

Born Under A Bad Sign

(Cream version)

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This is a basic blues in G. The tabs reflect the Cream version of this song. Albert King also has a famous cover of this, but is not the songwriter. This is transcribed in Guitar World.

INTRO:

Bass:

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e-----|
b-----|
g-----3b4-----| [repeat this under guitar solo bits]
d----3-5-----5-----3-----|
a-3-5-----3-5---1b2-----|
E-----3-----|
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Guitar 1:

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e-----3-----|
b-13b15~-----13b15~---11-13-11b12-----6p3-----|
g-----12~-----12~---10b12-----5---3b4--|
d-----|
a-----|
E-----|
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CHORUS: *[play intro bits & fills given below under this]*

G

Born under a bad sign. I've been down since I began to crawl.

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e-----|
b-----6--6--6--6-----|
g-----5--5--5--5-----|
d-----4--4--4--4---3b4-----|
a-2-3-4-5--5--5--5-----5-4-3-|
E-----|
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D

C

G

If it wasn't for bad luck, I wouldn't have no luck at all.

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e-----3-----|
b-----3---6p3-----|
g-5b7-----5p3---3b4--|
d-----5-----|
a-----|
E-----|
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D

Bad luck and trouble's my only friend. I've been down ever since I was ten.

CHORUS:

You know, wine and women is all I crave.

A big, bad woman's gonna carry me to my grave.

CHORUS:

GUITAR SOLO:

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e-----15-----15-----|
b-----15-----18(20)-18(20)-----15-----18(20)-15-----|
g-17(19)-----17(19)-----17-15(16)-----|
d-----17~-----|
a-----|
E-----|
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e-----15-----18(20)-15-----|
b-----15----18(20)-----18-15-18(20)--18-15-----|
g-17(19)-----17-15(16)-----|
d-----17-17~-----|
a-----|
E-----|

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e-----15-----15-----|
b-----15----18p15----15-18(20)----18(20)--(20)18p15-18(20)~~|
g-17(19)-----17-----|
d-----|
a-----|
E-----|

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e-18p15-20(22)-20(22)---18(19)---15-----15~-18p15h18-15\--|
b-----20-----18(20)-----|
g-----|
d-----|
a-----|
E-----|

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e-----15-----|
b-----15--18p15-----|
g-17(19)-----17(19)-15(16)-----|
d-----17\-----|
a-----|
E-----|

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e-----|
b-----16(18)-16(18)-(18)--11(12)-----|
g-12-12-12-12-12-----12-12~-----|
d-/14-14-----|
a-----|
E-----|

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e-----3-----|
b-3-6p3-3-6p3-----|
g-5(7)-5-3(4)-5(7)-5-3(4)-----|
d-----5-----5-5~-----|
a-----|
E-----|

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Bad luck and trouble's my only friend
I've been down ever since I was ten

CHORUS: *[repeat last two lines 2x - then solo & out over intro]*

[some sample fills: played in verses and chorus after solo]

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e-----|
b-----11-13-13(15)-----|
g-/12-----12~-----|
d-----|
a-----|
E-----|

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e-----|
b-13(15)-13(15)----11~-----|
g-----12-----|
d-----|
a-----|
E-----|

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e-----15-----|
b-----15----18p15-----|
g-17(19)-----17(19)-15(16)-----|
d-----17~-----|
a-----|
E-----|

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