

# Black Dog

Words & Music:  
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*The transcription for this can be found in the March 2001 issue of Guitar World. If you want to "strum along" instead of learning the riffs, the verse is basically in A.*

[n.c.]

Hey, hey, mama, said the way you move, gonna make you sweat, gonna make you groove.

[Verse riffs below in A]

[n.c.]

Ah, ah, child, way you shake that thing, gonna make you burn, gonna make you sting.

[Verse riffs below in A]

[n.c.]

Hey, hey, baby, when you walk that way, watch your honey drip, can't keep away.

["Oh, yeah!" riffs]

A A7 A A7 A G A

Oh, yeah! Oh, yeah! Ah, ah, ah! [2x]

[n.c.]

I gotta roll, can't stand still, got a flame in my heart, can't get my fill.

[Verse riffs below in A]

[n.c.]

Eyes that shine burning red. Dreams of you all through my head.

A

Ah ah, ah ah, ah ah, ah ah, ah ah, ah ah, ah-h!

["Hey, baby" riff]

A A7 A A7 A A7 G D A

Hey, baby, oh, baby, pretty baby, tell me what you do me, now.

Hey, baby, oh, baby, pretty baby, prove it like you're doin' it now.

[n.c.]

Didn't take too long 'fore I found out what people mean by down and out.

[Verse riffs below in A]

[n.c.]

Spent my money, took my car, started tellin' her friends she gonna be a star.

[Verse riffs below in A]

[n.c.]

I don't know but I been told, a big-legged woman ain't got no soul.

Oh, yeah! Oh, yeah! Ah, ah, ah! [2x]

All I ask for, all I pray, some steady rollin' woman gonna come my way.

Need a woman gonna hold my hand and tell me no lies, make me a happy man.

Ah ah, ah ah, ah ah, ah ah, ah ah, ah ah, ah-h!

**Tabs for Black Dog (tabber unknown):**

Riffs for verses:

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e-----
b-----
g-----5^6-----7-9--5h7p5-----5^6-----
d--5-6-7-----7-----7-7-----7--5-7-7-----2-2-----
a-7-----7-----5--7\3-5-0-0-----
E-----

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e-----
b-----
g-----
d-----5^6-----5^6-----5^6-----
a--5-6-7-----7-----5-6-7-----7-----5-6-7-----7-----5-6-7-5*-----
E-7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----

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\*Back to first riff

Riffs for "Oh, yeah! Oh, yeah" section:

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e-----
b-----
g-----2-4^6^4p2-4-2-----2-4^6^4p2-4-2-----2-4^6^4p2-----
d--2-----2-----2-----2-5-2-----4-2-----
a-3-0-----3^4-0-----3^4-0--3--0-----
E-----

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e-----
b-----
g-----2-4^6^4p2--4-2-----2-4^6^4p2-4-2-----2-----
d--2-----2-----2-----2-5-2-----2-----
a--3^4-0-----3^4-0-----3^4-0--3--0-----
E-----3^5-----

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On the last verse, the main riff is doubled with this:

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e-----
b---0-1-2---4^5--2--7-9--5h7p5--2-2--4^5--2--0-2-2-----
g--2-0-1-2-2--5^6--2--7-9--5h7p5--2-2--5^6--2--0-2-2--0-2-2-----2-2-----
d--2-----2-----0-2-2--2/4--2-2-----
a-----3/5--0-0-----
E-----

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This is during the "Hey Baby, Pretty Baby" part and backs the solo:

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e-----3--2-----
b-----3--3-----
g---2---2---2---5-2---2---2---0--2-----
d---2---2---2---5-2---2---2---0--0-----
a---0---0---0---3-0---0---0-----
E--2^3---2---3^4-----2^3---2-----

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The second time in the song that part is doubled with this:

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e-----3--2-----
b-----3--3-----
g--6--4---6--4---6--4--6--6/-9--6-----6--4--6--4--0--2-----
d--7--5---7--5---7--5--7--7/10--7-----7--5--7--5--0--0-----
a-----
E-----

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