

The Shortest Straw

...And Justice For All

Words & Music by Metallica

Standard tuning

♩ = 126

E-Gt

Measures 1-4: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measure 1 starts with a first fret barre (indicated by '1') and a forte dynamic 'f'. The guitar part consists of power chords: E2-A2-D2 (open), E2-A2-D2 (open), E2-A2-D2 (open), E2-A2-D2 (open), E2-A2-D2 (open), E2-A2-D2 (open), E2-A2-D2 (open), E2-A2-D2 (open). Measure 2 has a quarter rest followed by a quarter note E2. Measure 3 has a quarter note E2, quarter note A2, quarter note D2, quarter note E2. Measure 4 has a quarter rest followed by a quarter note E2.

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

Measures 5-8: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measure 5 has a first fret barre (indicated by '5') and a quarter note E2. Measure 6 has a quarter note E2, quarter note A2, quarter note D2, quarter note E2. Measure 7 has a quarter note E2, quarter note A2, quarter note D2, quarter note E2. Measure 8 has a quarter rest followed by a quarter note E2.

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

Measures 9-11: Treble clef, 7/8 time. Measure 9 has a first fret barre (indicated by '9') and a quarter note E2. Measure 10 has a quarter note E2, quarter note A2, quarter note D2, quarter note E2. Measure 11 has a quarter note E2, quarter note A2, quarter note D2, quarter note E2.

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

Measures 12-14: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measure 12 has a first fret barre (indicated by '12') and a quarter note E2. Measure 13 has a quarter note E2, quarter note A2, quarter note D2, quarter note E2. Measure 14 has a quarter note E2, quarter note A2, quarter note D2, quarter note E2.

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|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|---|---|
| (3) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | (5) | 3 | 2 |
| (3) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | (5) | 3 | 2 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (3) | 1 | 0 |

Measures 15-17: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measure 15 has a first fret barre (indicated by '15') and a quarter note E2. Measure 16 has a quarter note E2, quarter note A2, quarter note D2, quarter note E2. Measure 17 has a quarter note E2, quarter note A2, quarter note D2, quarter note E2.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | (3) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | (1) | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |

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TAB

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

22

TAB

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

25

TAB

(3) 3 2 2 3 2 5 5 5 4 4 3
(3) 3 2 2 3 2 5 5 5 4 4 3
1 1 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 3 2 2 1

28

TAB

2 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 2 3 8 7 8 7
2 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 2 3 7 8 7 7
0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 7 8 7 7

31

TAB

2 3 2 4 2 7 8 7 8 7
2 3 2 4 2 7 8 7 8 7
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 7 8 7 8 7

33

TAB

0 0 0 0 0 0 | 2 3 2 4 | 2 8 7 8 7

35

TAB

0 0 0 0 0 0 | 2 3 2 4 | 2 8 7 8 7

37

TAB

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

40

TAB

2 0 | 0 2 3 2 3 2 0

41

TAB

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

44

T
A
B

0-0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0-1 0-0-0-0-0-0-5-4-3 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0-1

47

T
A
B

0-0-0-0-0-0-0-5-0-3 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0-1 0-0-0-0-0-5-4-3

50

T
A
B

2-2-2-2-2-2-2-5-2-3 2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-0-2 2-2-2-2-2-2-2-5-2-3

53

T
A
B

2-2-2-2-7-6-5 2-2-2-2-2-2-2-5-2-3 2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-0-2

56

T
A
B

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

59

TAB

0 0 0 0 0 0 | 2 3 2 4 | 2 7 8 7 8 7

61

TAB

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

63

TAB

9 9 9 10 | 4 5 5 2 3 2 0 2 3 2 0 | 2 2 9 10

9 9 9 10 | 4 5 5 2 3 2 0 2 3 2 0 | 2 2 9 10

7 7 7 8 | 2 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 7 8

66

TAB

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

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

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

69

TAB

(3) 3 2 | 2 3 2 2 3 5 | (5) 3 2

(3) 3 2 | 2 3 2 2 3 5 | (3) 3 2

1 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 | (3) 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

