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Guitar

John Sykes' Style

The overall sound of John Sykes' guitar on this album could be described as fairly typical of heavy metal rock guitar, but the album is full of John's own unique ideas and additions to the style. Most of the tracks on '1987' feature a massive use of distortion, either natural (amplifiers) or artificial (effects units). In his solos, John makes effective use of a whole range of distortion possibilities from hard sounds using distorted high notes to gentle mild sounds which need lower notes, and he probably achieves this by judicious use of equaliser in addition to his guitar pick-ups. Appropriately used wow pedals to produce treble boost (on) and 'woman tone' (off) is another technique. What comes in handiest you will find, is a distortion unit with tone controls you can adjust for each number.

From the technical point of view, one of the highlights of this album is John's use of harmonics in his solos: natural harmonics at the 5th and 7th frets, very high harmonics at the 3rd fret, and plenty of tremolo arm for the really tricky phrases. Another feature of John's style is his use of the right hand to prolong really fast trills with the left hand, and finally, there are his many tremendously fast chromatic phrases in which the notes are effortlessly made to flow together by hammering-on and pulling-off.

Bass

Behind the massive Whitesnake guitar sound, Neil Murray's bass might seem quite restrained in comparison, but on every track, Neil lays down the necessary solid foundation for the band's sound. The tone of Neil's bass is natural, broad and yet clear, with plenty of attack on each note, especially when finger-picking. If you use a pick, make sure it is a hard one.

The bass line in most of the numbers is built round a straight forward 8 beats to the bar, but Neil provides variety by including shuffle beat triplets and tight 16 beat passages. You will need to make sure that the rhythm is tight and accurate in those places where the instruments play in unison or in other key passages. 'Feel' is the most important thing with this kind of bass playing; without it, the bass lines just sound mechanical. On some tracks, which may mostly consist of 8 beats to the bar, you can nevertheless hear how Neil accents the beats differently and brings to each note the edge and quality suited to the particular

track. Using the right pick attack at the right moment is vital. For example, on 'Still of The Night' (A-1), the volume is restrained during the chord solo and increased powerfully in the latter half of the track. This kind of bass playing calls for light and shade and differentiation precisely because it is not so technically demanding.

Drums

Aynsley Dunbar, who used to be with 'Journey', is the ideal hard rock drummer whose trademark is his sheer power. Whatever kind of pattern he uses on this album, whether it be a shuffle beat, a straight 8 beat or a laid-back ballad pattern, he makes powerfully sure of every sound he plays.

He uses a lot of echo on the snare and fill-in toms which makes the sound quite difficult to replicate exactly, but with this kind of style, if you can't manage that powerful attack in the first place, no use of effects units will be able to help you out.

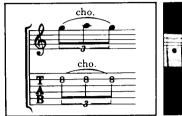
Some tracks feature rapid twin bass pedal work which is virtually impossible to reproduce with only a single pedal, so be sure you use a twin bass drumkit.

The basic rhythm patterns and fills shouldn't present any great technical problems, as they aren't very complicated. The main point to watch is rock-steady timekeeping and accuracy of rhythm, especially in the unison phrases with the bass.



Guitar Technique

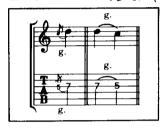
1. BENDING (cho.)





With this technique, you gradually raise the pitch by bending the strings up perpendicular to the fretboard, and lower it by letting them down again.

2. GLISSANDO (g, or \g.)





Glissandos are slurs created by sliding the finger or fingers up or down the fretboard from fret to fret. This is sometimes called a slide, but as it is difficult to distinguish between a slur and a slide, we refer to them both as glissandos.

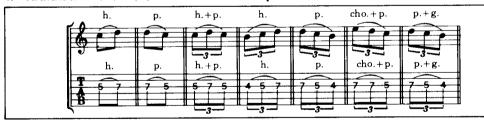
3. VIBRATO (vib.)

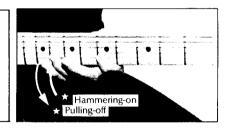




A vibrato produced by the fingers without the use of the tremolo arm. The strings are rapidly and subtly moved up and down (not pushed as in bending) perpendicular to the fretboard or occasionally, horizontal to it, and the tone is made to vibrate.

