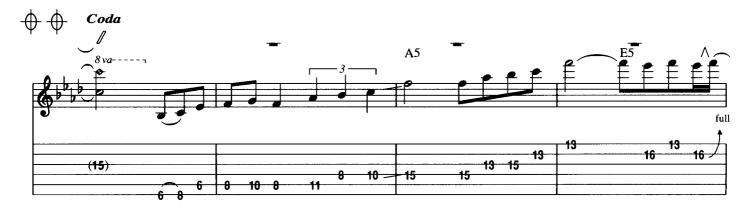
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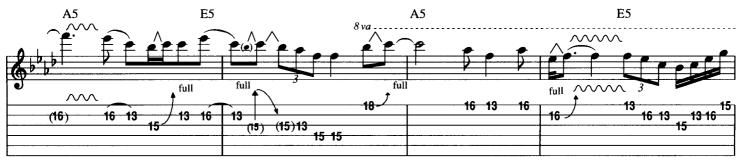


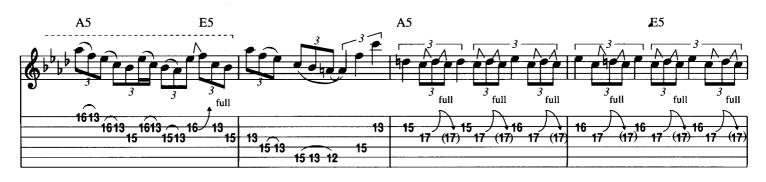
















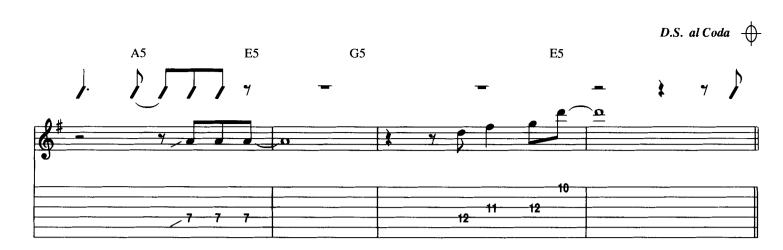


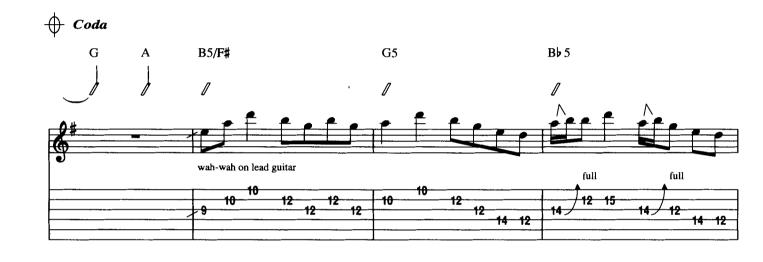


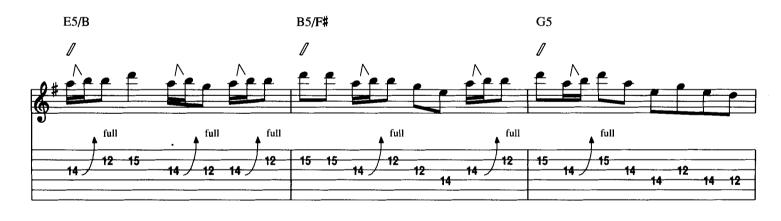
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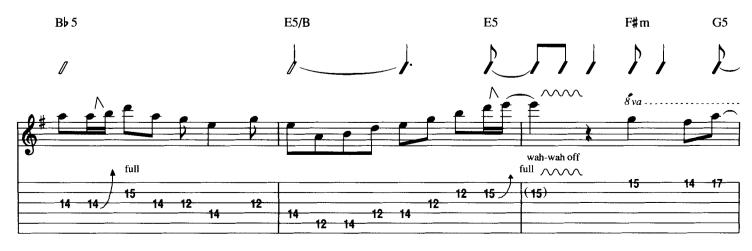




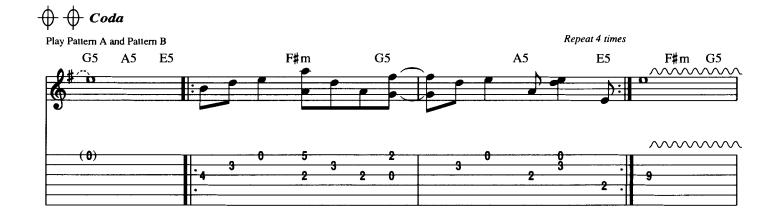


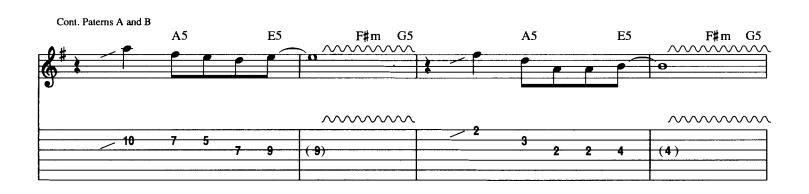


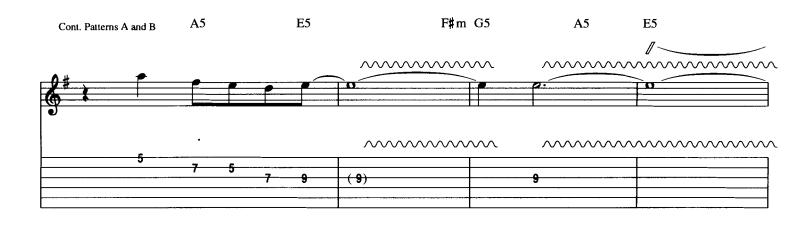


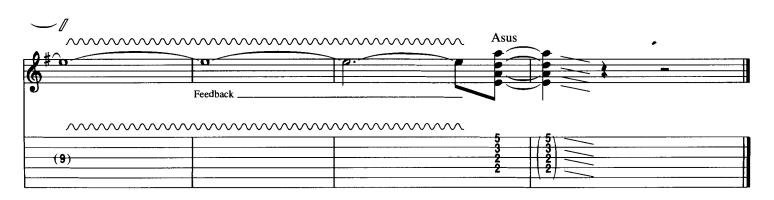














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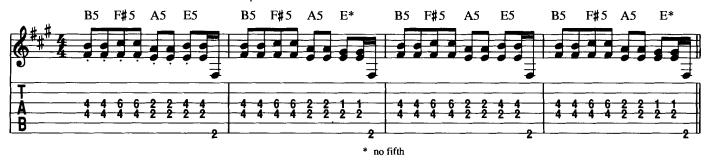
Words and Music by Eric Johnson and Vince Mariani

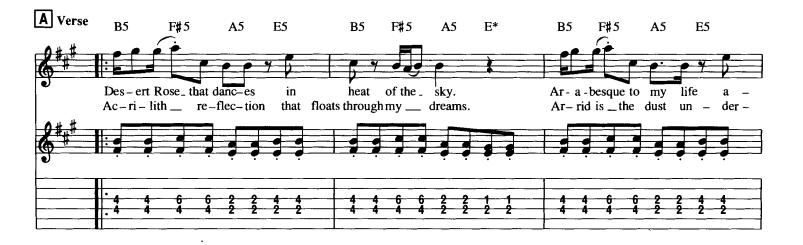
Editor's Note: Eric plays this song in the key of Ab but, to make it easier to read, we have written it out in the key of A. If you tune your guitar down a half-step as suggested, you will still sound in the same key as the original recording.

