

# Sad But True

**Metallica**  
Black Album (1991)

Words & Music by Metallica

Tune down 1 step

- ①=D      ④=C
- ②=A      ⑤=G
- ③=F      ⑥=D

♩ = 86

**Intro**

E-Gt

T	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	
A	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	
B	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7 6 5

T					2	2	2	2	3	3	2	
A	3-5-3-5-3-5-3-5-3-5-3-5-3-5-3-5-3-5				2	2	2	2	3	3	2	
B	X				0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7 6 5

T												
A	5		3		X-X-X-X-X		2		2		5-0-1-0-3-0	
B							0		0		0-5-0-1-0-3-0	

T												
A	2				2				2			
B	0				0				0			

13

TAB

2 0 2 0 2 0 5 0 5 5 | 2 0 2 0 2 0 5 0 1 0 3 0

15

TAB

2 0 2 0 2 0 5 0 1 0 3 0 | 2 0 2 0 2 0 5 0 1 0 3 0

17

TAB

2 0 2 0 2 0 5 0 5 5 | (5) (5) 5 0 5 5 full (5) (5) X X X X X

20

TAB

2 0 2 0 2 0 5 0 1 0 3 0 | 2 0 2 0 2 0 5 0 1 0 3 0

Hey I'm your life I'm the one who takes you there Hey I'm your life

1st Verse

22

TAB

2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 7 2 2 2 2 2 | 2 0 2 0 2 0 3 2 2 2 2 2 | 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 7 2 2 2 2 2

25 I'm the one who cares They they be - tray I'm your on - ly true friend now

TAB: 2-0 2-0 2-0 3-1 2-0 2-0 2-2 2-0 2-0 2-0 2-0 7-2 2-0 2-2 2-0 2-0 2-0 2-0 3-1 2-0 2-0 2-2 2-0

28 They they'll be - tray I'm for - ev - er there I'm your dream make you real **Chorus**

TAB: 2-0 2-0 2-2 2-2 7-5 2-0 2-0 2-2 2-0 2-0 2-0 2-0 3-1 2-0 2-0 2-2 0-0 3-3 0-3 3-2 3-3 0-3 2-2 0-0 0-0

31 I'm your eyes when you must steal I'm your pain when you can't fell Sad but true

TAB: 0-0 3-3 0-3 0-0 7-5 7-5 7-7 7-5 7-5 7-8 8-6 5-3 7-5 5-3 5-3 5-3 5-3 5-3 5-3 5-3 5-3 0-3 3-0 1-1 0-0

34 I'm your dream mind a-stray I'm your eyes when you're a way I'm your pain while you re - pay

TAB: 0-0 3-3 0-3 3-2 3-3 0-3 2-0 0-0 0-0 3-3 0-3 3-0 7-5 7-5 7-7 7-5 7-7 7-8 8-6 5-3 7-5 5-3 5-5 5-5 5-5 5-5

37 You know it's sad but true

TAB: 5-3 5-3 5-3 5-3 5-3 5-3 0-3 3-0 1-1 0-0 2-0 2-0 2-0 5-0 1-0 3-0

39 Sad but true

TAB 2 0 2 0 2 0 5 0 1 0 3 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 5 0 1 0 3 0

41

TAB 2 0 X 2 2 0 0 5 0 5 5 2 0 2 0 2 0 5 0 1 0 3 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 5 0 5 5

44 you're my mask You're my cov - er my shel - ter

**2nd Verse**

TAB (5) (5) X X X X X 2 0 2 0 2 0 7 5 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 3 1 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 7 5 2 0 2 0 2 0

47 You're my mask You're the one who's blamed Do do my work

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

50 Do my dirt - y work scape - goat Do do my deeds for you're the one who's shamed

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

I'm your dream make you real I'm your eyes when you must steal I'm your pain when you can't

**Chorus**

53

Musical notation for measures 53-55. The treble clef staff shows a series of chords and eighth notes. The guitar TAB below shows fret numbers: 0-0, 3-3-0-3-2, 0-0-0, 0-0, 3-3-0, 0-7-7-7-7, 7-7-8-8-5-7-5-5-5-5.

fell Sad but true I'm your dream mind a-stray I'm your eyes when you're a

56

Musical notation for measures 56-58. The treble clef staff includes a triplet of eighth notes in measure 56. The guitar TAB shows fret numbers: 5-5-3-3, 5-5-5-5-3-3, 0-3-3-0, 0-0, 3-3-0-3-2, 0-0-0, 0-0, 3-3-0, 0-7-7-7-7.

way I'm your pain while you re - pay' You know it's sad but true

59

Musical notation for measures 59-60. The treble clef staff includes a triplet of eighth notes in measure 60. The guitar TAB shows fret numbers: 7-7-8-8-5-7-5-5-5-5, 5-5-3-3-3-3, 5-5-3-3-3-3, 0-3-3-0.

