

Rocket Man

(...And I Think It's Gonna Be a Long Long Time)

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Honky Chateau

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Standard tuning

♩ = 69

She packed by bag last night, preflight

Intro

S-Gt

The Intro consists of two measures in 4/4 time. The first measure starts with a pickup note on the 1st string, followed by a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second measure continues with G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a quarter rest. The dynamic marking *f* is placed below the first measure. The guitar tab below shows the fretting: 0-3-0-3-0-3 for the first measure and 0-3-5 for the second measure.

TAB

Zero hour, nine a.m. And I'm gonna be high

This section covers measures 3 and 4. Measure 3 starts with a pickup note on the 1st string, followed by eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Measure 4 continues with G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a quarter rest. The guitar tab shows fretting: 3-0-3-0-3-5 for measure 3 and (5)-7 for measure 4. Measure 5 starts with a pickup note on the 1st string, followed by eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Measure 6 continues with G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a quarter rest. The guitar tab shows fretting: 0-0-3-3-3-6 for measure 5 and 6 for measure 6.

TAB

As a kite by then

On vocals and piano, Mr. JBTaylorSr.

This section covers measures 7 and 8. Measure 7 starts with a pickup note on the 1st string, followed by eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Measure 8 continues with G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a quarter rest. The guitar tab shows fretting: (6)-7-5-3 for measure 7 and 1-0-3-0-3 for measure 8. A curved arrow labeled 1½ points from the 0 in measure 8 to the 3 in measure 9.

TAB

I miss the earth so much I miss my wife

This section covers measures 9 and 10. Measure 9 starts with a pickup note on the 1st string, followed by eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Measure 10 continues with G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a quarter rest. The guitar tab shows fretting: 0-3-0-3-0-3 for measure 9 and 3-1-1-3 for measure 10.

TAB

It's lonely out in space

Musical notation for the first system, measures 11-12. The treble clef staff shows a melodic line starting with a quarter rest, followed by eighth notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a quarter rest. The guitar tab below shows the corresponding fretting: 0, 3, 0, 3, 1, 1, and a bar line with (1) indicating a repeat.

On such a timeless flight

Musical notation for the second system, measures 13-14. The treble clef staff shows a melodic line starting with an eighth rest, followed by eighth notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a quarter rest. The guitar tab below shows the corresponding fretting: 0, 3, 3, 1, 6, (6), 7, 5, 3, 3, 1, 1, 3.

And I think it's gonna be a long, long, time

Chorus

Musical notation for the third system, measures 15-16. The treble clef staff shows a melodic line starting with a quarter rest, followed by eighth notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a quarter rest. The guitar tab below shows the corresponding fretting: 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 3, 1, 3, 3.

'Til touchdown brings me 'round again to find

I'm not the man they think I am at home

Musical notation for the fourth system, measures 17-18. The treble clef staff shows a melodic line starting with an eighth rest, followed by eighth notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a quarter rest. The guitar tab below shows the corresponding fretting: 0, 3, 1, 4, 3, 3, 3, 1, 7, 3, 0, 3, 3, 1, 4, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 3.

Ah, no no no...

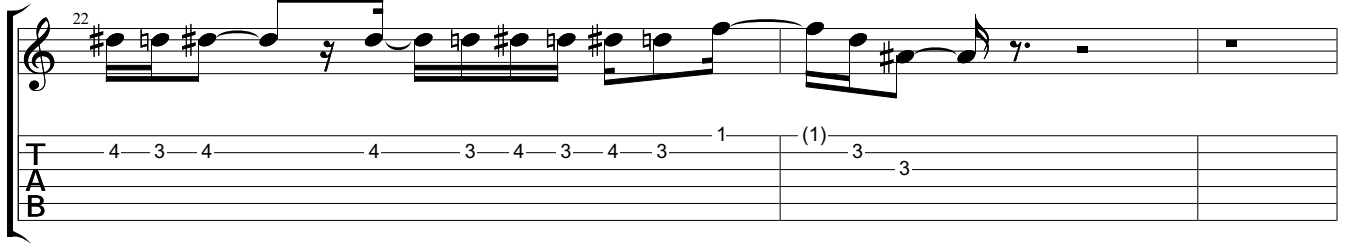
I'm a rocket man

Musical notation for the fifth system, measures 19-20. The treble clef staff shows a melodic line starting with a quarter rest, followed by eighth notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a quarter rest. The guitar tab below shows the corresponding fretting: 6, 5, 3, 1, 3, 3, 0, 3, 1, 5.

Rocket man Burnin' out his fuse Up here alone

On lead guitar and harmony, Mr. 6stringer.