72

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2 3 2 2 5 3 | (3) 3 2 | 2 3 2 5 5 5 | 4 3

2 3 2 2 5 3 | (3) 3 2 | 2 3 2 5 5 5 | 4 3

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

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TAB

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|---|---|
| 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | (3) | 3 | 2 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | (1) | 1 | 0 |

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TAB

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | (5) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | (3) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |

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TAB

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (3) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| (1) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

85

TAB

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

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TAB

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

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

92

TAB
5 5 5 5 4 4 4 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 5 0 3

95

TAB
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 5 4 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 0 1

98

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

101

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

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

107

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2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 5 5 2 2 2 2 7 6 5 2 2 7 8 7 8 7

110

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0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 2 4 2 2 7 8 7 8 7

112

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

114

TAB
9 9 9 10 4 5 5 2 3 2 0 2 3 2 0 2 2 9 10 9 10 7 8

117

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

120

T
A
B

(3)
(3)
(1)

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

123

T
A
B

2 3 2 2 5 3 (3) 3 2 2 3 2 5 5 5 4 3
0 1 0 0 3 1 (1) 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 3 3 2 4 3
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1

127

T
A
B

2 3 2 2 5 3 (3) 3 2 2 3 2 5 5 5 4 3
0 1 0 0 3 1 (1) 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 3 3 2 4 3
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1

130

T
A
B

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

133

T
A
B

(3)
(3)
(1)

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

136

T
A
B

2 3 2 2 3 2 2 3 2 2 3 5 5 5 4 3
0 7 8 7 8 7 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 4 3
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1

3 3

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TAB

2 2 8 7 8 7 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 5 2 5 2 3 4

0 7 8 7 8 7 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 3 0 1 2

143

TAB

5 5 4 3 2 3 4 5 5 4 3

3 3 2 1 0 1 2 3 3 2 1

149

TAB

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 5 5 0 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 0 3

152

TAB

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

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

155

TAB

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

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

158

TAB

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

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

162

T
A
B

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

167

T
A
B

6 7 2 6 5 4 5 6 7 2 6 5
4 5 0 4 3 2 3 4 5 0 4 3

173

T
A
B

5 4 3 2 3 2 2 3 2 2 5 3 (3) 3 2
5 4 3 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 (3) 3 2
3 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 1 1 0 0 0 0 0

177

T
A
B

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

180

T
A
B

(3) 3 2 2 3 2 2 5 5 5 4 3
(3) 3 2 2 3 2 2 5 5 5 4 3
1 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 2 2 1

183

T
A
B

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

186

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

189

TAB
(3) 3 2
(3) 3 2
1 0 0 0 0 0 0
2 3 2 5 5 5
0 1 0 3 3 3
4 3
4 3
2
(3) 3 2 1 0 0 0 0

193

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

196

TAB
5 4 3
3 3
3 3
5 5
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 3

199

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

202

TAB
2 2
2 2
5 5
7 6 5
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 2
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 2 3
2 2 2 2 5 4 3

205

TAB
2-2-2-2-2-2-2-3-2-3 | 2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-0 | 2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-0 | 2-2-2-2-2-2-2-3-2-3

208

TAB
2-2-2-2-2-7-5 | 6-4 | 5-3 | 2-0 | 7-8-7-8-7

210

TAB
0-0-0-0-0-0-2-0 | 2-3-2-4 | 2-4 | 2-0 | 7-8-7-8-7

212

TAB
0-0-0-0-0-0-2-0 | 2-3-2-4 | 4-4-4-4 | 2-3-2-0 | 2-3-2-0

214

TAB
9-9-9-10 | 9-10 | 7-8 | 4-4-2 | 5-5-3 | 2-3-2-0 | 2-3-2-0 | 7-7-5 | 2-0 | 9-10 | 9-10 | 7-8