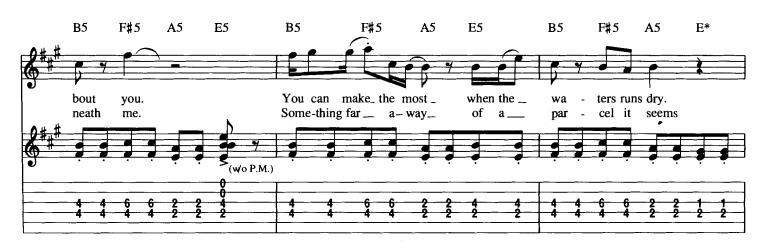
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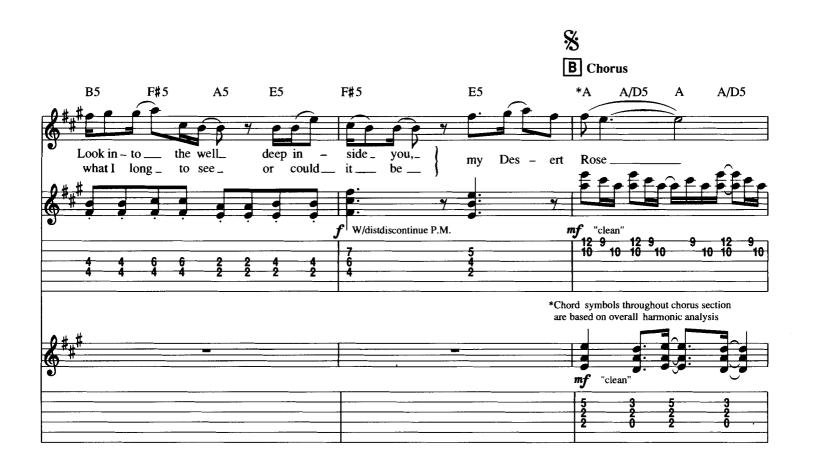
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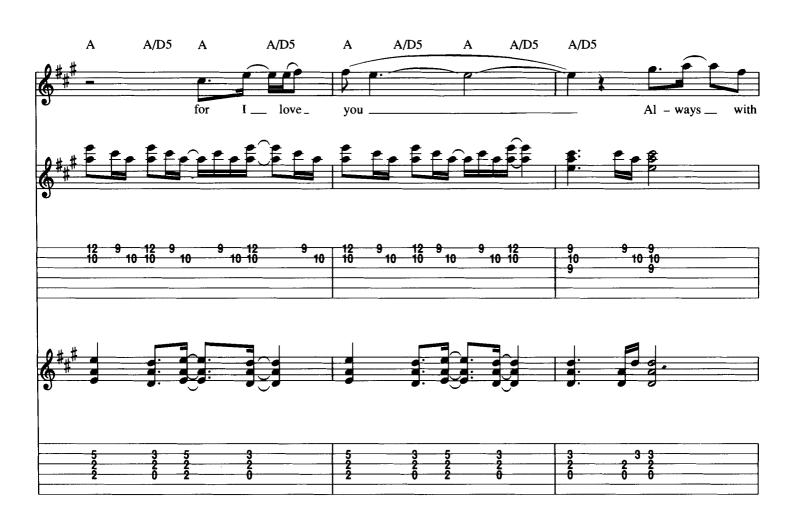
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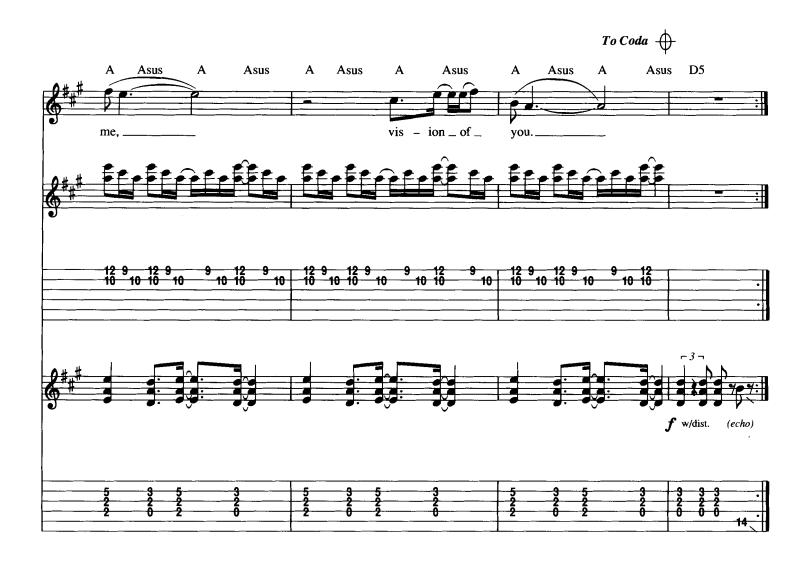


