

Blackbird
John Lennon and Paul McCartney
The Beatles

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The existing TABs are close but some miss the timing, others leave out notes. The TAB by Douglas French from 1995 (which this tab is greatly based on) is very good but misses the very important chromatic bass line through the verses (only 3 notes...but important). Others that have the bass line show a really wierd fingering for it. Try this one out. It's really pretty easy. Check out measure #5 where the chromatic bass notes all stay on the A string.

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| #1 | 3/4 G | Am7 | G/B | #2 | 4/4 G |
| E | -----3----- | | | -----12-----12-----12-----12-----12----- | |
| B | -----0-----0-----0----- | | | -----0-----0-----0-----0-----0----- | |
| G | -----0-----0-----0----- | | | -----0-----0-----0-----0-----0----- | |
| D | -----0-----0-----0----- | | | -----0-----0-----0-----0-----0----- | |
| A | -----0-----2-----2----- | | | -----10-----10-----10-----10----- | |
| E | -----3----- | | | -----3----- | |
| | + . + . + . | | | + . + . + . + . + . | |

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|---|-------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------|
| | 3/4 G | Am7 | G/B | 4/4 G |
| E | -----1-----3----- | | | -----12-----12-----12-----12----- |
| B | -----0-----0-----0----- | | | -----0-----0-----0-----0-----0----- |
| G | -----0-----0-----0----- | | | -----0-----0-----0-----0-----0----- |
| D | -----0-----0-----0----- | | | -----0-----0-----0-----0-----0----- |
| A | -----0-----2-----2----- | | | -----10-----10-----10-----10----- |
| E | -----3----- | | | -----3----- |
| | + . + . + . | | | + . + . + . + . + . |

1. Blackbird singing in the dead of night
2. Blackbird singing in the dead of night

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| #5 | C | A7/C# | D | B7/D# | Em | Cm/Eb |
| E | -----3----- | -----5----- | -----5----- | -----5----- | -----5----- | -----5----- |
| B | -----5-----5----- | -----7-----7----- | -----7-----7----- | -----7-----7----- | -----8-----8----- | -----8-----8----- |
| G | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| D | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| A | -----3-----4----- | -----5-----5----- | -----6-----6----- | -----7-----7----- | -----7-----7----- | -----6-----6----- |
| E | -----3----- | -----4----- | -----5----- | -----6----- | -----7----- | -----6----- |
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Take these broken wings and learn to fly
Take these sunken eyes and learn to see (notes in () not played 2nd verse)

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| #7 | 3/2 D | A7/C# | C | Cm |
| E | -----3----- | -----5----- | -----5----- | -----4-----4----- |
| B | -----7-----7----- | -----5-----5----- | -----5-----5----- | -----4-----4----- |
| G | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| D | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| A | -----5-----4----- | -----3-----3----- | -----3-----3----- | -----3-----3----- |
| E | -----5----- | -----4----- | -----3----- | -----3----- |
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All your life
All your life

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| #8 | G/B | A7 | C/D |
| E | -----3----- | -----2-----2----- | -----1-----1----- |
| B | -----3-----3----- | -----2-----2----- | -----2-----2----- |
| G | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| D | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| A | -----2-----2----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| E | -----2----- | -----0----- | -----0----- |
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You were only waiting for this moment to a-
You were only waiting for this moment to be

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| #9 | 4/4 G | C | G | A7 | C/D |
| E | -----0-----0----- | -----5-----3----- | -----2-----2----- | -----1-----1----- | -----1-----1----- |
| B | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| G | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| D | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| A | -----0-----0----- | -----3-----2----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| E | -----3-----3----- | -----2-----2----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
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rise.

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| #11 | 2/2 G |
| E | -----0-----0----- |
| B | -----0-----0----- |
| G | -----0-----0----- |
| D | -----0-----0----- |
| A | -----3-----3----- |
| E | -----3-----3----- |
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free.

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| #13 | 4/4 F | Em | Dm | C | Bb | C |
| E | -----10-----8----- | -----6-----5----- | -----3-----3----- | -----3-----3----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| B | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| G | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| D | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| A | -----8-----7----- | -----5-----3----- | -----1-----1----- | -----1-----1----- | -----3-----3----- | -----3-----3----- |
| E | -----8----- | -----7----- | -----5----- | -----3----- | -----1----- | -----3----- |
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Black - bird, fly,

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| #15 | 4/4 F | Em | Dm | C | Bb | A7 |
| E | -----10-----8----- | -----6-----5----- | -----3-----3----- | -----2-----2----- | -----2-----2----- | -----2-----2----- |
| B | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| G | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| D | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| A | -----8-----7----- | -----5-----3----- | -----1-----1----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- | -----0-----0----- |
| E | -----8----- | -----7----- | -----5----- | -----3----- | -----1----- | -----0----- |
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Black - bird, fly, into the

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| #17 | 2/4 C/D |
| E | -----1-----1----- |
| B | -----0-----0----- |
| G | -----0-----0----- |
| D | -----0-----0----- |
| A | -----0-----0----- |
| E | -----0-----0----- |
| | + . + . + . + . + . |

light of a dark blackc

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| #18 | 3/4 G | Am7 | G | 4/4 G |
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E |-----3-----|-----12--12--12--12--12--12-----|
B |-----0-----3-----|-----12--12--12--12--12--12-----|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----0-----2-----|-----10-----10-----10-----|
A |-----3-----|-----10-----10-----10-----|
E |-----3-----|-----10-----10-----10-----|
+ . + . + . + . + . + . + .
night.

