

# The Root of All Evil

Dream Theater

Octavarium

Words & Music by Lyrics by Mike Portnoy

Tune down 1/2 step

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

♩ = 144

S-Gt

T  
A  
B

T  
A  
B

**Intro**

T  
A  
B

**Pre-Verse**

T  
A  
B

Verse 1

39

TAB

							0	2	2		2		2		2	
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46

TAB

	1	1	1		(1)	1	1		0	0	0	0		0	0		0		3		4		2
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51

TAB

								0	2	2	2		2	2		2		1	1	1
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55

TAB

	(1)	2	3		2		0		0	0	0		0	0		0	0		3		0		4
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Post-Verse

59

T  
A  
B (4) 4-2-4 1-2-2 0-0-1 2 4-2-4 1-2-2 0

63

T  
A  
B 4-2-4 1-2-2 0-0-1 2 4-2-4 1-2-2 0

Re-Intro

67

T  
A  
B 0-1-0 2-4 (4)

Verse 2

74

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

79

2 1/2

full

full

full

TAB

84

full

1/4

1/4

1/2

TAB

88

2 1/2

full

TAB

Post-Verse

92

1/2

1/2

1/2

1/2

1/2

TAB

96  $\sharp$

T  
A  
B

**Chorus**  
100

T  
A  
B

104

T  
A  
B

**Post Chorus**  
112

T  
A  
B

**Bridge**  
118  $\text{♩} = 125$

T  
A  
B

Verse

125

TAB

6 4 6 6

1 1/2

Detailed description: This system covers measures 125 and 126. Measure 125 consists of seven whole rests. Measure 126 contains a quarter note G#4, followed by quarter notes G4, F#4, and E4. The guitar tab for measure 126 shows fret numbers 6, 4, 6, and 6 on the strings from left to right. A curved arrow labeled '1 1/2' indicates a half-step bend on the final note (6).

133

TAB

2 4 2 4 2 4 2 6 4 6 6 (6)

Detailed description: This system covers measures 133 and 134. Measure 133 contains quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, and E5. Measure 134 contains quarter notes G#4, G4, F#4, and E4. The guitar tab for measure 133 shows fret numbers 2, 4, 2, 4, 2, 4, 2. The guitar tab for measure 134 shows fret numbers 6, 4, 6, 6, and a circled 6.

136

TAB

6 4 6 6 2 4 2 4 2 4 2

1 1/2

Detailed description: This system covers measures 136 and 137. Measure 136 contains quarter notes G#4, G4, F#4, and E4. Measure 137 contains quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, and E5. The guitar tab for measure 136 shows fret numbers 6, 4, 6, 6. The guitar tab for measure 137 shows fret numbers 2, 4, 2, 4, 2, 4, 2. A curved arrow labeled '1 1/2' indicates a half-step bend on the final note (6) of measure 136.

138

TAB

6 4 6 6 (6) 7 5 7 7

1 1/2

Detailed description: This system covers measures 138 and 139. Measure 138 contains quarter notes G#4, G4, F#4, and E4. Measure 139 contains quarter notes G#4, A4, B4, and C5. The guitar tab for measure 138 shows fret numbers 6, 4, 6, 6, and a circled 6. The guitar tab for measure 139 shows fret numbers 7, 5, 7, 7. A curved arrow labeled '1 1/2' indicates a half-step bend on the final note (7) of measure 138.

141

T  
A  
B

144

T  
A  
B

**B**

147

T  
A  
B

151

T  
A  
B

**C**

155

T  
A  
B

160

T  
A  
B

**This Dying Soul (Reprise)**

164

T  
A  
B

164

T  
A  
B

164

T  
A  
B



♩ = 150

♩ = 144  
**Keyboard Solo**

172

T  
A  
B

♩ = 144

182

T  
A  
B

**Guitar Solo**

192

T  
A  
B

202

T  
A  
B

**Chorus**

212

T  
A  
B

218

T  
A  
B

224

**Post-Chorus**

T  
A  
B

230

T  
A  
B

237

T  
A  
B

243

T  
A  
B

♩ = 130  
Outro

252

T  
A  
B

♩ = 80

262

T  
A  
B