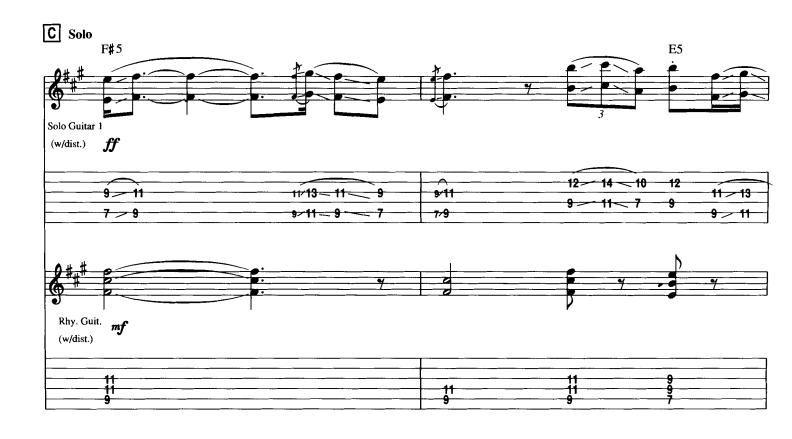


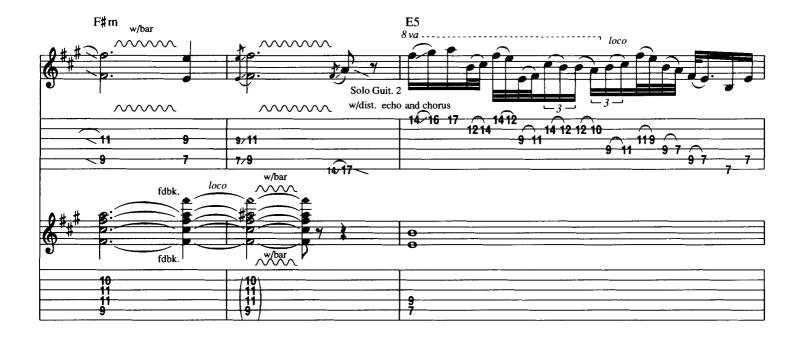


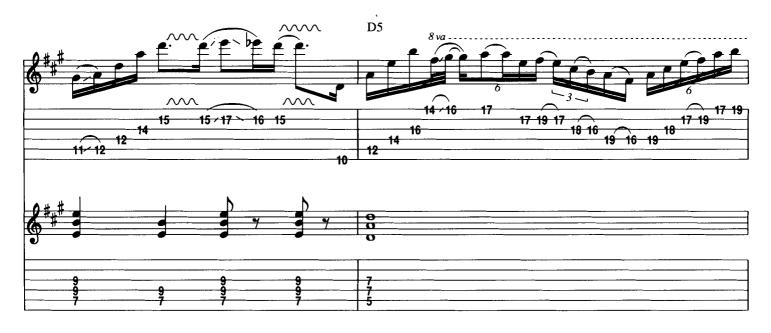


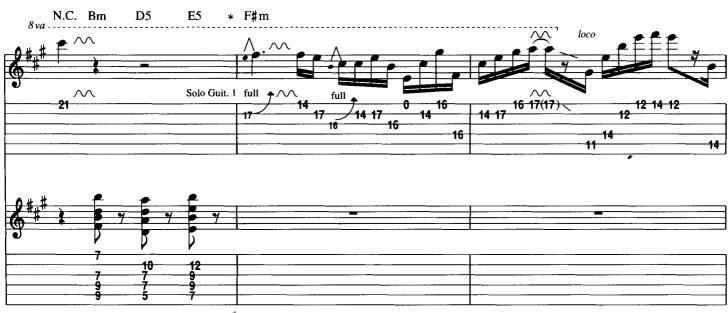


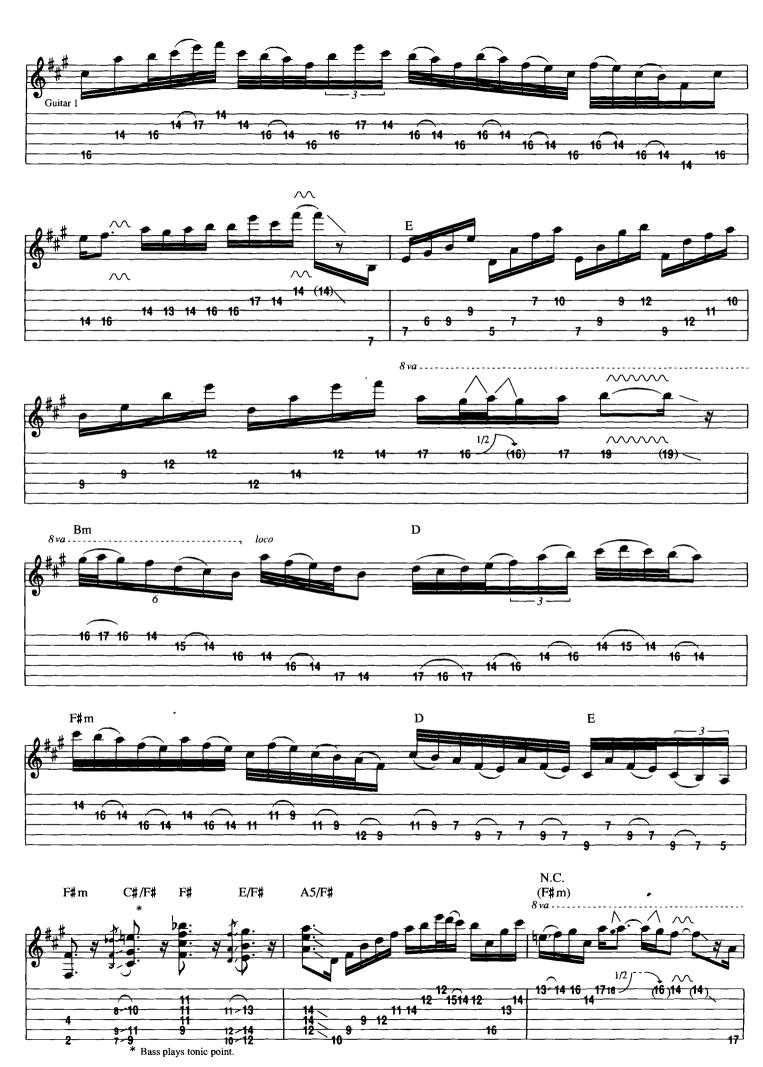










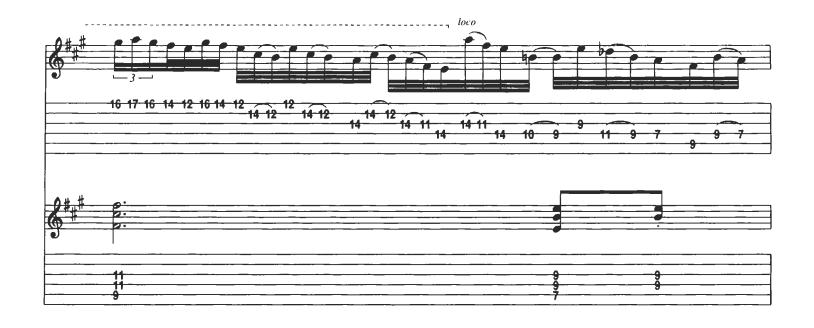


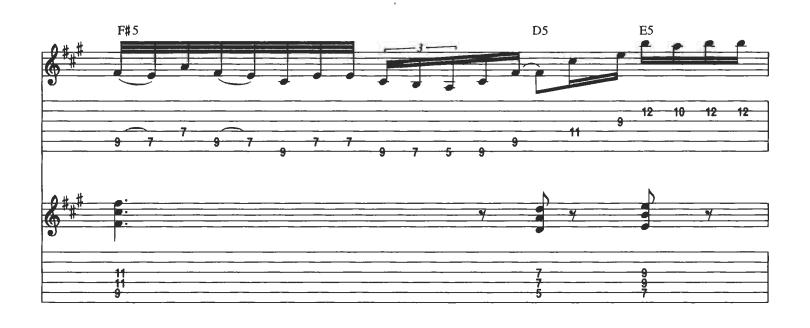


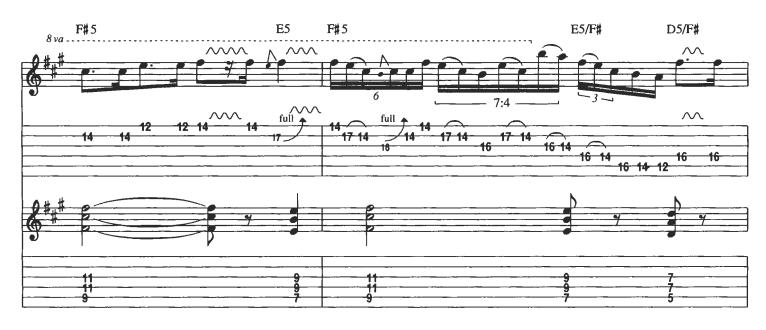


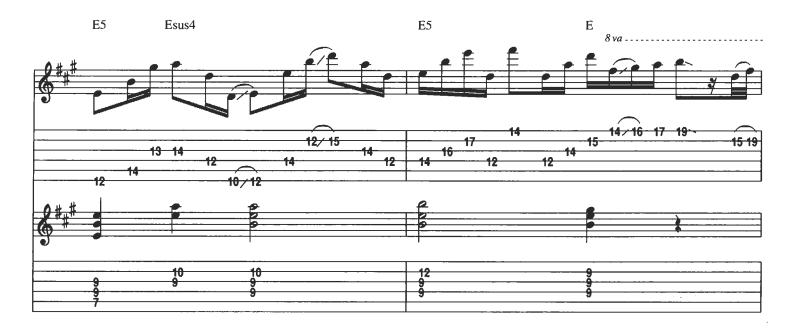


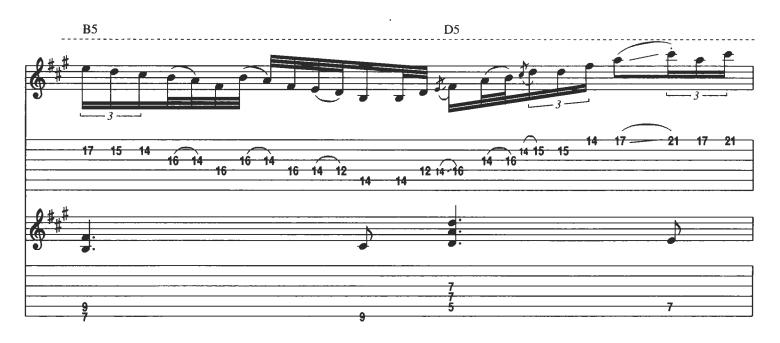