4. HAMMERING-ON (h.) and PULLING-OFF (p.)





To hammer-on, you pick a string and immediately after picking, slam a finger onto a fret above. This gives you a minimum 2 notes from one pick stroke. Pulling-off is the opposite of this: hold down a string at two frets and pick,

then immediately pull the finger at the higher fret rapidly away. Once again a minimum of two notes is produced from one pick stroke.

5. TRILL (tr.)



Trills are produced by a rapid alternation of hammering-on and pulling-off.

6. MUTING or DAMPING (Mute)





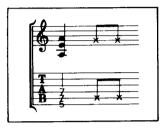
This technique dampens the sound by resting the base of the picking hand near to the bridge thus reducing the sustain. Where this technique is used over a period of time in the score, we have marked the beginning and end of the mute:

Mute

Mute

and

7. BRUSHING (x)





This produces noise and percussive effects by picking while damping the strings with the left hand. Broad picking strokes are commonly used.

8. TREMOLO (tremolo)



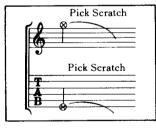
A tremolo on one note produced by continuous rapid picking.

9. TREMOLO ARM (Arm.)



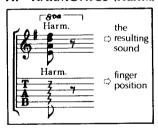
Using the tremolo arm to alter the pitch of a note or a chord. A wavy line in the score \times means vibrato; a curved line signifies a lowering of pitch.

10. PICK SCRATCH (Pick Scratch)



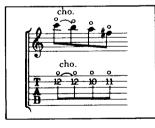
This sound results when you slide the edge of the pick rapidly along the strings, usually from bridge to head.

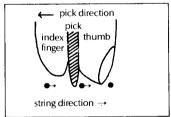
11. HARMONICS (Harm.)



Lightly touch the harmonic points on the 5th, 7th, and 12th frets with the fingers of your left hand; pick, then immediately release them to produce the harmonics. Another way is to hold down a string as normal, but lightly touch the 12th fret with the index finger of your right hand while using the other fingers of the right hand to pick.

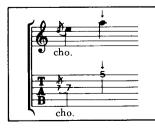
12. PICKING HARMONICS (o)





You can produce a lot of harmonics by using your finger, thumb and pick at the same time.

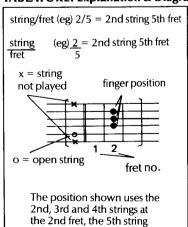
13. THE RIGHT HAND (↓)





This technique uses the right hand (usually the index and middle fingers) for hammering-on and pulling-off. The technique is indicated in the score by an arrow:

TABLATURE: Explanation & Diagram



is played open and the 1st

and 6th strings are not played.

CRYING IN THE RAIN

by D. Coverdale & B. Marsden

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GUITAR: John's solo on this number is quite simply breathtaking: its phenomenal speed and perfect phrasing make it a daunting task to try and copy. The only way is to take it one bar at a time and drive persistently through to the end. You can use a short delay effect for the hard distortion sound as well as long delay or reverb.

BASS: The bass line is built on 8 beat phrases in long 12/8

bars which you need to make the most of by steady even playing, well synchronised with the twin bass drums.

DRUMS: The drums need to be tuned down a little to provide the weight in the lower register which this track requires. The drums also power the track along by the tight exact coordination of cymbals and snare with the phrasing of the twin bass drums.





• (Gt.): If only one guitarist is available then omit the phrases in parentheses at this point. If you do so, take care to avoid wrong notes on open strings.







short delay here too.





(Dr.): If you don't get smartly onto the first beat here, the rest will fall apart, so make sure of your timekeeping as you approach this point. You might find the snare/ride cymbal coordination tricky here, so practise by building up the tempo from half speed.



③ (Kb.): The same organ-type voice as throughout **□** , but this is the climax, so really brighten up the tone here. **□** and **□** could use different kinds of organ voice.

9 (Dr.): This is the drummer's moment to shine, so give it all you've got!



