

# The State of Massachusetts

Dropkick Murphys  
The Meanest of Times

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Music by Dropkick Murphys

Standard tuning

Moderate ♩ = 152

## Intro

E-Gt

T  
A  
B

T  
A  
B

*f*

T  
A  
B

T  
A  
B

T  
A  
B

20 Verse 1

TAB 5 5 0 7 7 0 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7

28

TAB 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7

31

TAB 7 7 0 3 3 0 | 5 5 0 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 7 7 7

34 Chorus

TAB 7 7 7 7 7 7 | 7 7 7 5 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 3

37

TAB 3 3 0 3 3 0 | 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 7 7 7 5 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 3

40

TAB

43

TAB

Interlude

46

TAB

49

TAB

Verse 2

52

TAB

57

TAB: 5 3, 7 5, 7 5, 3 1, 5 3, 7 5, 7 5, 7 5, 7 5, 7 5, 7 5, 7 5, 7 5

63

TAB: 7 5, 7 5, 0 3, 3 0, 5 5, 5 0, 7 5, 7 0, 7 5, 7 0, 3 3, 0 0

Interlude

66

TAB: 5 5, 5 0, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3

69

TAB: 5 5, 5 5, 5 5, 5 5, 5 5, 5 5, 5 5, 5 5, 5 5, 5 5, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3

72

TAB: 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 5 5, 5 5, 5 5, 5 5, 5 5, 5 5

Chorus

75

TAB 7 7 7 5 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 0 3 3 0

B 5 5 5 3 | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 1 1 0 1 1 0

78

TAB 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 7 7 7 5 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

B 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 5 5 5 3 | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

81

TAB 3 3 0 3 3 0 | 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 7 7 7 5 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

B 1 1 0 1 1 0 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 5 5 5 3 | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

84

TAB 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 0 3 3 0 | 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

B 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 1 1 0 1 1 0 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

Interlude

87

TAB 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

B 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

90

T  
A  
B

93

Post-Chorus

T  
A  
B

96

Breakdown

T  
A  
B

100

**Buildup**

T  
A  
B

110

T  
A  
B

118

T  
A  
B

X X X X X X  
X X X X X X  
X X X X X X  
X X X X X X

7 7 7 7 7  
5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3  
1 1 1 1 1

5 5 5 5 5 7 7 7 7 7  
3 3 3 3 3 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3  
1 1 1 1 1

121

T  
A  
B

7 7 7 7 7  
5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3  
1 1 1 1 1

5 5 5 5 5 7 7 7 7 7  
3 3 3 3 3 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3  
1 1 1 1 1

124

T  
A  
B

5 5 5 5 5 7 7 7 7 7  
3 3 3 3 3 5 5 5 5 5 7 7 7 7 7  
1 1 1 1 1

7 7 7 7 7  
5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3  
1 1 1 1 1

5 5 5 5 5 7 7 7 7 7  
3 3 3 3 3 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3  
1 1 1 1 1

**Chorus**

127

T  
A  
B

7  
7  
5

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3  
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3  
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

130

T  
A  
B

5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5  
3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 7 7 7 5  
5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3  
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

133

TAB 3 3 3 0 3 3 | 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 7 7 7 5

B 1 1 0 3 3 0 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 5 5 5 5

This system shows measure 133. The guitar staff contains a sequence of chords and triplets. The TAB staff provides the corresponding fret numbers for each string across three lines.

136

TAB 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 0 3 3 | 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 5 5 5 5

B 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 1 1 0 3 3 0 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 3

This system shows measure 136. The guitar staff contains a sequence of chords and triplets. The TAB staff provides the corresponding fret numbers for each string across three lines.

Outro

139

TAB 7 7 0 3 3 | 5 5 7 7 | 7 7 0 3 3 | 7 7 0 3 3

B 5 5 0 1 1 0 | 3 3 0 5 5 0 | 5 5 0 1 1 0 | 1 1 0 3 3 0

This system shows measure 139, which is the start of the 'Outro' section. The guitar staff contains a sequence of chords and triplets. The TAB staff provides the corresponding fret numbers for each string across three lines.

142

TAB 5 5 7 7 | 7 | (7) | (7) | (7) 0 X X X 7 (7)

B 3 3 0 5 5 0 | 5 | (5) | (5) | (5) 0 X X X 5 (5)

This system shows measure 142. The guitar staff contains a sequence of chords and triplets, ending with a final chord marked with an 'X' on the 7th fret. The TAB staff provides the corresponding fret numbers for each string across three lines.