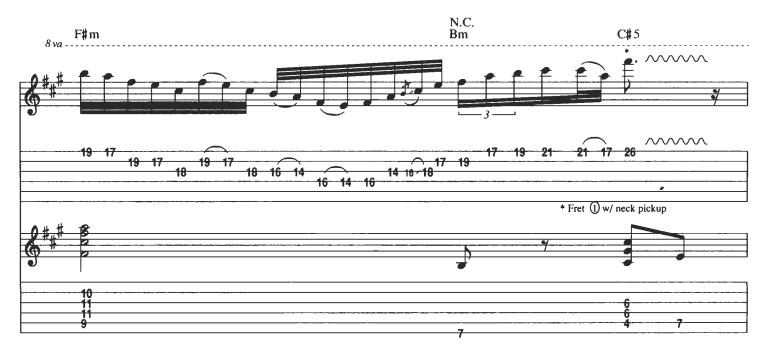


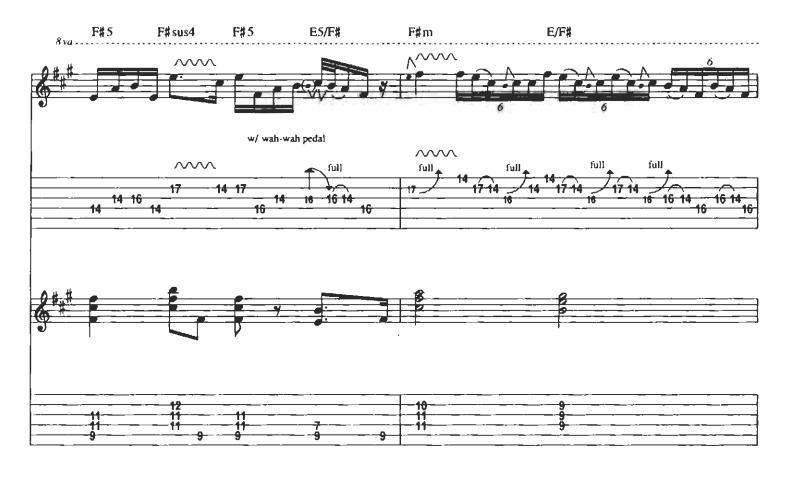


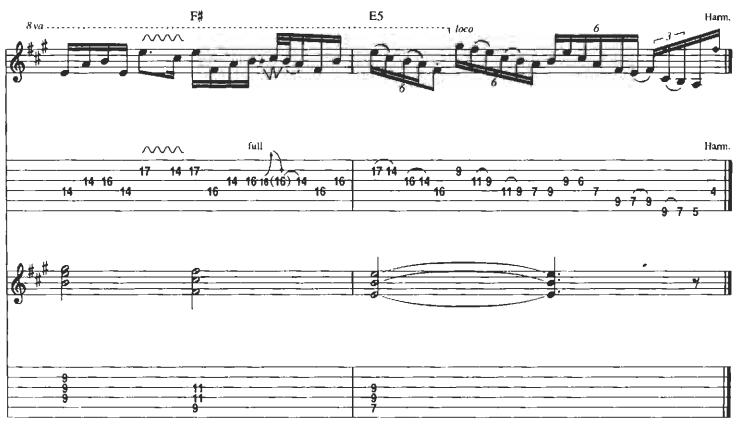












# **Righteous**



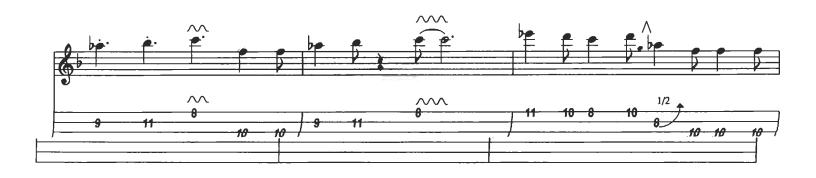


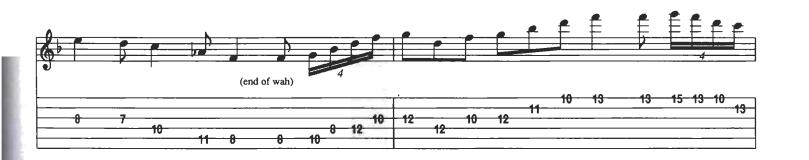


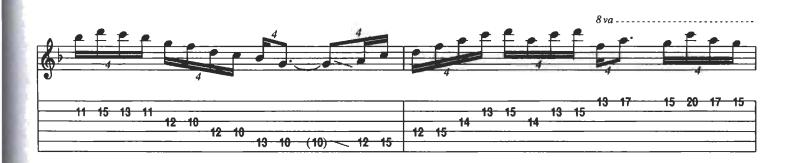


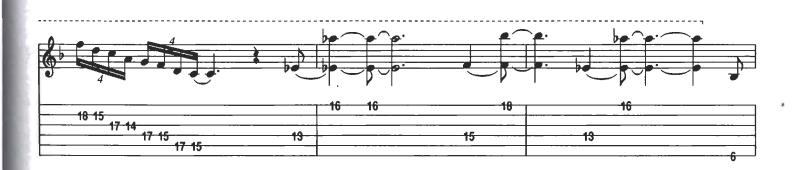


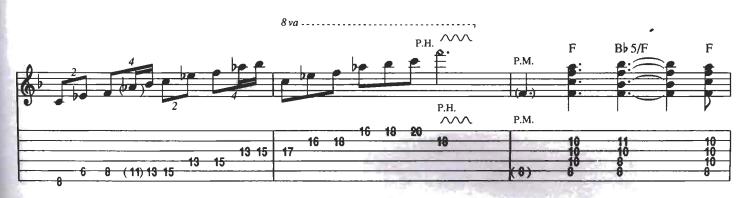




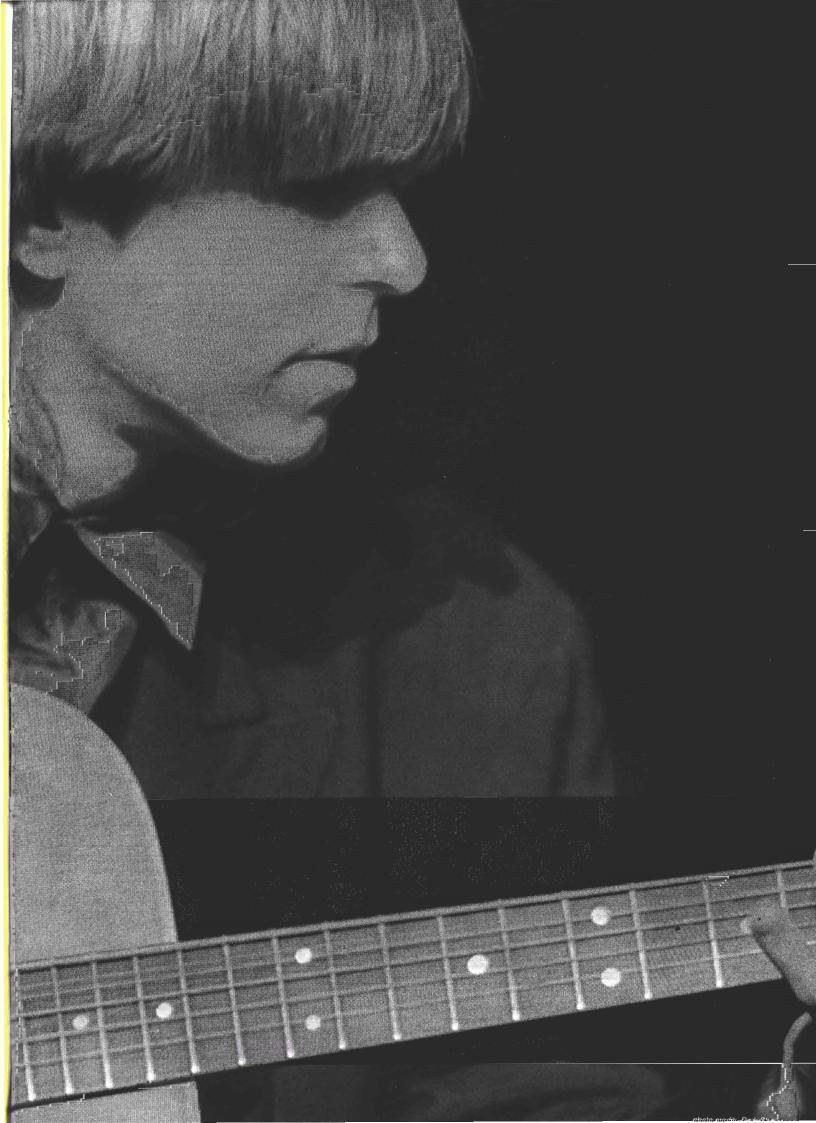