BAD BOYS

by D. Coverdale & J. Sykes

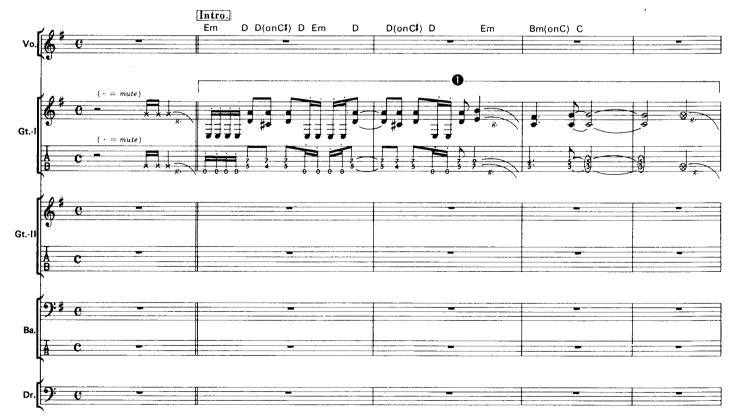
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GUITAR: The whole track has a fast driving hard sound centred on the opening riff. Despite the speed and hard distortion or rather, because of them, you will need to keep your picking really accurate, and phrasing tight and clear. Make sure also that Gt. 1 or Gt. II provide a solid enough support for Gt. III.

BASS: Neil's bass, well down in the low register, admirably supports the lead guitar in mostly 8 beats to the bar,

although here and there Neil changes the way he tackles those 8 beats, so listen carefully to the record or tape to pick up on the way he does it.

DRUMS: The power of the 8 beat pattern is greatly boosted by the twin bass drums. To reproduce this as closely as possible, players with only one bass drum can try using two pedals.



• (Gt): The guitarist needs to pay attention to a) the rhythm and timing during the guitaronly intro. and b) alternate picking of open strings.









(Gt): It's vital that this phrase be picked up cleanly, so make the most of each beat and play the whole section with a laid-back feel.

(ba.): Staccato, together with the guitar. The bass needs to be particularly hard and forceful at this point to match the drummer's 8 beat rhythm.

















(Dr.): Pay attention to the volume balance during the 16th note twin bass phrases. The ride/snare pattern used here often recurs, so commit it to memory.

STILL OF THE NIGHT

by D. Coverdale & J. Sykes

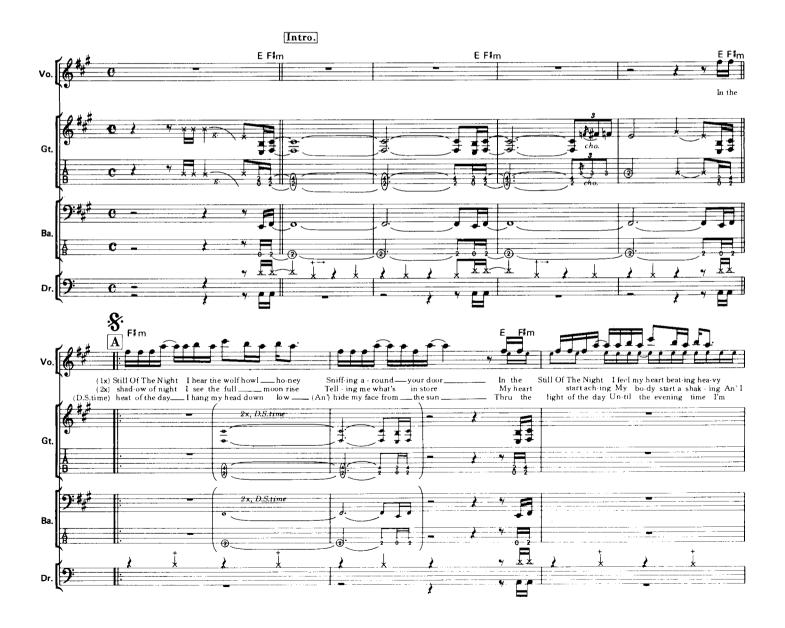
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GUITAR: A rich sound using hard distortion with long delay. This is a long complex number in which the guitarist uses a great variety of riffs and picking styles, so the important thing is to listen a lot and get to know the guitar part inside out before you start to make it your own.

BASS: The depth and power of the bass playing provides a solid vehicle for the track, and yet the sound must be incisive and dynamic, especially in the unison passages with the guitar. The rock solid accuracy of Neil's playing during

the more flowing guitar passages is especially noteworthy, as is the necessary variety he brings to the bass in such a long number.

