

# Malted Milk

Words & Music:  
Robert Johnson

*This song was part of the the 5<sup>th</sup> recording of 5 sessions; recorded on June 20 1937 in Dallas, Texas and can be found on The Complete Recordings (CBS 467246 2 & Columbia/Legacy C2K-46222 & Columbia 4622 & Sony 64916). Malted milk is a variation of a milk shake where one adds a spoonful of malt to give the drink that distinctive malted flavor. Malt is a wheat byproduct, grain (as barley) softened by steeping in water, allowed to germinate, and used especially in brewing and distilling. Every American colonial village had a maltser, who provided the malt needed to make the beer drunk in every home.*

I keep drinkin' malted milk, try'n to drive my blues away.  
I keep drinkin' malted milk, try'n to drive my blues away.  
Baby, you just as welcome to my lovin', as the flowers is in May.

Malted milk, malted milk, keep rushin' to my head.  
Malted milk, malted milk, keep rushin' to my head.  
And I have a funny, funny feelin', and I'm talkin' all out my head.

Baby, fix me one more drink, and hug your daddy one more time.  
Baby, fix me one more drink, and hug your daddy one more time.  
Keep on stirrin' my malted milk mama, until I change my mind.

My door knob keeps on turnin', it must be spooks around my bed.  
My door knob keeps on turnin', must be spooks around my bed.  
I have a warm, old feelin', and the hair risin' on my head.

# "Malted Milk" Tab - Robert Johnson Version

Tabber unknown. Tuning: Standard

---10---10---10---10---10---10---10---10---10---	---10-----3---3-----
---10-----	-----2---2-----
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---10---9-----8-----	---7---2-----2-----
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---5-----	---3---3---3---
---3---3---3---3---	---3---3---3---3---
---5---5---5---5-2/3-	---4---4-2/3-4---
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-----5---5---5---4---4---4---3---3---3---	-----5---5---5---5-----
-----7---7---7---6---6---6---5---5---5---	---3---3---3---3---3---3---3---3---
-----	-----5---5---5---5---5-2/3-
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---3---3---3---3---	---3---3---3---3---	-----5b-5b-5b-----5b-3---
---3---3---3---3---	---3---3---3---3-3-	-----4-----
---4---4-2/3-4---4-2-	---4---4-2-4---4---	-----x-----
-----	-----	-----x-----
-----	-----	-----

---5-----2-5-5---	---2-----	---3-----
---3---3---3---3---	---3-----	---2-----
---2-4---2-4---	-----4-3-2-	---2-----2-2/3-
-----	-----	---2-----2-2-----
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---3---3---3-3---3-	---5-5-5-4-4-4---	---3-3-3-3---
---4---4---4---	---2-4-4-3-3-3---	---2-2-2-2---
-----	---0---4-4-3---3---	---2-----2-x---
-----	-----0-	-----x---
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Notation used:  
b-bend  
/-slide  
x-muted note

# "Malted Milk" Tab - Eric Clapton version

Tabbed by Peter Tuyp. Tuning: Standard

Tuyp's note: "This song is originally played by two guitars. I found it hard to keep them apart, so I made this tab in wich I melted them more or less together."

Intro:

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e|----12-12-12-12-12-----5-5---5---5-----  
B|----12-12-12-12-12-----4-4---4---4-----  
G|-----  
D|-12-----11-----10-9--4-----4---4-----  
A|-----  
E|-----
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I keep