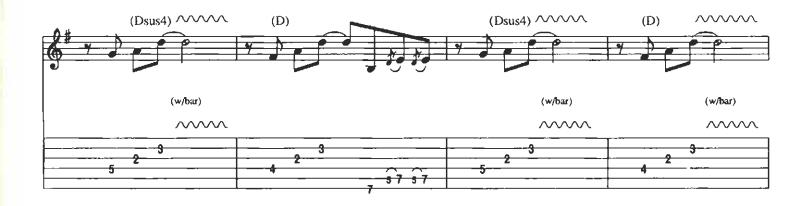


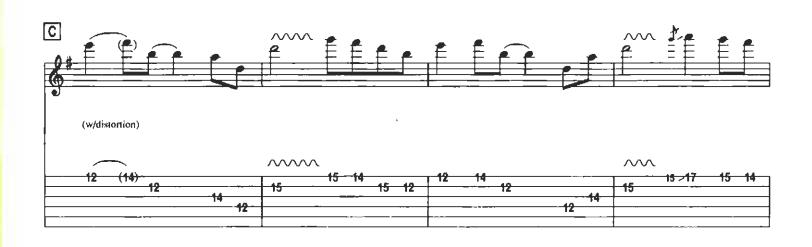


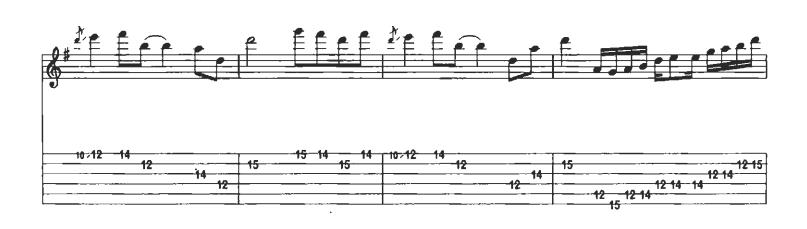
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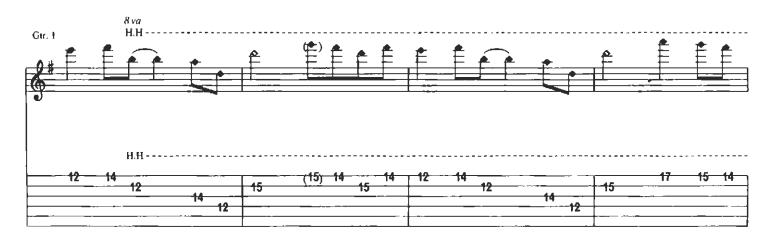


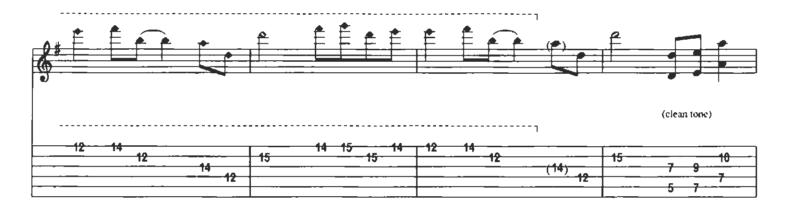


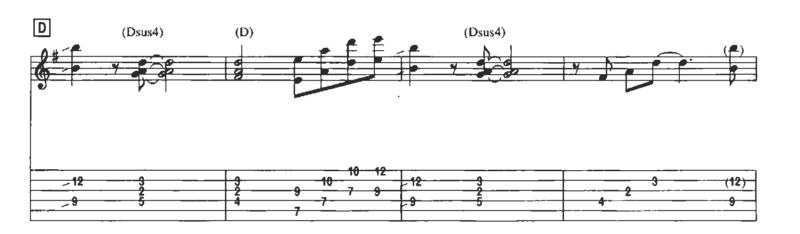




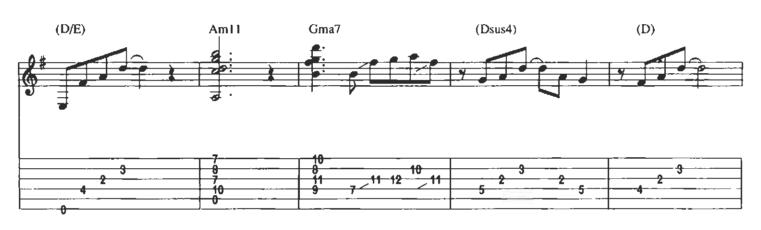














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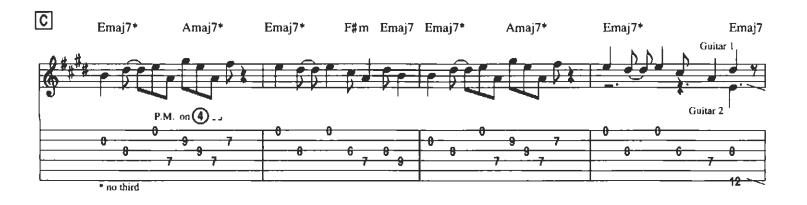