DRUMS: Aynsley's simple but powerful 8 beat patterns hold the track together firmly, expecially the way the bass drum locks into the bass guitar. He uses twin bass drums only at the end, but the rest of the track shows how powerful drumming can still be with one.











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a long delay.









(Dr.): A single bass drum will probably present fewer problems with the rhythm here. As usual, keeping in sync. with the bass is all important, but this kind of section, with its

16th notes, is a particular challenge and sorts the sheep out from the goats as far as rhythm sections are concerned.



● (Kb.): Keyboards and guitar play in unison here as in ℍ, but it's more effective if the synthesiser plays only accented notes and not the whole.

HERE I GO AGAIN

by D. Coverdale

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GUITAR: More of a pop number than heavy metal, this track needs a guitar sound with a lighter warmer tone and less distortion in both the backing and the solo. The guitarist should be extra conscious of the support he is giving to the vocals. There are fewer backing patterns than in the other tracks, so make the most of each note.

BASS: For the most part, a simple 8 beats to the bar bass line

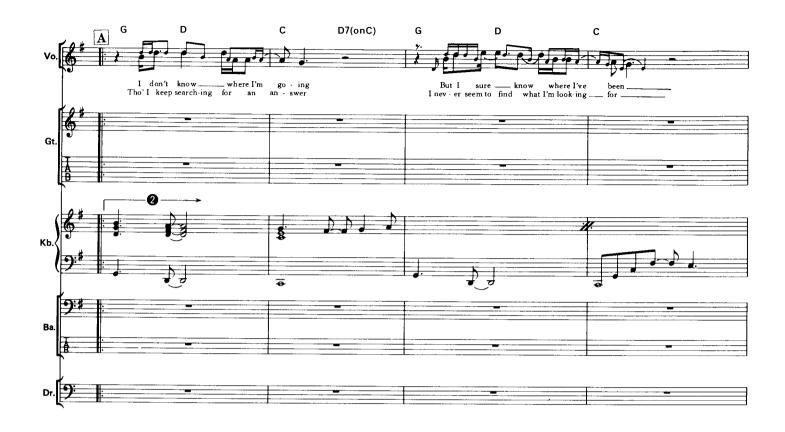
in which the bass player, like the guitarist, is supporting the vocals rather than creating a big sound. With such a simple number, strict timekeeping in sync. with the drummer is of course all the more important.

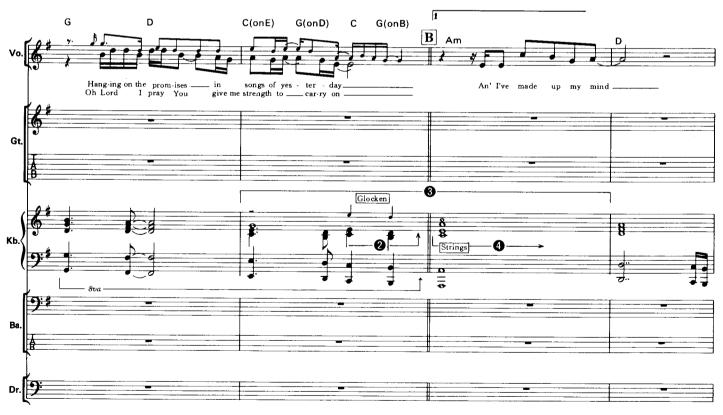
DRUMS: Apart from the power needed in section **(E)**, the 'pop feel' of this track requires the drummer to have a lightness of touch throughout, notably in the hi-hat playing.



• (Kb.): You can use a piano voice for the basic colouring here, with an added strings voice for the right hand chords, a soft reeds

voice for the top melody, and in unison with that an octave above, a glockenspiel voice. For the left hand bass line, try a strings voice.



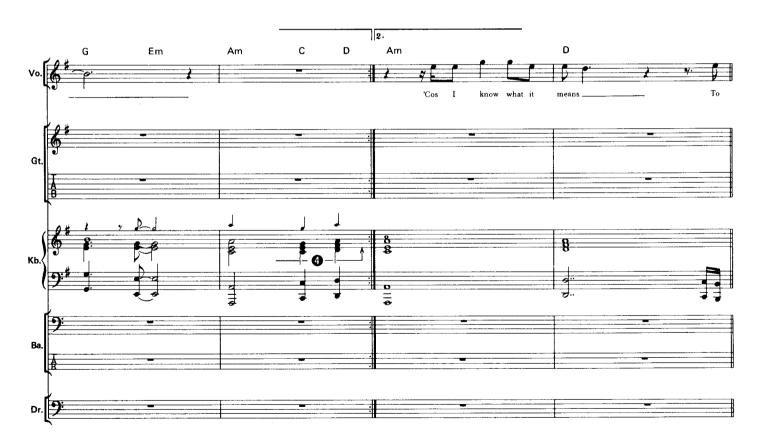


② (Kb.): The same motif as the intro. with a sharp clear piano-only backing.