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e|-7-7-7-----5-5-5-----0-7--7-7--7-7--  
B|-----5-5-5-0---9/12-12-12-12-11-11-11-10-10-10-9-9-----  
G|-7-7-7-----6-6-6-----7--7-7--7-7--  
D|-6-6-6-0---2---5-5-5-----9/12-12-12-12-11-11-11-10-10-10-9---6--6-6--6-6--  
A|-7-7-7-2-3-3/4-7-7-7-----7--7-7--7-7--  
E|-0-0-0-----5-5-5---0-----0--0-0--0-0--  
    drinkin' malted milk  
        tryin' to drive my blues away
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e|-4/5--5--4/5---5-4/5---5-4/5-7--5-7--4-----4-----4-7-----  
B|-4/5--5--4/5---5-4/5---5-4/5-5--5---5-7b8-7b8-7b8r7-5-7b8-5-5-5-5---5-  
G|-5/6--6--5/6-6--6-5/6-6--6-5/6-----7-----6-8---  
D|-4/5--5--4/5-7--5-4/5-7--5-4/5-----6-----  
A|-6/7-----6/7-----6/7-----6/7-----7-----  
E|-4/5-----4/5-----4/5-----4/5-----0-----  
    I keep drinkin' malted milk,  
        tryin' to drive my blues away.
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e|-----7---7-7---4/5--5--5-4/5--7-5--0---7-----6-6---5--5--5-5-5-5-  
B|-----7---7-7---4/5--5--5-4/5--5-5--0---6-----5-5---4--4--4-4-4-4-  
G|-----8---8-----5/6-----6-5/6-----6-----5-5---4--4--4-4-4-4-  
D|-----7-----4/5-----5-4/5-----6---6/5-5-----  
A|-11-10-9-----6/7-----6/7-----2-----  
E|-----7-4/5-----4/5-----  
    Baby you're just as welcome to my lovin'  
        as the flowers is in May. Malted
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e|-7-7-7-7-7--4/5--5-4/5--5-7--0-----0--7-----7-7-----  
B|-----5---4/5--5-4/5--5-----7-----7-7-----  
G|-7-7-7--7--5/6--6-5/6--6--7--0-----7-----7-7-----  
D|-6-6-6--6--4/5--5-4/5--5-6-----2-5-5-2--2---6-----6-6-----  
A|-7-7-7--7--6/7--6/7--7-7--2-4-----4-----7-----7-7-7-----  
E|-0-0-0--0--4/5--4/5--5-0-----0--7-9-----0-0-----  
    milk, malted milk, keep rushing to my head. Malted
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e|-4/5--5--4/5---5-4/5-7-7-7-7-5-7-----7-7-7-----7-7-7-7-----0-7-----  
B|-4/5--5--4/5---5-4/5-5-5-5-5-5---7/9-9-9-9-7/9-9-9-9-----0-9-----  
G|-5/6--6--5/6-6-6-5/6-4-4-4-4-4-7-----9-----9-----  
D|-4/5--5--4/5-7-5-4/5-5-5-5-5-5-6-----9-11-----9-11---  
A|-6/7-----6/7-----6/7-----7-----  
E|-4/5-----4/5-----4/5-----0-----  
    milk, malted milk, keep rushing to my head.
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e|-----7---7-7---4/5--5--5-4/5--7-5--0---7-----6-6---5--5--5-5-5-5-  
B|-----7---7-7---4/5--5--5-4/5--5-5--0---6-----5-5---4--4--4-4-4-4-  
G|-----8---8-----5/6-----6-5/6-----6-----5-5---4--4--4-4-4-4-  
D|-----7-----4/5-----5-4/5-----6---6/5-5-----  
A|-11-10-9-----6/7-----6/7-----2-----  
E|-----7-4/5-----4/5-----  
    And I have a funny, funny feeling  
        and I'm talking all out my head. Baby
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e | -7-7-7-----4/5--5-4/5--5--7-----7-7-7--7-7-7--7-----0-7-----  
B | -----4/5--5-4/5--5-----7/9-9-9-9--9-9-9-9-----0-9-----  
G | -7-7-7-----5/6--6-5/6--6--7-----9-----9-----  
D | -6-6-6--6-----4/5-----5--6-----9-11-----9-11-----  
A | -7-7-7--7-----6/7-----7-----  
E | -0-0-0--7--4/5-----0-----  
fix me one more drink,  
and hug your daddy one more time.

e | -7--4/5--5-5--5--4/5--5-5-7-5-0-----0--7-----  
B | ---4/5--5-5--5--4/5--5-5-5-5-----0-----  
G | -7--5/6--6-6--6--5/6--6-6---4-----7-----  
D | -6--4/5--5-5--5--4/5--5-5-----2/5-2-----2/5-5-2---2-----6-----  
A | -7--6/7--7-7--7--6/7--7-7-----2-4-----4-----7-----7-----  
E | -0--4/5--5-5--5--4/5--5-5-----0--7-9-----  
Baby fix me one more drink,  
and hug your daddy one more time.

e | -----7---7-7---4/5-7-5--2/3-7-5--0-0---7-----6-6---5--5-5-5---  
B | -----7---7-7---4/5-5-5--4/5-5-5-----6-----5-5---4--4-4-4---  
G | -----8---8-----5/6-----2/3-----4-4--6-----5-5---4--4-4-4---  
D | -----7-----4/5-----4/5-----6--6/5-5-----  
A | -11-10-9-----2-6/7-----2/3-----2-----  
E | -----4/5-----2/3-----  
Keep on stirring my malted milk, mama,  
until I change my mind.