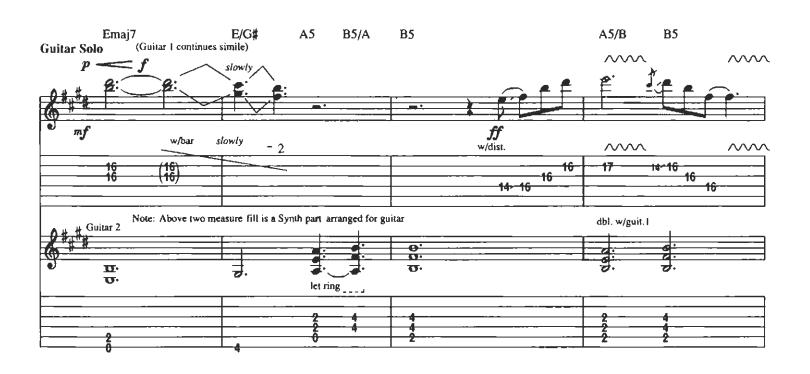


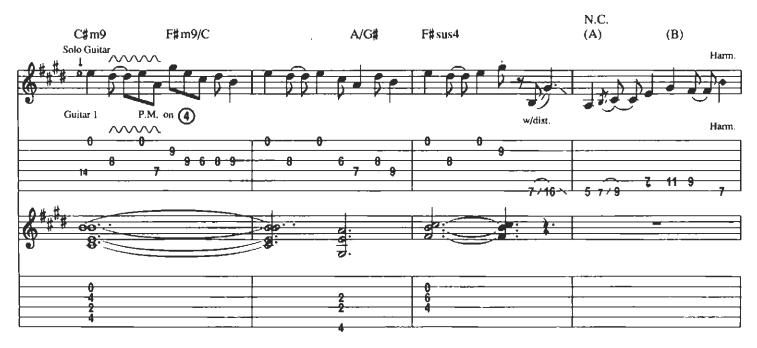


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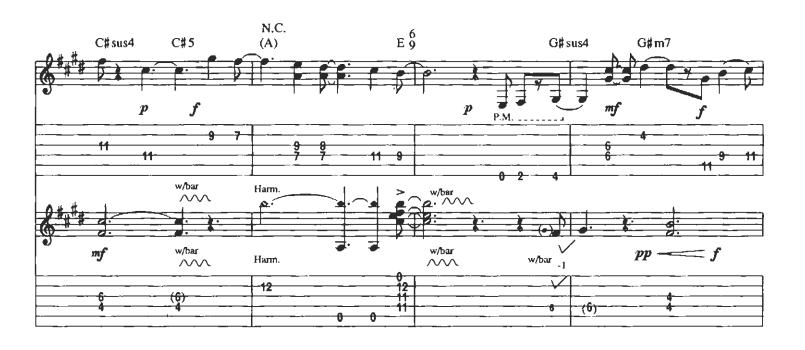


