

Its A Long Way To The Top Tab by AC/DC

Tuning: E A D G B E

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Tuning: Standard

So this is the proper way to play this song, like AC/DC, who had to tune it down for the bagpipes.

I'm sure this tab is 100%, but not the solo, because i think it sounds better if you just make it up on the spot. I've tried to make this tab pretty detailed, so you can get the song just right.

Cheers!

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"For those about to rock, we salute you!"

"Its a Long Way to the Top"-(if you wanna rock'n'roll) AC/DC

[Opening rhythm riff]
(played by Malcom)

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e|-----|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|X 32
A|-6--8-x-x-8-8-----|
E|-6--6-x-x-6-6-----|
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Play rhythm riff until the chorus

[Opening lead riff]
(played by Angus, after 4 bars of rhythm)

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e|-----|
B|-----|
G|----6-----|x 4
D|----6-----|
A|-6h8---6-----|
E|-----6-----|
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Then vocals come in- "Ridin' down the highway..."

Lead doesnt play anything in the first half of the verse, but in the last 8 bars, he plays this-

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e| -6--6-----6--6-----6--6-----6--6-----6-----|
B| -6--6-----6--6-----6--6-----6--6-----6-----|
G| -----|
D| -----| x2
A| -----|
E| -----|

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Then both guitars play this - let ring

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e| -----|
B| -----|
G| -----8-----| x2
D| ---8-----6-----8-----8-----|
A| ---8-----6-----6-----8-----|
E| ---6-----4-----6-----|

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"It's a long way to the top if you wanna rock'n'roll..."

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e| -----|
B| -----|
G| -----8~-----|
D| -----6~-----|
A| -----|
E| -----|

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"If you think its easy doin' one night stands..."

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e| -----|
B| -----|
G| -----8~-----|
D| -----8~-----|
A| -----6~-----|
E| -----|

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"Try playin' in a rock'n'roll band..."

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e| -----|
B| -----|
G| ---8-----8-----|
D| ---6-----8-----8-----|
A| ---6-----6-----8-----|
E| -----6-----|

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"It's a long way to the top if you wanna rock'n'roll!..."

Then the Rythm guitar comes back in with this until the guitar solo

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e| -----|
B| -----|
G| -----|
D| -----|
A| -6--8-x-x-8-8-----|
E| -6--6-x-x-6-6-----|

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Bagpipe Interlude

And the lead plays- (guitar and bagpipes) you can play the bagpipes part on the guitar

e -----/6/--		e -----6-----	
B -----		B -----	
G -6h7-----	Guitar x 4	G -6-7-----	Bagpipes x 4
D -----		D -----	
A -----		A -----	
E -----		E -----	

[Solo]

In the solo, the rhythm guitar plays this-

e																
B																
G	-8	-8	-x	-8	-8	-8	-8	-x	-8	-8						
D	-6	-6	-x	-6	-6	-8	-8	-x	-8	-8						
A						-6	-6	-x	-6	-6	-6	-8	-x	-x	-8	-8
E						-6	-6	-x	-x	-6	-6					

Lead guitar solo, you can do what is recorded, but i just do my own thing, e.g.- (Listen to the song for the timing of this part, the lead plays after the rhythm plays the 3 chords) There are 3 bits to the guitar solo.

	1st	2nd
e	-6-9-6-----	-18-21-18-----
B	-6-9-6-----	-18-21-18-----
G	-----8b-6-8b-6h8-----	-----20b-18-20b-8-20-8-----
D	-----8-6-----	-----20-19-18-----
A	-----8-----	-----20-----
E	-----6-----	-----

The 3rd bit continues on for twice as long

e | -6-9-6-----6-9-----
 B | -----6-9-----6-9-----6-9-----
 G | -----8b-6-8-6-----8-6-----
 D | -----6-7-----8-6-----
 A | -----/6-9-----8-----
 E | -----6~::~~::~~::~~::~~::~~::

And then the rythm guitar comes back in with this until the chorus-
(20 bars)

e | -----
B | -----
G | -----
D | -----
A | -6--8-x-x-8-8-----
E | -6--6-x-x-6-6-----

e | -6---6-----6---6-----6---6-----6---6-----
 B | -6---6-----6---6-----6---6-----6---6-----
 G | -----
 D | ----- x2
 A | -----
 E | -----

e													
B													
G											x2		
D	8		6		8								
A	8		6		6		6	8	x	x	8	8	
E	6		4					6	6	x	x	6	6

e | _____
B | _____
G | _____ 8~
D | _____ 6~
A | _____
E | _____

e |-----
B |-----
G |----- 8~
D |----- 8~
A |----- 6~
E |-----

e|-----
B|-----
G|-8-8-x-8-8---8-8-x-8-8-----
D|-6-6-x-6-6---8-8-x-8-8-----
A|-----6-6-x-6-6---6-8-x-x-8-8-----
E|-----6-6-x-x-6-6-----

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e|-----|
 B|-----|
 G|-----|
 D|-----|
 A|-6--8-x-x-8-8--6--8-x-x-8-8-----|
 E|-6--6-x-x-6-6--6--6-x-x-6-6-----|

"It's a long way...!" Repeat until fade

END

Lyrics

Ridin' down the highway
 Goin' to a show
 Stop in all the by-ways
 Playin' rock 'n' roll
 Gettin' robbed
 Gettin' stoned
 Gettin' beat up
 Broken boned
 Gettin' had
 Gettin' took
 I tell you folks
 It's harder than it looks

It's a long way to the top
 If you wanna rock 'n' roll
 It's a long way to the top
 If you wanna rock 'n' roll
 If you think it's easy doin' one night stands
 Try playin' in a rock roll band
 It's a long way to the top
 If you wanna rock 'n' roll

Hotel, motel
 Make you wanna cry
 Lady do the hard sell
 Know the reason why
 Gettin' old
 Gettin' grey
 Gettin' ripped off
 Under-paid
 Gettin' sold
 Second hand
 That's how it goes
 Playin' in a band

It's a long way to the top
 If you wanna rock 'n' roll
 It's a long way to the top
 If you wanna rock 'n' roll
 If you wanna be a star on stage and screen
 Look out it's rough and mean
 It's a long way to the top
 If you wanna rock 'n' roll

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| /  slide up  
| \  slide down  
| h  hammer-on  
| p  pull-off  
| ~  let ring  
| +  harmonic  
| x  Mute note  
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