

# Once

Words & Music:  
Eddie Vedder & Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam)

I admit it...what's to say...yeah...  
I'll relive it...without pain...mmm...  
Backstreet lover on the side of the road  
I got a bomb in my temple that is gonna explode  
I got a sixteen gauge buried under my clothes, I pray...  
Once upon a time I could control myself  
Ooh, once upon a time I could lose myself, yeah...  
Oh, try and mimic what's insane...ooh, yeah...  
I am in it...where do I stand?  
Oh, Indian summer and I hate the heat  
I got a backstreet lover on the passenger seat  
I got my hand in my pocket, so determined, discreet...I pray...  
Once upon a time I could control myself  
Ooh, once upon a time I could lose myself, yeah, yeah...  
You think I got my eyes closed  
But I'm lookin' at you the whole fuckin' time...  
Ooh, once upon a time I could control myself, yeah...  
Once upon a time I could lose myself, yeah, yeah, yeah...  
Once, upon a time I could love myself, yeah...  
Once upon a time I could love you, yeah, yeah, yeah...  
Once...Once...Once...Once...  
Yeah...once, once...yeah, yeah...  
Yeah...yeah, yeah...yeah, yeah...oww...

**Once Tab by James B.**

Intro (played with heavy distortion)

---3---3---3---3---1-----1--1--1--1--1--1--1--1--1--1--0-----0--0---1---1--  
---3--  
---2--  
---0--  
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---3---3---1--1--1--1--1--1-----1---1---1---1-----1-----  
---3---3---3---3---3---3---3---3---3---3---3---3---3-----3-----  
---0---0---2--2--2--2--2--2-----2---2---2---2-----2-----  
---0---0---0--0--0--0--0--0-----0---0---0---0-----0-----  
-----5-\3-/5-----

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---0-h-2---2---2-h-3-p-2-h-3-/-7-\3-h-2---3-p-2-----0-----  
-----2-----  
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(repeat the last line of tab above three times)

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---2---2-----2-----2---2-----2---2---5---5---2---2-----  
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**Verse**

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---0-h-2-p-0-h-3---2-h-3-p-2--  
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(repeat the following throught the rest of the verse)

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---0-h-2-p-0-h-3---2-h-3-p-2---x-x-x-2---9-\--x-x-----  
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**Pre-Chorus '**

A5

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---2-----2-h-3-p-2-h-3-p-2-h-3--x-x-----  
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---0-----

(A5 is sustained in the background by guitar 2. This fill is repeated throughout the pre-chorus. "Back street lover on the side of the ....")

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---3-----3---3---0-  
---3-----3---3---0-  
---1-----1---1-----  
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Chorus

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---3---3---3---3-----1-----1---1---1---1---1-----0-----0---
---3---3---3---3-----3-----3---3---3---3---3-----3-----3---
---0---0---0---0-----0-----0---3---3---3---3-----3-----3---
---0-----
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---3---3---3---3-----1-----1---1---1---1---1-----0-----0---
---3---3---3---3-----3-----3---3---3---3---3-----3-----3---
---0---0---0---0-----0-----0---3---3---3---3-----3-----3---
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(repeat the above through the chorus)

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Outro

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---3-----3-3-----0---0---0-----0---0---0---0---0---0---0---
3---3-3-----6---6-6-/-8---8-8-8-8-8-8-8-
---0---0---0---6-----5-----0-----7---7-7-/-9---9-9-9-9-9-9-
---0-----0-0-----0-----
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(repeat twice)

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---3---3-3-8-/10-----8-----3-----3-3-8/10-----
---0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-0-----0---
---0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-0-----0---
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(pause while Eddie sings yeah,yeah,yeah,yeah)

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

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