3 (Kb.) : The unison glockenspiel accents sound very effective here.

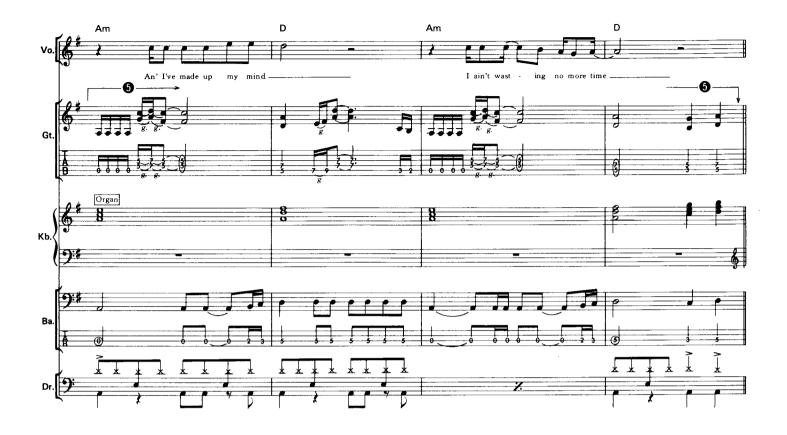
(Kb.): Bringing the strings voice in at this point in the repeat of section adds a new colour to the music.













6 (Gt.) : Note that the glissandos are not hammering-on in these phrases.

• (Gt.): These six bars are overdubbed. The sound is slightly hard edged, so use a little bit of phaser.

⑦ (Ba.): Play these 8 beat phrases with a slight staccato, damping the strings with the underside of your fingertips.





(Dr.): The basic pattern is 8 beats to the bar, but at this point the rhythm jumps to a 16 beat feel; too much power here however, will spoil the effect and the mood.





(Kb.): You could also use a piano voice.

Ba





• (Gt.): A triplet-based solo which needs a certain restraint, especially in the phrases where bending is applied.

● (Gt.): High position picking here, so take care to avoid wrong notes and try not to rush into the triplet at the end of the bar (4th beat).



GIVE ME ALL YOUR LOVE

by D. Coverdale & J. Sykes

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GUITAR: You only need a single guitar for most of this track, except for the solo in section **E**. The guitar backing for the solo has been left out of the score; you need only to repeat simple patterns behind the solo, so it shouldn't present any problem. The solo is full of harmonics and very fast trills, so go for speed and accurate fingering.

BASS: Make sure you hit the right timing on the 8 beat shuffle triplet rhythm, which is the pattern for most of this

track. It's a simple enough pattern, but here and there it comes in unison with the guitar, so watch out for the timing in those places.

DRUMS: The first point to note, as with the bass, is the triplets. Get the feel of triplets into your head before you start and you shouldn't have any difficulty with the shuffle beat. Give every beat all you've got, but in section 🖪 don't let your hi-hat get too loud behind the vocals.





3 (Gt.) : Note the harmonics picking here at the harmonic point for high D.











● (Gt.): The double-handed flam strokes on the snare need a keen attack.

IS THIS LOVE

by D. Coverdale & J. Sykes

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GUITAR: The characteristics of the guitar sound on this track are: clarity, hard distortion, and the use of harmonics and arpeggios. A second guitar is used for fill-ins in \blacksquare and \blacksquare and for the solo in \blacksquare , also with a hard distortion sound. Watch your timing in the 2 - guitar fill-in phrases.

BASS: The whole track has a light gentle feel to it, so each of the notes in the medium tempo 8 beat phrases should be

played with a light staccato touch without much strength in the picking.

DRUMS: The simple laid-back 8 beat suits this number well, but there is a lot of echo on the snare, so don't let your snare strokes become sloppy and weak; on the contrary, they should be keen and precise.