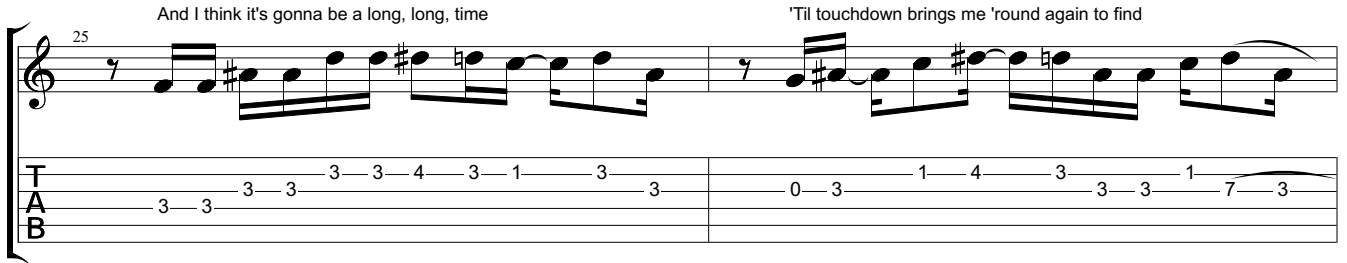
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T
A
B

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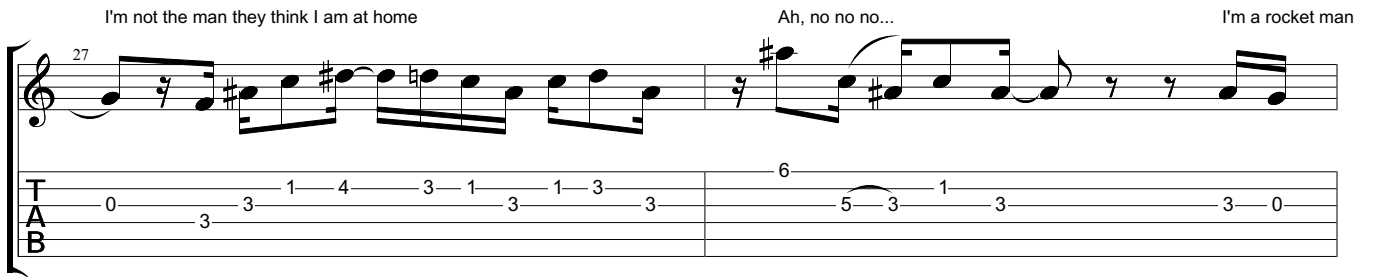
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T
A
B

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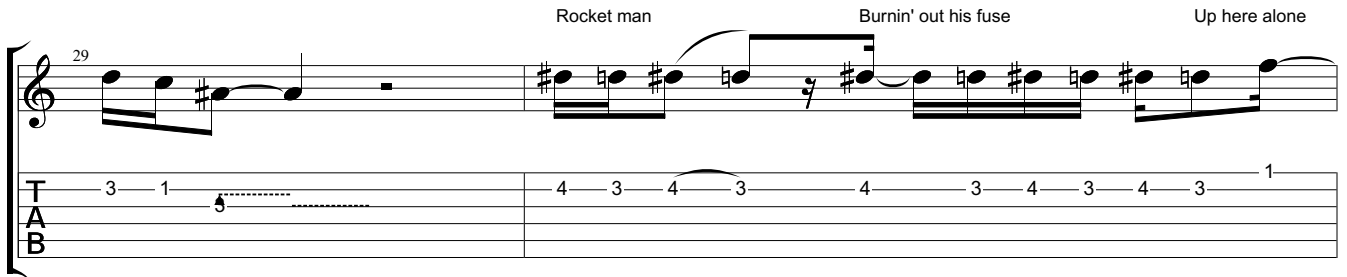
I'm not the man they think I am at home Ah, no no no... I'm a rocket man



T
A
B

29

Rocket man Burnin' out his fuse Up here alone




T
A
B

34

Mars ain't the kind of place To

Verse



T
A
B

And I think it's gonna be a long, long, time

Chorus

48

T
A
B

3 3 3 3 4 3 1 3 3

'Til touchdown brings me 'round again to find

I'm not the man they think I am at home

50

T
A
B

0 3 1 4 3 3 3 1 3 3 0 3 3 1 4 3 1 3 1 3 3

Ah, no no no...

I'm a rocket man

52

T
A
B

6 5 3 1 3 3 0 3 1 5

Rocket man

Burnin' out his fuse

Up

here alone

And on drums, Mr. Lazy Guitar.

54

T
A
B

4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 1 (1) 3 3 1

And I think it's gonna be a long, long, time

'Til touchdown brings me 'round again to find

57

T
A
B

3 3 3 3 3 3 4 3 1 3 3 0 3 1 4 3 3 3 1 3 3

I'm not the man they think I am at home

Ah, no no no...

I'm a rocket man

59

T
A
B

0 3 3 1 4 3 1 3 1 3 3 6 5 3 1 3 3 3 0

Rocket man Burnin' out his fuse Up

61

T
A
B

here alone And I think it's gonna be a long, long, time

62

T
A
B

And I think it's gonna be a long, long, time

66

T
A
B

And I think it's gonna be a long, long, time

68

T
A
B

And I think it's gonna be a long, long, time

70

T
A
B

And I think it's gonna be a long, long, time

72

T
A
B

74 And I think it's gonna be a long, long, time

T
A
B

0 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 6 (6) 3 3 3

76 And I think it's gonna be a long, long, time

T
A
B

0 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 6 (6) 3 3 3

78 And I think it's gonna be a long, long, time

T
A
B

0 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 6 (6) 3 3