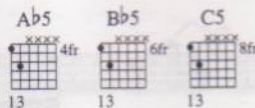


# Play the Game

Words and Music by Freddie Mercury  
from Queen - *The Game*

Brian May - guitar



Intro Verse  
Moderately slow ♩ = 78

2nd time, Gtr. 2: w/ Fill 1  
\*\*C Bbmaj7 Am

(Sound effects) 16 sec.

1. O - pen up your mind and let me step in - side. \_ Rest your wea - ry head \_ and let your  
2. When you're feel - in' down and your re - sis - tance is low, \_ light an - oth - er cig - a - rette and

\*Gtr. 1 16 sec.

*mf*  
let ring ----- let ring ----- let ring -----

T  
A  
B

\*Piano arr. for gtr. \*\*Chord symbols reflect implied harmony.

Bb9/Ab C Am Dm G

heart de - cide. \_ It's so eas - y when you know \_ the rules. \_ It's so  
let your - self go. \_ This is your life; don't play hard to get. \_ It's a

Rhy. Fig. 1

let ring -----

6 7 6 7 6 8 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 1 1 1 1 3 3 3 3 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Fill 1  
Gtr. 2

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C C7 F Fm C G7/B

easy; world; all you have to do is fall in love. Play the game.

This system contains the first line of music. It features a vocal line on a treble clef staff with lyrics: "easy; world; all you have to do is fall in love. Play the game." Above the staff are chord symbols: C, C7, F, Fm, C, and G7/B. Below the staff is a guitar accompaniment with a treble clef staff and a guitar staff showing fret numbers (0-2). Chord diagrams are provided for each chord.

C Gm9 I. Ab Bb C C/B

Ev-'ry-bod-y, play the game of love, yeah.

Gtr. 1 End Rhy. Fig. 1

let ring - - - - - let ring - - - - -

This system contains the second line of music. The vocal line continues with lyrics: "Ev-'ry-bod-y, play the game of love, yeah." Chord symbols above are C, Gm9, and a first ending marked "I." with Ab, Bb, C, and C/B. Below the vocal line is "Gtr. 1" with a treble clef staff and guitar staff. It includes a "let ring" instruction and fret numbers (5, 6, 5, 6, 6, 6). A "Gtr. 2 (dist.)" part is shown below with a treble clef staff and guitar staff, including a "mf w/ compressor" instruction and fret numbers (16, 6, 10, 9, 9, 9).

C7/Bb Am7 Ab G Ab F Bb

Gtr. 3 (dist.)

f w/ compressor

16 16 15 13 15 13

This system features "Gtr. 3 (dist.)" on a treble clef staff and guitar staff. Chord symbols above are C7/Bb, Am7, Ab, G, Ab, F, and Bb. The guitar part includes a "f w/ compressor" instruction and fret numbers (16, 16, 15, 13, 15, 13). The guitar staff shows a complex sequence of notes and frets.

Gtr. 1

let ring - - - - - let ring - - - - - let ring - - - - - let ring - - - - -

This system features "Gtr. 1" on a treble clef staff and guitar staff. It includes "let ring" instructions and fret numbers (9, 8, 9, 7, 4, 6, 4, 6, 3, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 6, 4, 6, 6, 3, 3, 3).

Gtr. 2

This system features "Gtr. 2" on a treble clef staff and guitar staff. It includes a "mf w/ compressor" instruction and fret numbers (6, 5, 4, 3, 4, 3, 3).

2.

Bridge

Ab Bb C C/B C7/Bb Am7 G C F Bb/F Fmaj7

love, oo, yeah. My game of love has just be -

let ring - - - - - let ring - - - - -

Gr. 2 tacet

F Dm Gsus4 G C/G Em

gun. (Love runs from my head down to my toes. - My love is pump - in' through my veins. - Play the game. -

Gr. 1

C Em C D Em7 C C/Bb

driv - in' me in - sane. - Come, come, come, come play the game, - play the game, play the game, - play the game, -

Gr. 1 tacet

Breakdown

Gtr. 1

Gtr. 2

Ab5 Bb5 C5

play the game. play the game.)

**Guitar Solo**

Gtr. 1: w/ Rhy. Fig. 1

C

Am

Bb5

A5

Ab5

\*Gtr. 3 to left of slash in tab.

Gtr. 2 tacet

Dm

G

C

C7

F

Fm

C

G7/B

C

Gm9

**Outro**

Gtr. 1: w/ Rhy. Fig. 1

C5

Gtr. 2 tacet

Dm

G

End Rhy. Fig. 2

\*\*Ab5 Rhy. Fig. 2

Bb5

\*\*See top of first page of song for chord diagrams pertaining to rhythm slashes.

C

C7

F

Fm

C

G7/B

Gtr. 2: w/ Rhy. Fig. 2

C Gm9 Ab5 Bb5

play the game of love.  
Play the game.)

Gtr. 1: w/ Rhy. Fig. 1

C Am Dm G C C7

Your life; don't play hard to get. It's a free, free world;  
(It's a free free world.)

Begin fade

F Fm C G7/B

all you have to do is fall in love. Play the game, yeah.  
Play the game.

Fade out

Gtr. 2: w/ Rhy. Fig. 2 (1st meas.)  
Gtr. 3 tacet

C Gm9 Ab5 Bb5

Ev - 'ry - bod - y play the game of love, of love.  
Play the game.)