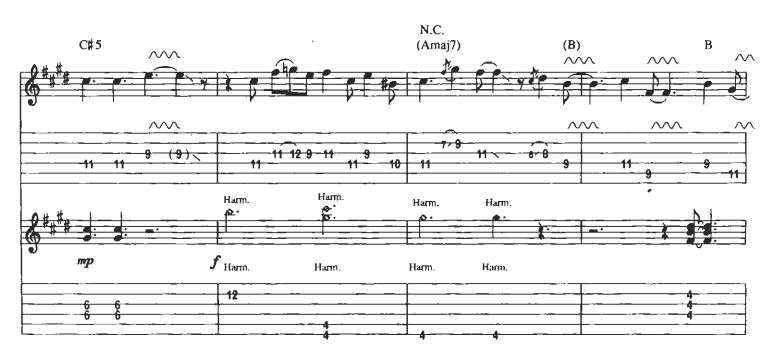




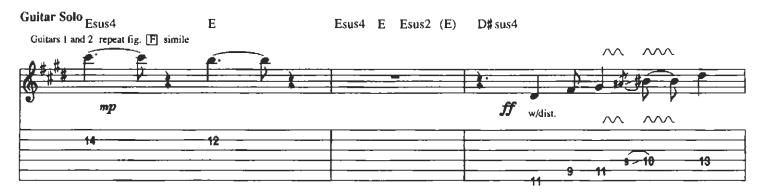


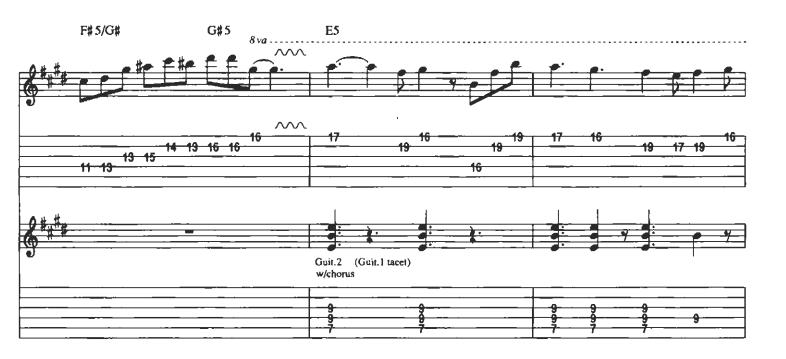


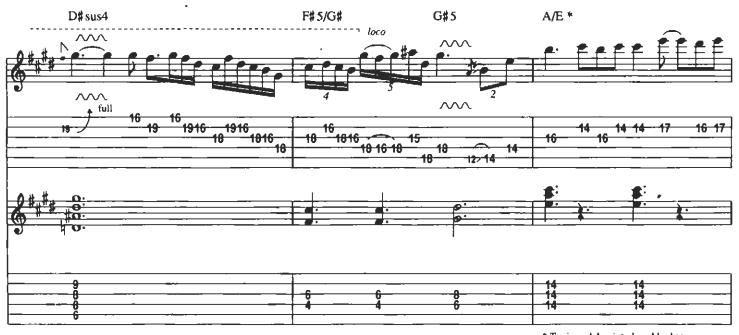








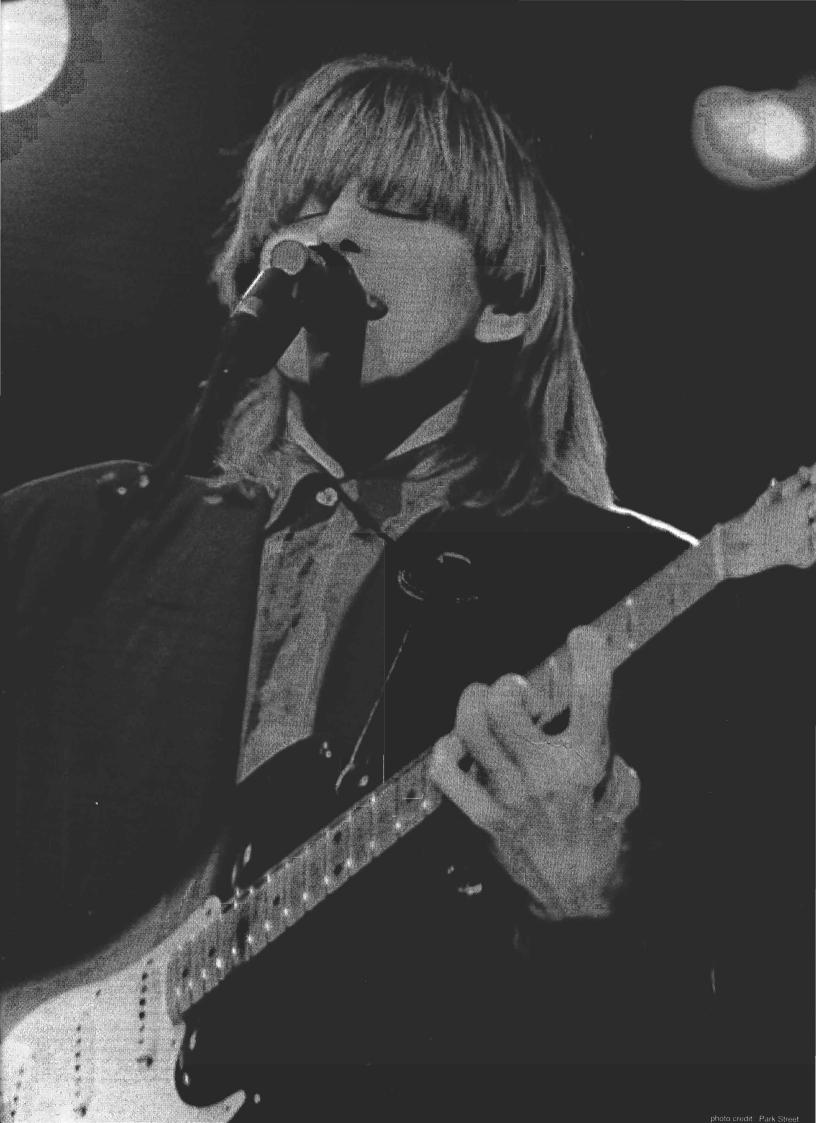




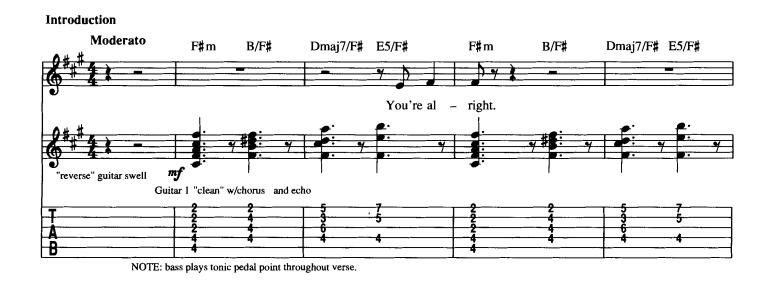


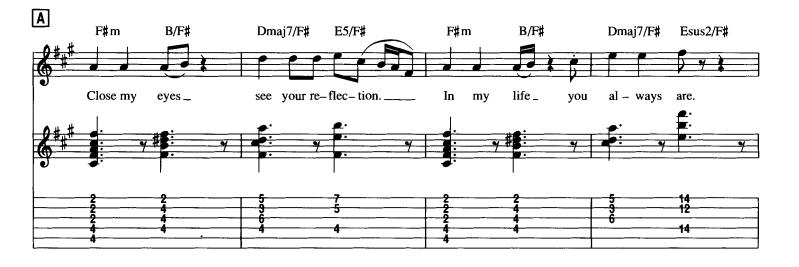


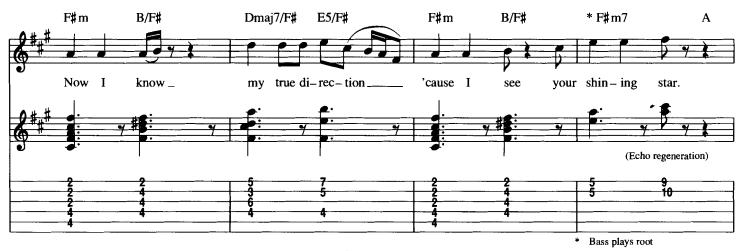




## Nothing Can Keep Me From You



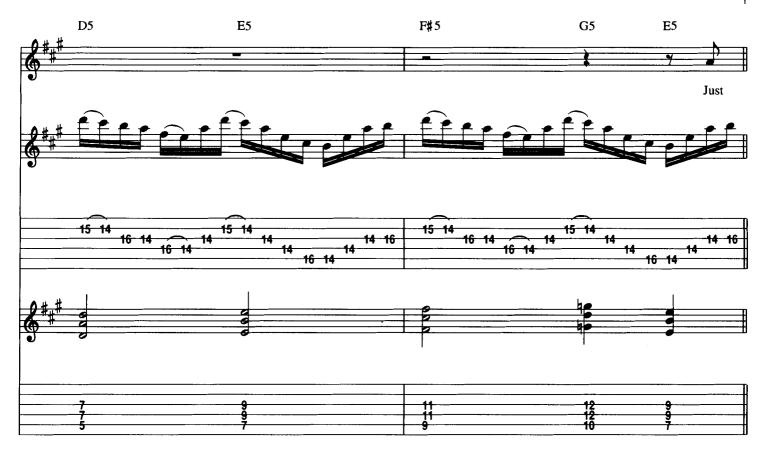


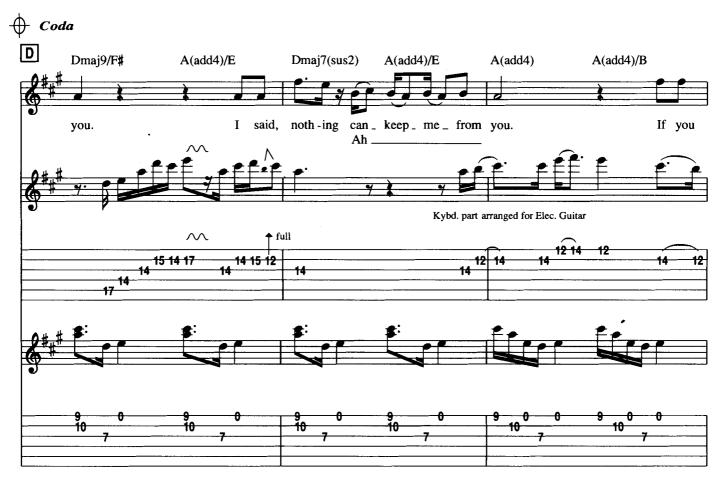






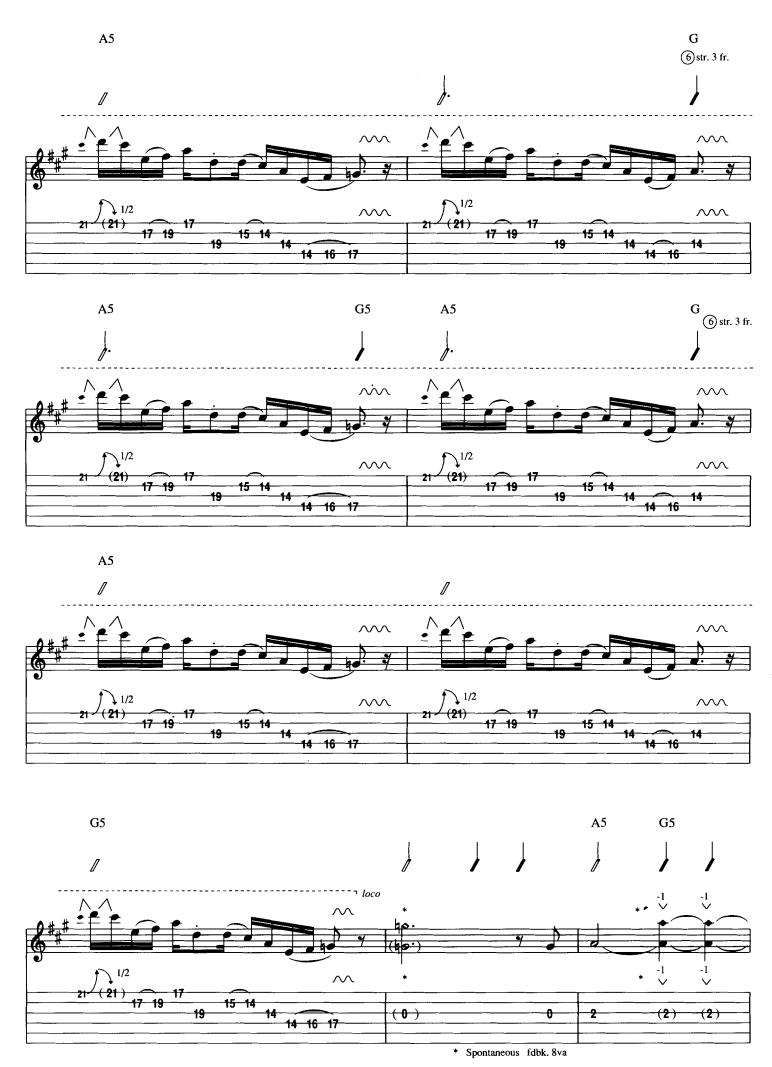






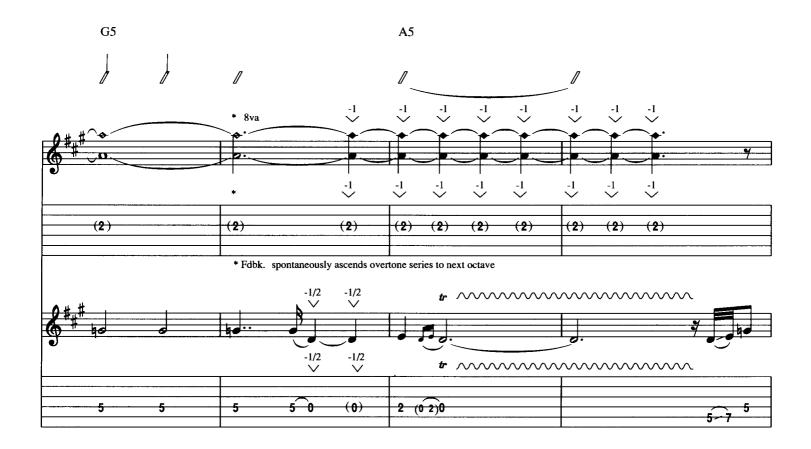


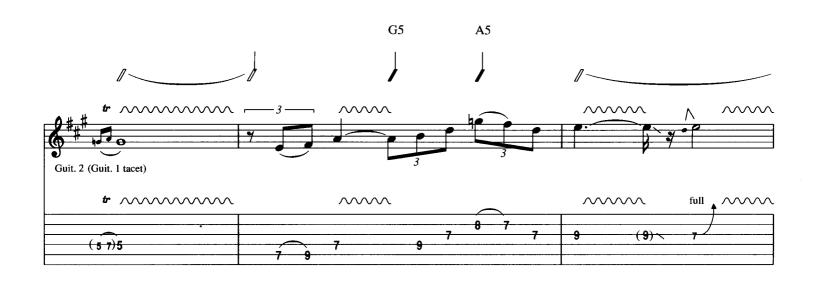


