

# Down Fo' Boogie

Words & Music:  
Jeffrey Keith & Tommy Skeoch (Tesla)

*This is the final cut on the "5 Man Acoustical Jam" album. I've given the lyrics first and  
Dirt Bird's terrific tab follows.*

[spoken:] Awwww, take it away, Frankie, baby!

INSTRUMENTAL INTRO OVER:

[this is the basic set of changes for the song]

C | E7 | A7 | A7 | D7 | G | C | C |

C E7

I wanna ride on out into the sun,

A7

And I won't be back 'til the morning comes.

D G C

I'm gettin' down fo' boogie, all night long.

I said come what come, all gather round,

'Cause we're all gonna put it down

Get down fo' boogie, all night long, ow!

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO 1:

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO 2:

I wanna ride all around, into the sun,

And I won't be back 'til the morning comes.

I'm gettin' down fo' boogie, all night long.

C E7 A7

I'm gettin' down fo' boogie, down fo' boogie

D G C A7

I'm gettin' down fo' boogie, all night long, yes I do!

D G C A7

I'm gettin' down fo' boogie, all night long, tell me, how 'bout you?

C G7[stop] C C7 A7 E7 G7 C

I'm gettin' down fo' boogie, all night long!

[CODA: "Merrie Melodies" outro theme in C]

[spoken:] That's all, folks!

# Down Fo' Boogie Tab by Dirt Bird

Tommy tunes normally, and Frank plays slide with open E (EBEG#BE) tuning. Brian's bass line is VERY repetitive, but utterly essential [see below]. The final (That's all folks) section I have transcribed with Tommy playing chords, and Frank playing lead, but since it's quite tricky to play the lead with a slide on your finger, Tommy could well be doing it (and I'm imagining the chords). Decide for yourselves.

## Frank's Part:

w/slide

	+ + + + + + + +
E+---	+-----+-----+
B- --	- ----- -----
G# --7 Bars Bass+ Drum Intro-	- -----6/ -8-----
E- --	- ----- -----8-8-----8/ -
B- --	- ----- -----8-----8/ -
E+---	+-----+-----+

+ + + + + + + +
+-----+-----+-----+
----- ----- -----
/12----- /5--/5--/5----- -----
/12----- ----- -----
+-----+-----+-----5/+-

+ + + + + + + + + + + + + +
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
----- -----15----- -----
-----10----- -----15-----15----- -----8-6- ssssssss-----
-----10-----10--10 /15--15----- -----8--8-----
+ /10--10-----+ /8--8-----+-----+

## Solo 1:

+ + + + + ---3---
+-----+-----+-----+
----- ----- -----
/8----- /12/12-12----- /5-----
-----8--8----- -----12----- -----5-5-5-----
+-----+-----+-----+

+ + + + + ---3---	+ + + + + + + + + +
+-----+-----+-----+-----+	+-----+-----+-----+
----- ----- -----	----- ----- -----
/8--7--6-5----- -----15--15----- -----20-----	-----20----- -----181820sssssss-----
-----5/9----- -----10----- -----3-----	/20---20---2018---20---
+-----+-----10+3-3-----+	+-----+-----+-----+

## Verse: Improvise quietly for 16 bars (it's not tough!)

### Solo 2: (Surprisingly similar to nol!)

+ + + + + + + + + +
+-----+-----+-----+
----- ----- -----
/8----- /12/12-12----- -----/5-----6/ -
-----8--8----- -----12----- -----5-----
+-----+-----+-----+

+ + + + + ---3---
+-----+-----+-----+
----- ----- -----
/8--7--6-5----- -----10----- -----15-----
-----10----- -----15-----15-----
-----/10---8/10---13//15---13/15-----
+-----+-----10-----+-----15-----+

+ + + + + + + +

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-----8-----	-----
-----8-----/2018	ssssssssss-18\-----
-----8-----	-----18\-----

**Tommy's Solo: 6 bars rest/quiet improvisation then**

+ + + + + + + +

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-----	-----
-----8-----8-----8-----8-----	ssssssssssssssssss-----
/8--/8--/8--/8--/8--	-----

**Chorus: 14 bars r/I No slide**

+3-- +3-- +3-- +3-- ----- + + pause

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-8-8-8-6-6-6-5-5-4-4-4-	-3--9-8-
-----	-----9-8-
-----	-----9-8-

**Coda: Straight rhythm**

w/slide

+ + + + + + + +

-----	+8///-----
-----	-8///-----
-----	-8///-----
-----	-8///-----
-----	-8///-----

+ + + + + + + +

+12-----108-----10--12--10--8--12--10101010-----	-----
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-----	-----
-----	-----

+ + + + + + + +

+10-----8-7--8--10--8--7--10--8-8-8-8-----	-----
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+ + + + + + + + + + + + + +

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| -----101010-----         | -----121212-----         |
| -8-8-10108-8-1010 8----- | -8-8-10108-8-1010 8----- |
| -----                    | -----                    |
| -----                    | -----                    |

+ + + + + + + + + + + + + +

|  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| +12-----108-----10--12--10--8--12--10101010----- | -----8-10-----10--15-----15----- |
| -----  | -8-10-----                       |
| -----  | -----                            |
| -----  | -----                            |

**Tommy's Part:**

Chords used: (x at top = don't play)

|             |               |               |               |               |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| C           | E7            | A             | D             | G             |
| x=+=+=+=+=+ | x=x=+=+=+=+=+ | x=x=+=+=+=+=+ | x=x=+=+=+=+=+ | + +=+=+=+=+=+ |
| X           | X             |               | X   X         |               |
| X           | X             |               | X   X         |               |
| X           | X             |               | X             | X X           |
| AII         |               |               |               |               |
| x=+=+=+=+=x |               |               |               |               |
|             |               |               |               |               |
| X X X       |               |               |               |               |

X = Beat markers                      q = Bend by 1/4 tone                      p = pull off  
 = = Hold note / chord for length of time indicated  
 f (above tab)= Bend by full tone                      r (above tab)= Release bend

|               |                 |                   |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| X   X   X   X | X   X   X   X   | f   f   f   f     |
| C==   C=====  | E7==E7==E7===== | X   X   X   X     |
|               |                 | ---5---5---5---5- |
|               |                 | -8^--8^--8^--8^-- |
|               |                 | -----             |
|               |                 | -----             |
|               |                 | -----             |

|               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| q q           |               |               |
| X   X   X   X | X   X   X   X | X   X   X   X |
| -8^8^--5===== | D==   D=====  | G==G==G==G--- |
| -8^8^--5===== |               | -----         |
| -----6=====   |               | -----         |
| -----         |               | -----         |
| -----         |               | -----         |

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| X   X   X   X | X   X   X   X |
| C==   C==C=   | ==C=C=C==C=C= |

**Frank's Solo:**

|               |                      |               |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| X   X   X   X | X   X   X   X        | X   X   X   X |
| C==   C==     | -----                | ---5   A=A=   |
|               |                      | -----5        |
|               |                      | -----6        |
|               |                      | -----7--      |
|               | 7- -7-7---7-7-7---7- | -----         |
|               |                      | -----         |
|               |                      | -----         |
|               |                      | -----         |

|               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| X   X   X   X | X   X   X   X | X   X   X   X |
| A=A=   A==A=  | D==D=D==G=    | ==G==G==G==G= |

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| X   X   X   X | X   X   X   X |
| C==C=C==C=    | ==C=C=C==C=C= |

**Verse:**

|               |                 |                   |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| X   X   X   X | X   X   X   X   | f   f   f   f     |
| C==   C=====  | E7==E7==E7===== | X   X   X   X     |
|               |                 | ---5---5---5---5- |
|               |                 | -8^--8^--8^--8^-- |
|               |                 | -----             |
|               |                 | -----             |
|               |                 | -----             |

|               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| q             |               |               |
| X   X   X   X | X   X   X   X | X   X   X   X |
| -8^--5=====   | D==   D=====  | G==G==G==G--- |
| -8^--5=====   |               | -----         |
| -----6=====   |               | -----         |
| -----         |               | -----         |
| -----         |               | -----         |

|   |    |      |    |      |            |   |   |
|---|----|------|----|------|------------|---|---|
| X | X  | X    | X  | X    | X          | X | X |
|   | C= | C=C= | C= | C=C= | C===C=C=C= |   |   |

|   |                  |                   |   |   |   |   |   |       |       |       |       |      |
|---|------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| X | X                | X                 | X | X | X | X | X | f     | f     | f     | f     |      |
|   | C===C===C=C===== | E7E7==E7==E7===== |   |   |   |   |   | X     | X     | X     | X     |      |
|   |                  |                   |   |   |   |   |   | ---   | 5---  | 5---  | 5---  | 5--- |
|   |                  |                   |   |   |   |   |   | -8^-- | -8^-- | -8^-- | -8^-- |      |
|   |                  |                   |   |   |   |   |   | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |      |
|   |                  |                   |   |   |   |   |   | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |      |

|   |   |   |   |              |   |   |   |                     |        |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|--------------|---|---|---|---------------------|--------|---|---|
| X | X | X | X | X            | X | X | X | X                   | X      | X | X |
|   |   |   |   | D===D=D===G= |   |   |   | =G=G===G===G===G--- |        |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |              |   |   |   | -8^--               | 5===5= |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |              |   |   |   | -8^--               | 5===5= |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |              |   |   |   | -----               | 6===6= |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |              |   |   |   | -----               |        |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |              |   |   |   | -----               |        |   |   |

|   |              |                   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|--------------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| X | X            | X                 | X | X | X | X | X |
|   | C===C=C===C= | ===C=C=C===C=C=C= |   |   |   |   |   |

**Frank's Second Solo:** Tommy's part here is the same as it was for the first solo, minus the second half of the last bar.

**Tommy's Solo:**

|    |       |          |    |       |            |       |                |         |   |   |   |
|----|-------|----------|----|-------|------------|-------|----------------|---------|---|---|---|
|    |       |          |    |       |            |       |                |         |   |   |   |
| f  |       |          |    | f     | r          |       |                | f(hold) | r |   |   |
| X  | X     | X        | X  | X     | X          | X     | X              | X       | X | X | X |
|    |       |          |    |       |            |       |                |         |   |   |   |
| 8= | ===== | 5=====   | 8= | ===== | 8^         | ===== | 8-6p5-5-6p5-5- |         |   |   |   |
| 7^ | ===== | 4=5===== | 7^ | ===== | p57=7===== |       |                |         |   |   |   |
|    |       |          |    |       |            |       |                |         |   |   |   |
|    |       |          |    |       |            |       |                |         |   |   |   |

|           |            |          |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------|------------|----------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|           |            |          |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|           |            |          |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| X         | X          | X        | X    | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
|           |            |          |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| -7p5-5-7^ | ==5==5--5= | ==5=     |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|           | /7--       | 7p5-5    |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|           |            | 7p5-5-5^ | ==3- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|           |            |          |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**Verse:**

|   |      |        |                 |   |   |   |   |       |       |       |       |      |
|---|------|--------|-----------------|---|---|---|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| X | X    | X      | X               | X | X | X | X | f     | f     | f     | f     |      |
|   | C=== | C===== | E7==E7==E7===== |   |   |   |   | X     | X     | X     | X     |      |
|   |      |        |                 |   |   |   |   | ---   | 5---  | 5---  | 5---  | 5--- |
|   |      |        |                 |   |   |   |   | -8^-- | -8^-- | -8^-- | -8^-- |      |
|   |      |        |                 |   |   |   |   | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |      |
|   |      |        |                 |   |   |   |   | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |      |

|   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   |                  |        |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|------|--------|---|---|------------------|--------|---|---|
| X | X | X | X | X    | X      | X | X | X                | X      | X | X |
|   |   |   |   | D=== | D===== |   |   | G===G===G===G--- |        |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   | -8^--            | 5===== |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   | -8^--            | 5===== |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   | -----            | 6===== |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   | -----            |        |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |      |        |   |   | -----            |        |   |   |

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| X X X X | X X X X |
| C=== C= | C===== |

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**Chorus:**

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--3-- --3-- --3-- --3--
| X X X X | X X X X | X X X X |
| C=== C==== | E7E7E7E7E7E7E7E7E7E7E7E7E7 | AII= A===== |

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--3-- --3-- --3-- --3--
| X X X X | X X X X | X X X X |
| A A A A A A A A A A A A | D=== D===== | G===G===== |

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| X X X X | X X X X | X X X X |
| C===C===C===C= | A=A===A===A=A=A= | D=== D===== |

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| X X X X | X X X X | X X X X |
| G===G===== | C===C===C=C===C= | A=A===A===A=A=A= |

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| X X X X | X X X X | X X X X |
| D===D=D===D= | G= G= | |

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| X X (pause)
|-----4-3-----|
|-----4-3-----|
|-----4-3-----|
|-----3-2-----|
|-----4-3-----|
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**Coda: (This shows chords played, not rhythm)**

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| - | - | C | G | G | C | C | G | G | C | C | G | G | C G C C |

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## Down Fo' Boogie Bass Tab by Paul Hutchinson:

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+-----2-+-----1-4-1-+-----2-+-----+-----+-----+
|*-2-5---|-2-----|---5-4-5-|---5-4-2-|-----|
|*-3-----|-----|-----|-----|-5-3-2---|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----5-+

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1,3,5th ---\2,4,6,7th-\8th time
+-----+-----2-+-----5-2-+-----+-----5-2-+-----+
|-----2-|---2-5---|-----5-2-*|-----*|-----5-2-|
|---2-5---|-3-----|-----*|-----2-*|-----|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----3-5-+-----+

```

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--3-- --3-- --3-- --3--
+-----2-+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|---2-5---|-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-|---5-4-5-|
|-3-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

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--3-- --3-- --3-- --3--
+-----2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-+-----+-----+-----2-+
|-----|-----*-----|-----2-|---2-5---|
|-----|-----*5-3-2---|---2-5---|-3-----|
+-----+-----+-----5-+-----3-+-----+

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--3-- --3-- --3-- --3-- pause
+-----2-2-+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|-----5---4---2---*|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|-----*|-5-3-2---|-----|---3-3-3-1-1-1-0-0-0-|-----4-3-
+-----+-----+-----5-+-----3-+-----4-4-4-+-----3-

```

**Coda:**

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1st+2nd times-----\ 3rd time--
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|*------|-----|-----|-----*|-----|
|*-3---3---|-5---5-5-|---5---5-|-3---3-3-|-----*|-----3-3-3-|
+-----3---3-+-----+-----+-----3-3-+-----+-----3-

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