

Highway Star

Words & Music:

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This tab is from the terrific Deep Purple fan site thehighwaystar.com. There is a full transcription in G in a 1999 issue of Guitar World and a full transcription in F in the November 2006 issue of Guitar One. I've chosen G simply because it is easier.

Chord Voicings:

G = 3 5 x x x x C = x 3 5 x x x Bb = x 1 3 x x x F5 = 1 3 x x x x

INTRO: [1 measure each]

	G5	Fsus2/G	C/G	Fsus2/G	G5	Fsus2/G	G5	G5
E	--3-----1-----0-----1-----3-----1-----3-----3-----							
B	--3-----1-----1-----1-----3-----1-----3-----3-----							
G	--0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----							
D	--5-----3-----2-----3-----5-----3-----5-----0-----							
A	-----							
E	--3-----3-----3-----3-----3-----3-----3-----3-----							

G5 [4m. of eighth notes]

Then:

E	-----	E	-----	-----
B	-----	B	-----	-----
G	-----	G	--3-----3-----3-----3-	---3---3-----
D	---5---	D	--3---5---3---5---3---5---3-	-5-3--5-3---5--
A	---5---	A	-----5-----5-----5----	-5---5-----5--
E	---3---	E	-----	-----

F5 G5

Bb5 G C5 G Bb5

Nobody gonna take my car, I'm gonna race it to the ground.

Nobody gonna beat my car, it's gonna break the speed of sound.

F5

F5 F5/E F5/Eb

Ooh, it's a killin' machine, it's got everything:

D

Like a drivin' power, big fat tires and everything!

PRE-CHORUS:

RIFF over Am7:

G	-----5-
D	-7-7-7-7-7-7-5-
A	-0-0-0-0-0-0----

Am7

I love it! And I need it! I bleed it! Yeah, it's a wild hurricane!

CHORUS:

	C	D	C	D	C	D	F	G	A
D	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3-----	5-----	7-----
A	-3--0-5-----	-3--0-5-----	-3--0-5-----	-3--0-5-----	-3--0-5-----	-3--0-5-----	-----	-----	0-----
E	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

All right! Hold tight! I'm a high-way star!

Nobody gonna take my girl, I'm gonna keep her 'til the end.
Nobody gonna have my girl, she stays close on every bend.
Ooh, she's a killin' machine, she's got everything!
Like a movin' mouth, body control and everything.
I love her! I need her! I seed her! Yeah, she turns me on!

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO:

Nobody gonna take my head, I got speed inside my brain.
Nobody gonna steal my head now that I'm on the road again.
Ooh, I'm in heaven again, I got everything.
Like a movin' ground, an open road and everything!
I love it! I need it! I seed it! Eight cylinders, all mine!

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO:

CHORUS: