

# Vortex

Megadeth  
Cryptic Writings

Standard tuning

♩ = 180

E-Gt

Measures 1-2 of the guitar part. Measure 1 starts with a first finger barre (1) and a forte (f) dynamic. The melody consists of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Measure 2 features a triplet of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, followed by C5, B4, A4, G4. The guitar tab below shows the fretting: 2-2-4-2-2-3-2-2 for measure 1, and 2-3-2-5-2-5-4-2-0 for measure 2.

Measures 3-4 of the guitar part. Measure 3 continues the melody from measure 2. Measure 4 features four triplet eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The guitar tab shows: 2-2-4-2-2-3-2-2 for measure 3, and 3-2-0-4-2-0-3-2-0-4-2-0 for measure 4.

Measures 5-7 of the guitar part. Measure 5 continues the melody. Measure 6 features a triplet eighth note: G4, A4, B4, followed by C5, B4, A4, G4. Measure 7 continues the melody. The guitar tab shows: 2-2-4-2-2-3-2-2 for measure 5, 2-3-2-5-2-5-4-2-0 for measure 6, and 2-0-1-2-3-5-4-2 for measure 7.

Measures 8-10 of the guitar part. Measure 8 continues the melody. Measure 9 features a triplet eighth note: G4, A4, B4, followed by C5, B4, A4, G4. Measure 10 continues the melody. The guitar tab shows: 5-2-3-4-5-2-5-4 for measure 8, 2-2-4-2-2-3-2-2 for measure 9, and 2-3-2-5-2-5-4-2-0 for measure 10.

Measures 11-14 of the guitar part. Measure 11 continues the melody. Measure 12 features a triplet eighth note: G4, A4, B4, followed by C5, B4, A4, G4. Measure 13 continues the melody. Measure 14 features a triplet eighth note: G4, A4, B4, followed by C5, B4, A4, G4. The guitar tab shows: 2-2-4-2-2-3-2-2 for measure 11, 3-2-0-4-2-0-3-2-0-4-2-0 for measure 12, 2-2-4-2-2-3-2-2 for measure 13, and 3-2-0-4-2-0-3-2-0-4-2-0 for measure 14.

13

TAB

2 2 4 2 2 3 2 2 2 3 2 5 2 5 4 2 0 2 0 1 2 3 5 4 2

16

TAB

5 2 3 4 5 5 4 4 4 7 7 5 5 4 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 2

22

TAB

7 7 (7) 12 (12) 4 4 7 5 (5) 10 (10) 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 4 4 2 7 5 5 5 3

28

TAB

4 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 4 4 7 (7) 12 (12) 4 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 5 (5) 10 (10) 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1

**Chorus 1**

33

TAB

2 2 4 2 2 3 2 2 2 3 2 5 2 5 4 2 0 2 2 4 2 2 3 2 2

36

TAB

3 2 0 4 2 0 3 2 0 4 2 0 2 2 4 2 2 3 2 2

Verse 2

38 **TAB**  
 2 3 2 5 2 5 4 2 0 | 2 0 1 2 3 5 4 2 | 5 2 3 4 5 5 4 || 4 4 2

42 **TAB**  
 7 7 5 | 5 3 | 4 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 | 4 2 | 7 5 (7) (7) (5) | 12 12 (12) (12) (10) (10)

48 **TAB**  
 4 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 | 4 4 2 | 7 5 | 5 3 | 4 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 | 4 4 2

Chorus 2

54 **TAB**  
 7 7 5 | (7) (7) (5) | 12 12 (12) (12) (10) (10) | 4 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 | 2 2 4 2 2 3 2 2

58 **TAB**  
 2 3 2 5 2 5 4 2 0 | 2 2 4 2 2 3 2 2

60 **TAB**  
 3 2 0 4 2 0 | 3 2 0 4 2 0 | 2 2 4 2 2 3 2 2

62 3

T  
A  
B

**Riff**  
65

T  
A  
B

68

T  
A  
B

71

T  
A  
B

74

T  
A  
B

77

T  
A  
B

Riff 2

80

TAB 3 1 | 2 5 2 3 2 5 2 4 | 7 7 5 3 5 6 5 3 5

83

TAB 5 3 3 3 3 4 3 6 3 | 4 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 | 2 5 2 3 2 5 2 4

86

TAB 7 7 5 3 5 6 5 3 5 | 3 3 3 3 4 3 6 3

88

Solo

*mf* *f*

TAB 4 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 | 9 9 9 9 9 | (9) 9 9 9 9 9 7 9

91

full

TAB 7 9 7 9 7 9 7 | 9 5 7 (7) | 9 9 7 9 7

94

full

TAB (7) 9-7-9-7 9-0 7-5-9-7-5-7-5 7-5-7 (7) (7) (9) (7)

97

1/4

TAB 9 7 9-9-9 9-7 9 7-9 7-(7) 9 7 9 7/7 9 7/7 9 7/7 9 1/2 (9) 7 (9) 1/2

100

TAB 9-10-9-7-9-7 10 7 12-7-10-7-9-7 10 7 12-7-10-7-9-7 10 7

102

full

TAB 8-7 10-7 10-9 7 9 9 9 7 (7) 11 10-12-10-11-12 10-11-12-12

104

1 1/2

TAB 12 full 12 full 12 full 12 12-10 12 full (12) full 9 9 12 full 1 1/2

107

T  
A  
B

110

T  
A  
B

113

T  
A  
B

115

T  
A  
B

118

T  
A  
B

117

full full full full full full full full full

TAB

17 20 17 20 19 22 22 22 22 22 (22) 19 22-19 22-19 22-19 22-19 22-19 22-19 full (22)-(22) 22-19

119

full

TAB

18 24 19 23 22 19 21 22 19 21 21 (21) 19 21 19 21 19 19

120

Outro  
Riff 3

full

TAB

(19) 22 21 22 19 20 19 20 21 22 20 22 19 19 22 22 (22) (22) (22)

122

TAB

(22) (22) (22) (22)

6 6 5 5 3 3 5 4 4 2 4 2 4

4 4 6 3 5 5 3 3 5 4 4 2 4 2 4



124

TAB (22) (22) (22)

1 3 3 1 1 3 0 2 2 0 2 0 0 5 7 5

127

TAB (22) (22)

5 7 7 5 7 5 7 6 4 6 4 6 3 5 5 3

129

TAB (22) (22)

3 5 4 4 4 2 2 4 1 3 3 1 1 3 0 2

131

TAB (22) (22) (22) (22)

2 0 2 2 0 2 0 5 7 5 5 5 7 5 7 7 5 7 6

Musical notation for measures 134-135. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 4, 6, 4, 6, 3, 5, 5, 3, 3, 5, 4, 4, 4, 2, 2, 4.

Musical notation for measures 136-138. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 1, 3, 3, 1, 1, 3, 0, 2, 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 5, 7, 5.

Musical notation for measures 139-144. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 16, 16, 14, 14, 13, 13, 13, 12, 14, 13. Includes dynamic markings: full, 1/2.

Musical notation for measures 145-149. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 21, 21, 19, 19, 18, 17, 17, 13, 15, 15, 13, 14. Includes dynamic markings: 1/2, full.

Musical notation for measures 150-151. The guitar tab below shows fret numbers: 5, 7, 5, 7.