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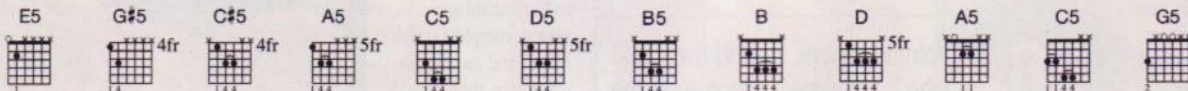
As heard on **NEVERMIND** (DGC)

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Guitar is tuned down one whole step (low to high, D G C F A D).

Bass tuning, low to high: D G C F.

All music sounds in the the key of D, one whole step lower than written.



A Intro (0:00)

Moderately ♩ = 132

E5 G#5 C#5 A5 C5 D5 B5 D5

Elec. Gtr. (clean)

1 slight P.M. ----- slight P.M. -----

B Verses (0:08, 1:03, 2:40)

1., 3. I'm so happy 'cause today I found my friends They're in my head
 2. I'm so lonely That's okay I shaved my head And I'm not sad

E5 G#5 C#5 A5 C5 D5 B D

Gtr. (don't play on 3rd Verse until bar 20)

5 slight P.M. ----- slight P.M. -----

Bass (don't play on 1st Verse)

Bass Fig. 1

end Bass Fig. 1

I'm so ugly that's okay 'cause so are you Broke our mirrors
 And just maybe I'm to blame for all I've heard I'm not sure

E5 G#5 C#5 A5 C5 D5 B D

Gtr.

9 slight P.M. ----- slight P.M. -----

Bass plays Bass Fig. 1 twice (see bar 5)

Sunday morning is every day for all I care And I'm not scared
 I'm so excited I can't wait to meet you there And I don't care

E5 G#5 C#5 A5 C5 D5 B D

13 slight P.M. ----- slight P.M. -----

Light my candles in a daze 'cause I've found God Yeah yeah
 I'm so horny That's okay my will is good Yeah Yeah yeah

E5 G#5 C#5 A5 C5 D5 B5 D5

Gtr. 17 slight P.M. ----- *(w/dist.)

*doubled
 Substitute Bass Fill 1 on 1st Verse (see below)

C Pre-chorus (0:39, 1:34, 3:11)

3rd time on 1st Pre-chorus, go back to **B** 2nd Verse

Yeah Yeah Yeah yeah yeah yeah Yeah Yeah yeah yeah

E5 G#5 C#5 A5 C5 D5 B5 D5

Substitute Rhy. Fill 1 third time on 2nd and 3rd Pre-choruses (see below) (play 3 times)

21

(play 3 times)

D Chorus (1:57, 3:35)

I like it I'm not gonna crack I miss you I'm not gonna crack
 A5 C5 A5 C5 G5 A5 C5 A5 C5

25

Substitute Bass Fill 2 second time on 2nd Chorus (see below)

Bass Fill 1 (0:35)

Rhy. Fill 1 (1:55, 3:33)
 B5 D5

Bass Fill 2 (3:54)
 A5 C5 A5 C5

1. (take 1st and 2nd endings on both choruses)

I love you I'm not gonna crack I killed you I'm not gonna crack
A5 C5 A5 C5 A5 C5 A5 C5 G5

29

2.

2nd time, skip ahead to **F** Outro

I'm not gonna crack
A5 C5 D5 B5

33

E Interlude (2:33)

go back to **B** 3rd Verse

N.C.(E5) (G#5) (C#5) (A5) (C5) (D5) (B5) (D5)

36

F Outro (4:08)

B5

(E5)

40

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