- (Kb.): Smoothly fade in the rich middle register strings voice to set the dreamy mood for what is to follow.
- (Gt.): This is the track's main riff: a clear sound with a chorus (effect) added. Harmonics are used too, but the main effect should be of arpeggios.
- **3** (Kb.): The keyboards provide a contrasting colour to the guitar.









● (Gt.): Here, you play Bm, C arpeggios while holding the top E harmonic at the 12th fret.



(Gt.): The solo is played with hard distortion, but sounds somewhat sweet, because John is probably using more the front pick-up. Make sure your bending and vibrato don't fall out of rhythm.



 $\ensuremath{\bullet}$ (Dr.) : Open the hi-hat gradually to give a crescendo.



CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT

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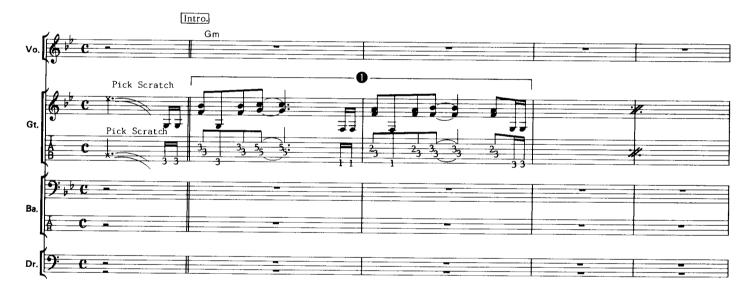
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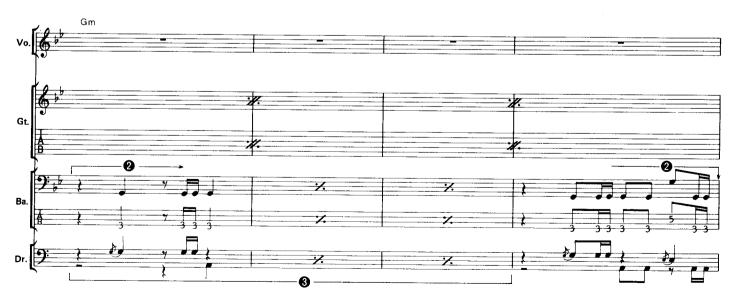
GUITAR: The backing part for a second guitar has been omitted from the score; in fact, you could well get by without one on this track. The guitar sound is hard with a lot of distortion, and the variety of sounds in the solo in section is will present problems if basic techniques like right hand fret work and rapid phrase runs are not well grounded. Aim for a solo in which each phrase is tight and controlled, yet flows into the next.

BASS: A straightforward 8 beats to the bar basically, but watch out for rhythmic variety in the intro. where bass and

drums have to be tightly together. Practise the intro. separately, using a pick.

DRUMS: This track needs a hard and heavy driving beat with the hi-hat left half open. It's again basically an 8 beat rhythm, but with 16 beat phrases at the key transition points where you'll need to play extra tight. This is especially the case in the second half where the track builds to a climax; you'll need two pedals or twin bass drums for the rapid bass drum beats here.





- (Gt.): This is the main riff. Play the 6th string with the thumb of the left hand.
- **②** (Ba.) : The bass and drums have to be exactly together for these 16 beat bars.
- (Dr.): Drums in unison with the bass. Powerful strict time playing.









 $\ensuremath{\bullet}$ (Gt.) : John uses the tremolo arm for the 3rd fret harmonics. Use a box for a more effective sustain.

• (Gt.) : Right hand trills on the notes indicated by the arrows are produced by rapid alternate hammering-on and pulling-off.

♠ (Gt.): These bars are played bottleneck style, but any hard-edged object will do to slide along the strings if you don't have a proper bottleneck bar.



