

Once

Van Halen
Van Halen III

Words & Music by Van Halen

Standard tuning

♩ = 106

S-Gt

Measures 1-5 of the guitar part. Measure 1 starts with a power chord (5-6-7-0). Measures 2-5 feature a melodic line with triplets and a bass line with triplets. Dynamics include *fff*, *f*, and *fff*.

T	5	10	8	10	6	5	5
A	6	9			7	6	6
B	7	10			7	7	7
	0	8			6	0	0
						3	3

Measures 6-10 of the guitar part. Measure 6 continues the melodic line. Measures 7-10 feature a melodic line with triplets and a bass line with triplets. Dynamics include *f*, *fff*, *f*, *fff*, and *f*.

T	10	8	10	6	5	10	8	10
A	9			7	7	9		
B	10			7	7	10		
	8			0	0	0		
				6		3	1	3

Measures 11-16 of the guitar part. Measure 11 continues the melodic line. Measures 12-16 feature a melodic line with triplets and a bass line with triplets. Dynamics include *f*, *fff*, *f*, *fff*, and *f*.

T	6	5	10	8	10	6	5
A	7	7	9			7	7
B	7	7	10			7	7
	6	0	0			0	
		3	1	3			

Verse I

Measures 17-21 of the guitar part. Measure 17 starts with a power chord (5-6-7-0). Measures 18-21 feature a melodic line with triplets and a bass line with triplets. Dynamics include *f*, *fff*, *f*, *fff*, *f*, *fff*, and *f*.

T	(5)	5	10	8	10	(3)	5	10	8	10
A	(7)	6	9			(3)	7	9		
B	(7)	7	10			(5)	7	10		
	(5)	0	8				0	0		

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f *fff* *f fff* *f fff* *f fff*

TAB: 3 3 5 5 10 8 10 3 (3) 5 5 (3) 7 7 0 3 3 5 8 3 (3) 5 5 0

31

f fff *f fff f fff* *f fff*

TAB: 10 8 10 3 (3) 5 5 10 8 10 3 (3) 5 5 0 8 3

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Pre-Chorus I

f fff f fff *f fff* *f fff* *f*

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

44

Verse II

fff f fff *f fff* *f fff* *f fff* *f fff f*

TAB: 2 3 5 4 5 7 5 10 8 10 3 (3) 5 (3) 7 (5) 7 0 2 8 3 (3) 5

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fff *f fff* *f fff f fff* *fff* *f fff*

TAB: 5 6 7 0 10 8 10 3 (3) 5 (3) 7 (5) 7 5 10 8 10 3 (3) 5 5 0 8 3

Pre-Chorus II

57 *f fff f fff f fff*

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

(3) 7 5 5 0 2 2 1 4 2 1

(5) 7 5 5 2 3 2 2 5 2 2

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

Chorus I

63 *f fff f fff*

let ring ----- |

TAB 1 1 2 2 3 5 4 4 5 7 8 8 10 10

0 2 0 2 4 5 5 2 10 8 10 10

2 3 0 2 2 4 4 2 10 10 10 8

0 1 0 0 0 2 2 8 8 8

67 *let ring* *let ring* *let ring* *let ring*

TAB 8 8 9 7 10 3 3 3 5 5 6 8 8 8 10 10

9 8 9 7 10 4 3 3 4 5 5 8 8 8 10 10

10 10 10 10 5 4 4 5 5 5 5 10 10 10 8

X 8 8 8 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 8 8 8

71 *f fff f fff*

TAB 8 8 9 7 5 3 3 3 3 3 5 5 6 8

9 8 9 7 5 4 3 3 4 4 5 5 8

10 10 10 10 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 8

X 8 8 8 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 8

Verse III

77 *f fff f fff f fff*

TAB 5 6 10 8 10 3 (3) 5 5

7 7 9 10 10 5 (3) 7 6

0 10 10 5 (5) 7 7

8 3 (3) 5 0

84

f fff f fff f fff f fff

T	10	8	10	3	(3)	5	5	10	8	10	3
A	9			3	(3)	7	6	9			3
B	10			5	(5)	7	7	10			5
	8			3	(3)	5	0	8			3

Pre-Chorus III

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f fff f fff f fff

T	(3)	5	5	5	1	1	0	0	3	0	0
A	(3)	7	5	5	0	2	1	1	4	1	1
B	(5)	7	5	5	2	3	2	2	5	2	2
	(3)	5	3	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	0

