

# Surface Tension

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The Steve Howe Album (1979)

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Standard tuning

♩ = 112

The musical score is divided into three systems, each with a treble clef staff and a guitar tablature staff. The first system is in 4/4 time, featuring a C#m chord and an Em chord. The second system is in 4/4 time, featuring Bm, Dm, and Am chords. The third system is in 2/4 time, featuring Cm/G, G, and D chords. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings (mf, f). The tablature provides fret numbers for each string (T, A, B) and includes bar lines to indicate measure boundaries.

C G/B Am

9

T  
A  
B

G/B Am G D7/F# G D

12

T  
A  
B

C G/B

15

T  
A  
B

Am G/B Am G Am G6/B Am G D/F#

17

T  
A  
B

Em A G/B D7/F# G

20

*mf* *f* *mf*

TAB

Cmaj7/G

24

*f* *mf* *f*

TAB

Am

27

*mf*

TAB

G/B Am G Am G6/B Am G6 G6/B Am G6add9/F#

29

*f* *mf* *f*

TAB

A Em A

33

*mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf*

TAB

2 3 2 3 2 4 2 | 7 8 9 9 | 9 10 9 10 9 12 9

2 2 2 0

0 0 0

D13 Dm

36

*f*

TAB

10 8 0 0 8 7 9 7 | 14 12 10 14 12 | 13 12 10 9 10 9 10 10

10 10 | 0 0

0 0

D13 Dm A

39

*mf* *f* *mf*

TAB

(10) 9 9 9 | 14 12 10 14 12 | 1 0 3 2 3 2 2 | 2 2 2 0

0 0 0

0 0 0

Dm

♩ = 86

43

*f* *mf* *f*

TAB

1 0 3 2 3 2 2 | 2 2 2 2 | 5 7 9 9 9 9 7 10 7 9 7 10 9 7

3 2 2 2 | 0 0 0

0 0 0



$\text{♩} = 112$

Bm B $\flat$  Am Gm F Dm C

TAB

F/A D/A B $\flat$  C Dm Em G Am G6

TAB

D G C G

TAB

D G6 Am G6

TAB

D G C G

TAB

C6 Cm G6 Am G6

69 70 71

*f* *mf*

TAB

12 10 13 12 10 | 11 10 8 | 7 0 0 0 | 0 1 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 2 0

10 12 10 | 8 8 10 | 0 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 2 0

3 3 3

D G C G

72 73 74 75 76

TAB

1 0 3 0 2 0 3 0 1 0 2 0 | 7 8 10 10 12 | 0 0 0 0 12 12 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 9 10 12

D6 Dm Am

77 78 79

TAB

14 12 10 14 12 | 13 12 10 | 12 10 8 7 5

12 11 0 | 10 10 0 | 10 9 10 0

G6 Am G6 D/F# G D

80 81 82 83 84

TAB

11 10 8 | 0 0 0 3 | 3 3 5 7 10 8 7 14 15 14 | 14

8 7 5 | 0 1 0 2 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0

2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 | 3 3 3 3

81 Cmaj7/G G/B Am

TAB

T	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	3	0	3	0	7	10	8	7	7	8	7	10	1	2	1	3	0
A	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
B	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

84 G/B Am G G6/B Am G6 G6/B Am G6add9/F#

TAB

T	3	0	1	2	0	0	12	13	15	12	0	0	0	12	13	15	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0

87 G

TAB

T	0	0	3
A	0	0	0
B	3	2	0