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STRAIGHT FOR THE HEART

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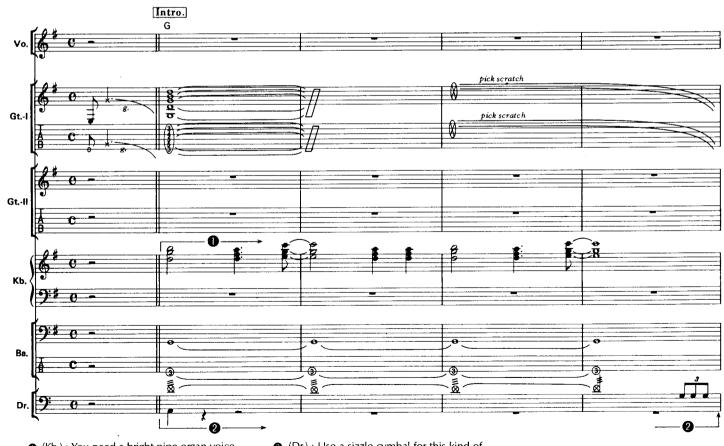
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GUITAR: This is the fastest track on the album. Gt. I provides the backing for Gt.II's solo, but Gt.I is also overdubbed to give a really broad rich sound. All three are played with hard-edged distortion, but the high register needs to be brought out in the solo by using an equaliser or a wow pedal.

BASS: You might find the bass rather difficult to make out on this track under the very rich guitar sound, but as usual, its 8

beats to the bar phrases need steady solid timing. The tempo is really fast, so keep the 8 beat phrases tight and snappy.

DRUMS: A powerful flashy style is what you need for this track, giving each beat all you've got. There are 4 ride cymbal beats per bar, but the bass drum upbeat creates the impression of 8 beats. This bass drum pulse is the key to the rhythm in this track, so don't let it get behind or sluggish.



• (Kb.): You need a bright pipe organ voice here.

① (Dr.): Use a sizzle cymbal for this kind of continuous sound or else play a continuous rapid cymbal trill.



③ (Gt.) : Make sure the timing of your bending and vibrato is well synchronised in these 2-guitar harmony phrases.





(Kb.): Hold back a bit on the volume here so you have something in reserve for section **B**.



⑤ (Gt.): Note the muting here. Beginners will find this part difficult, so practise until you can pick each note muted with the base of the right hand pressed well up against the bridge.









• (Gt.): Both guitars are playing here, but they are so together that they sound like one. Be sure to stop the second string smartly.



• (Gt.) : In these harmony phrases Gt.III is playing the lead line, so if you're using only one guitar, leave out the upper line.



(Dr.): The drummer needs to have a wind chime set up in advance next to the drumkit for this part.









DON'T TURN AWAY

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GUITAR: This track has more of a pop song feel to it than the others on the album, and the phrasing in section (a) is fresh and light; the guitar solo also has a beautiful flow to it. The important thing with this track therefore is to get into the mood of it.

BASS: Note that the low D in the 5th bar has been transported an octave higher in the score. This is a tone lower than the open bottom E on standard bass guitars, so you'll need a 5-string bass or a specially tuned 4th string. A

synth-bass is also good for producing the kind of extra deep thick and rich sound needed here.

DRUMS: There are a number of different bass drum patterns on this track, so study them carefully before you start. Aynsley uses a chinese cymbal for the top, so watch the volume at those places. Technique shouldn't give you many problems, but be careful not to let the triplets become too loose.



- (Kb.) : A bright and flashy organ voice would do well here, played ff to give a big orchestral sound.
- ♠ (Kb.): We couldn't include it on the score for lack of space, but throughout section ♠ you should play the pedal point shown in section ♠. It should sound like a violin section, clearly different from the tone used in the intro.
- (Gt.): Use chorus here without distortion. Smooth fingering on the first string will give the flowing phrases needed here.



 (Gt.): Change here from a distortion-free to a hard distortion sound, but wait till the very last moment before you make the change.



(Dr.): Note the chinese cymbal on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th beats of the bars from here on.

♠ (Ba.): This is an important accenting bar in the track, and the bass plays in its high register, so make sure you're right with the guitarist.



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① (Dr.): It's easy to rush this kind of phrase which only makes it sloppy. Instead, keep it strong and accurate.



● (Ba.): Here is the low D we mentioned earlier, so use a 5-string bass if you can. If not, then tune your 4th string separately. Otherwise, you'll just have to play it an octave higher as it appears in score.

• (Dr.) Bass and drums must be tightly together here.



● (Gt.): A slightly muted sound with a deep delay will give you the necessary breadth here. Great care is needed with the rhythm.

 \bullet (Kb.) : Use a rich fat organ voice for the continuous backing chord from ${\bf \ G \ }$ on.