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61

Musical notation for measures 61-62. The treble clef staff shows chords with slurs. The guitar TAB shows fret numbers: 2-0, 2-0-2-0, 5-0-1-0, 3-0, 2-0, 2-0-2-0, 5-0-1-0, 3-0.

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**Interlude**

63

Musical notation for measures 63-65. The treble clef staff shows chords with slurs. The guitar TAB shows fret numbers: 2-0, 2-0-2-0, 0-3, 0-1-0-3, 2-0, 2-0-2-0, 3-1-3-1, 2-0, 2-0-2-0.

67

T  
A  
B 3 1 | 7 6 5 | 2 0 | 7 6 5 | 3 1 | 2 3 5 3 5 3

70

T  
A  
B 2 0 | 2 3 5 3 5 2 | 3 | X | X | X | X | X

**Guitar Solo I**

73

T  
A  
B 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 5 0 | 1 0 | 3 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 5 0 | 1 0 | 3 0

75

T  
A  
B 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 5 0 | 1 0 | 3 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 5 0 | 0 0 | 3 5

77

T  
A  
B 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 5 0 | 1 0 | 3 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 0 3 | 0 1 0 3

79

T  
A  
B 7 5 | 7 5 | 8 6 | 8 6 | 5 3 | 8 6 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 8 6 | 8 6 | 5 3 | 8 6 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 8 6 | 8 6 | 5 3 | 8 6 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 7 5

82 I'm your dream I'm your eyes

TAB

7-7-8-8-5-8 7-7-7-7 0-0 3-3-0-3 2 0-0-0 0-0 3-3-0 0 7-7-7-7

5-5-6-6-3-6 5-5-5-5 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0 3-3-0 0 5-5-5-5

85 I'm your pain I'm your dream

TAB

7-7-8-8-5-7 5-5-5-5 5-5-5-5 0 3 3 0-0 3-3-0-3 2 0-0-0

5-5-6-6-3-5 3-3-3-3 3-3-3-3 0 1-1-0 0-0 3-3-0 3-2 0-0-0

88 I'm your eyes I'm your pain You know it's sad but true

TAB

0-0 3-3-0 0 7-7-7-7 7-7-8-8-5-7 5-5-5-5 5-5-5-5 0 3-3-0

0-0 3-3-0 0 5-5-5-5 5-5-6-6-3-5 3-3-3-3 3-3-3-3 0 1-1-0

**Guitar solo II**

91

TAB

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

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

93

TAB

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

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

95

TAB 2 0 2 0 2 0 5 0 5 5 (5) (5) 5 0 5 5 X X X X X

Hate I'm your hate I'm your hate when you want love

**3rd Verse**

98

TAB X X X X X 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 5 2 0 2 2 0 2 2 2 0 2 0 3 2 0 2 2 0 0

Pay pay the price Pay for noth - ing's fair Hey I'm your life

101

TAB 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 5 2 0 2 2 0 2 2 2 0 2 0 3 1 2 0 3 1 2 0 3 1 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0

I'm the one who took you there Hey I'm your life And I no long - er care

104

TAB 2 0 2 0 2 0 3 1 2 0 2 2 2 0 2 2 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0

I'm your dream make you real I'm your eyes when you must steal I'm your pain when you can't

**Chorus**

107

TAB 0 0 3 3 0 3 2 0 0 0 3 3 0 0 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 8 8 5 7 5 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3



feel Sad but true I'm your truth tell - ing lies I'm your rea - son al - i

TAB 5 5 5 5 5 5 0 3 3 0 0 0 3 3 0 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 0 0 7 7 7 7

bis I'm in - side o - pen your eyes I'm you

TAB 7 7 8 8 5 7 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 0 3 3 0

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TAB 2 2 2 5 0 1 0 3 0 2 2 2 5 0 1 0 3 0

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TAB 2 2 2 5 0 1 0 3 0 2 2 2 5 0 5 5 (5)

120

TAB (5) X - X - X - X - X 2 0