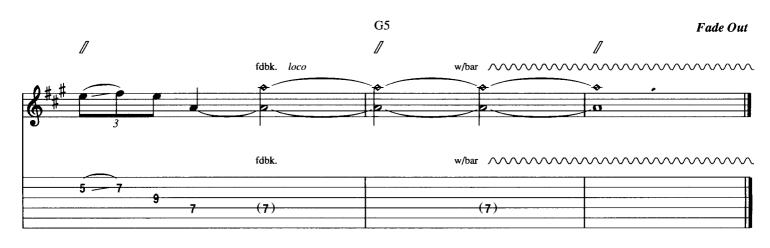












## **Cliffs Of Dover**



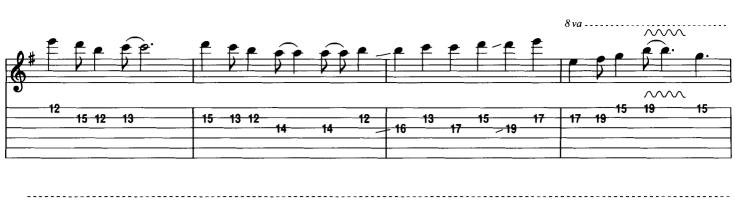






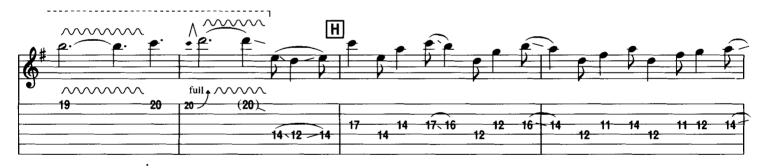




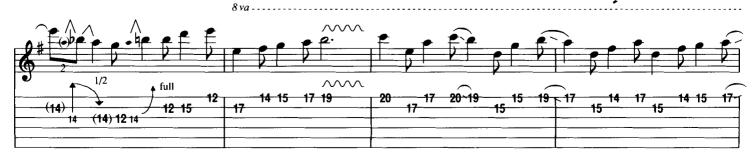










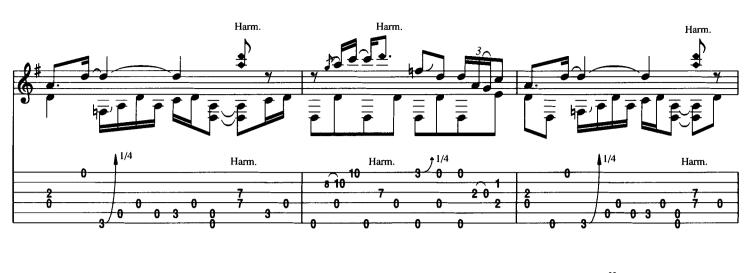


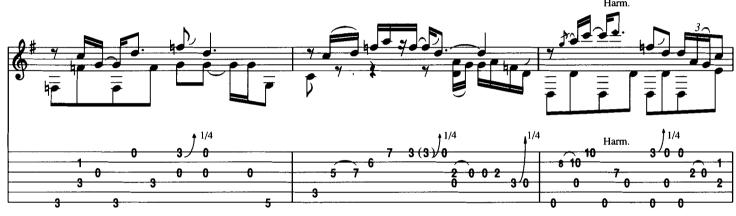


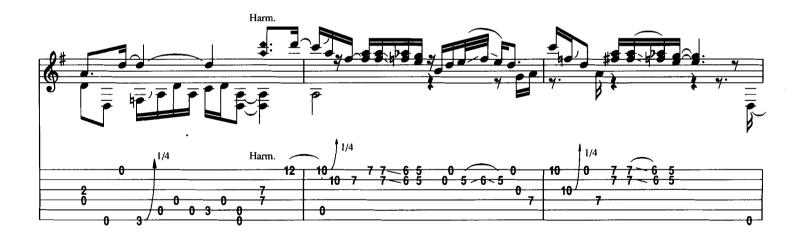


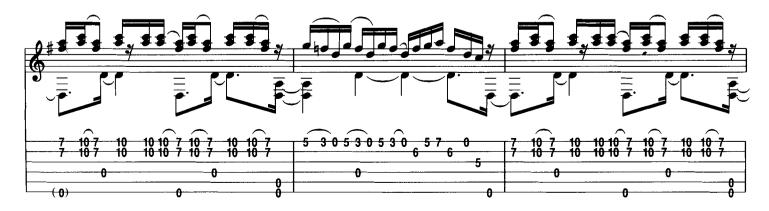
## **Song For George**





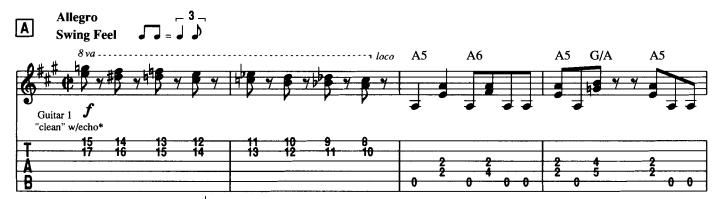








## Steve's Boogie



\*Echoplex set for long delay: repeat = J NOTE: to attain the snappy country feel and tone use hybrid picking (i.e. pick w/fingers) and a Fender Telecaster