Chorus II

96

f fff f fff

let ring -----|

T	1	1	2	2	3	5	4	4	5	7	8	8	10	10	10
A	0	2	2	3	3		5	5	5		10	10	10		
B	0	3	0	2	3		4	4	2		10	10	10		
	0	1	0				2	2			8				

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let ring ----| let ring let ring -----| let ring -----|

T	8	8	3	3	3	3	5	5	6	8	8	8	10	10	10
A	9	9	4	4	4	4	5	5			10	10	10		
B	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	5			10	10	10		
X															
B	8										8				

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f fff f fff

T	8	8	3	3	3	3	(3)	5	6	8					
A	9	9	4	4	4	4	(4)	5							
B	10	10	5	5	5	5	(5)	5							
X															
B	8	8													

Guitar Solo

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TAB

120

TAB

128

TAB

133

TAB

14

TAB

Chorus III

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let ring ----- | let ring -- | let ring | let ring ----- | let ring ----- |

T	8	8	10	8	8	3	3	3	3	5	5	6	8	8	8	8
A	10	10	10	9	7	4	3	3	3	5	5	6	8	10	10	10
B	10	10	10	10	10	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	10	10	10
B	8			8		5			5	5				8		8

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f fff *f fff* let ring ----- |

T	8	8	9	7	5	3	3	3	3	(3)	5	5	6	8	8	8
A	9	9	9	7	5	4	3	3	3	(4)	5	5	6	8	10	10
B	10	10	10	7	5	5	5	5	5	(5)	5	5	5	6	10	10
B	X		10			5			5	5					8	8

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let ring ---- | let ring | let ring ----- | let ring ----- |

T	8	8	9	7	10	3	3	3	3	5	5	6	8	8	8	8
A	10	10	9	7	10	4	3	3	3	5	5	6	8	10	10	10
B	X		10		10	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	10	10	10
B	8					5			5	5				8		8

Outro

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f fff *f fff* let ring ----- | *f fff*

T	8	8	9	7	5	3	3	3	3	(3)	5	5	6	8		
A	9	9	9	7	5	4	3	3	3	(4)	5	5	6	8		
B	10	10	10	7	5	5	5	5	5	(5)	5	5	5	6		
B	X		10			5			5	5					1	3

165

let ring ----- | *f fff* | let ring | let ring ----- | *f fff* | let ring ----- | *f fff*

T		2	2	0	2	1	2			0	0	1	2	0	2	
A		2	2	0	2	1	2			0	0	1	2	0	2	
B		0	2	0	2	1	2			0	0	1	2	0	2	
B		0	2	0	2	1	2			0	0	1	2	0	2	

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let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring | let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring ----- *f fff* |

T	2	2	0	2	1	2		0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	2		3	0	3	3
A	0	2						3											1	3	3	3
B																						

173

let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring | let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring ----- *f fff* |

T	2	2	0	2	1	2		0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	2		3	0	3	3
A	0	2						3											1	3	3	3
B																						

177

let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring | let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring ----- *f fff* |

T	2	2	0	2	1	2		0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	2		3	0	3	3
A	0	2						3											1	3	3	3
B																						

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let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring | let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring ----- *f fff* |

T	2	2	0	2	1	2		0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	2		3	0	3	3
A	0	2						3											1	3	3	3
B																						

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let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring | let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring ----- *f fff* |

T	2	2	0	2	1	2		0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	2		3	0	3	3
A	0	2						3											1	3	3	3
B																						

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let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring | let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring ----- *f fff*

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

193

let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring | let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring ----- *f fff*

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

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let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring | let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring ----- *f fff*

begin fade out

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

201

let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring | let ring ----- *f fff* | let ring ----- *f fff*

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

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let ring ----- *f fff* |

TAB
0 2 2 0 2 1 2