Solo:

e | -----7-6-5-----  
B | ---5-7br-7br-7br-5---5~~--2/5-5-5-----8br-8br-5---5~~-----  
G | -4-6-----6-----6-----6-----  
D | -----  
A | -----  
E | -----

e | -4/7-7-7-7-10-10-10-7-7-7-4--7-7--7-7--7-7-----  
B | -5/9-9-9-9-12-12-12-9-9-9-5-----  
G | -----7-7--7-7--7-7-----  
D | -----6-6--6-6--6-6-----  
A | -----7-7--7-7--7-7-----  
E | -----

e | -----7-6-5-----  
B | ---5-7br-7br-7br-5---5~~--2/5-5-5-----8br-8br-5---5~~-----  
G | -4/6-----6-----6-----6-----  
D | -----  
A | -----  
E | -----

e | -4/7-7-7-7-10-10-10-7-7-7-4--7-7--7-7--7-7-----  
B | -5/9-9-9-9-12-12-12-9-9-9-5-----  
G | -----7-7--7-7--7-7-----  
D | -----6-6--6-6--6-6-----  
A | -----7-7--7-7--7-7-----  
E | -----

e | -----9-8-7-----7-6-----5-----5-----  
B | -2/7-7-7-----10~~-----5-----/8b--8b--8b-8b-5---5~~-----  
G | -----4/6-----6-----  
D | -----  
A | -----  
E | -----

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E | ---7-----6-6---5--5--5-5-5-5-----
B | ---6-----5-5---4--4--4-4-4-4-----
G | ---6-----5-5---4--4--4-4-4-4-----
D | -6---6/5-5-----
A | -----2-----
E | -----

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My doorknob

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e | -7-7-7---4/5--5-4/5--5-----7-7-7-4-4-4/7-7-7-7/9-9-9-7-7-7-4-----
B | -0-0-0---4/5--5-4/5--5--0--6/9-9-9-9-----5-----
G | -7-7-7---5/6--6-5/6--6--1-----4-4-4/7-7-7-7/9-9-9-7-7-7-----
D | -6-6-6---4/5--5-4/5--5--2-----
A | -7-7-7--7-6/7---6/7---2-----
E | -0-0-0--7-4/5---4/5-----

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keeps on turnin',  
there must be spooks around my bed.

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e | -7-7--7-7--7-7---4/5--5-4/5--5-4/5--5-4/5--7-5-----
B | -9-9--9-9--9-9---4/5--5-4/5--5-4/5--5-4/5--5-5--0-----
G | -7-7--7-7--7-7---5/6--6-5/6--6-5/6--6-5/6-----1-----
D | -9-9--9-9--9-9---4/5--5-4/5--5-4/5--5-4/5-----2-----
A | -7-7--7-7--7-7---6/7--7-6/7--6-6/7--7-6/7-----2-----
E | -7-7--7-7--7-7---4/5--5-4/5--5-4/5--5-4/5-----

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My doorknob keeps on turnin'  
there must be spooks around my bed.

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e | -----7-7-7-4-4-4/7-7-7-7/9-9-9-9-7-7-7-4-----
B | -6/9-9-9-9-----5-----
G | -----4-4-4/7-7-7-7/9-9-9-9-7-7-7-----
D | -----
A | -----
E | -----

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e | -7-7--7-7--7-7-----2-2--2-2--2-2--7/6-7-5-----
B | -9-9--9-9--9-9-----4-4--4-4--4-4--7/6-5-5-5-8b-8b-5~~-----
G | -7-7--7-7--7-7-----2-2--2-2--2-2--8/7-6-----
D | -9-9--9-9--9-9-6-5-4-4-4--4-4--4-4--9/8-5-----
A | -7-7--7-7--7-7-----2-2--2-2--2-2--9/8-7-----
E | -7-7--7-7--7-7-----2-2--2-2--2-2--7/6-5-----

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And I have a funny, funny feeling,  
and the hair's rising on my head.

Outro:

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e | ----7-10br-7-----12(harmonic)-----
B | -/9-----9-7br-7br-5---5~~-----0-----
G | -----6-----1-----
D | -----2-----
A | -----2-----
E | -----0-----

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