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#20 C A7/C# D7 B7/D# Em * Cm/Eb
E |-----3-----5-----|-----8--8--8--8--8--8-----|
B |-----5-----7-----7-----|-----8--8--8--8--8--8-----|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----3-----5-----6-----|-----7-----6-----6-----|
A |-----3-----|-----7-----6-----6-----|
E |-----3-----|-----7-----6-----6-----|
+ . + . + . + . + . + . + .
*note small change in picking pattern here

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#22 3/2 D A7/C# C Cm
E |-----3-----|-----4--4--4--4--4--4-----|
B |-----7-----5-----5-----4-----4-----4-----|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----3-----5-----5-----4-----4-----4-----|
A |-----5-----4-----3-----3-----3-----3-----|
E |-----5-----4-----3-----3-----3-----3-----|
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#23 G A7 C/D #24 2/4 G
E |-----3--3--3--2--2--2--1--1--1--0-----|
B |-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----2-----2-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
A |-----2-----2-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
E |-----3-----3-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
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#25 4/4 F Em Dm C Bb C
E |-----10-----8-----6-----5-----3-----3-----0-----0-----|
B |-----10-----8-----6-----5-----3-----3-----0-----0-----|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----8-----7-----5-----3-----1-----1-----3-----3-----|
A |-----8-----7-----5-----3-----1-----1-----3-----3-----|
E |-----8-----7-----5-----3-----1-----1-----3-----3-----|
+ . + . + . + . + . + . + .
Black - bird, fly,

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#27 4/4 F Em Dm C Bb A7
E |-----10-----8-----6-----5-----3-----3-----2-----2-----|
B |-----10-----8-----6-----5-----3-----3-----2-----2-----|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----8-----7-----5-----3-----1-----1-----0-----0-----|
A |-----8-----7-----5-----3-----1-----1-----0-----0-----|
E |-----8-----7-----5-----3-----1-----1-----0-----0-----|
+ . + . + . + . + . + . + .
Black - bird, fly, into the

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#29 2/4 C/D
E |-----1-----1-----1-----|
B |-----0-----0-----0-----|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----0-----0-----0-----|
A |-----0-----0-----0-----|
E |-----0-----0-----0-----|
+ . + .
light of a dark, black

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#30 3/4 G Am7 G/B 4/4 G
E |-----1-----3-----|-----12--12--12--12--12--12-----|
B |-----0-----1-----3-----|-----12--12--12--12--12--12-----|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----0-----2-----|-----10-----10-----10-----|
A |-----3-----|-----10-----10-----10-----|
E |-----3-----|-----10-----10-----10-----|
+ . + . + . + . + . + .
night.

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#31 G
E |-----12--12--12--12--12--12--|-----12--12--12--12--12--12--|
B |-----12--12--12--12--12--12--|-----12--12--12--12--12--12--|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----10-----10-----10-----10-----|-----10-----10-----10-----10/---|
A |-----10-----10-----10-----10-----|-----10-----10-----10-----10/---|
E |-----10-----10-----10-----10-----|-----10-----10-----10-----10/---|
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#34 3/4 G Am7 G/B 3/4 C G/B A7
E |-----0-----1-----3-----|-----0-----3-----2-----|
B |-----0-----1-----3-----|-----0-----3-----2-----|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----0-----2-----|-----3-----2-----0-----|
A |-----10\3-----|-----3-----2-----0-----|
E |-----10\3-----|-----3-----2-----0-----|
+ . + . + . + . + . + .
slide down a tempo

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#36 2/4 C/D
E |-----1-----1-----1-----|
B |-----1-----1-----1-----|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----0-----0-----0-----|
A |-----0-----0-----0-----|
E |-----0-----0-----0-----|
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#37 3/4 G Am7 G/B 4/4 G
E |-----1-----3-----|-----12--12--12--12--12--12-----|
B |-----0-----1-----3-----|-----12--12--12--12--12--12-----|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----|
D |-----0-----2-----|-----10-----10-----10-----|
A |-----3-----|-----10-----10-----10-----|
E |-----3-----|-----10-----10-----10-----|
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Blackbird singing in the dead of night

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#39

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|---|---|-------|---|-------|----|-------|
| | C | A7/C# | D | B7/D# | Em | Cm/Eb |
| E | 3 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 8 |
| B | 5 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 8 |
| G | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| E | + | + | + | + | + | + |

Take these broken wings and learn to fly;

#41

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|---|-------|-------|-----|------|
| | 3/2 D | A7/C# | C * | Cm * |
| E | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| B | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| G | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| E | + | + | + | + |

* note change in picking pattern here

All your life

#42

| | | | | |
|---|---------|----|-----|---|
| | 4/4 G/B | A7 | C/D | G |
| E | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| B | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| G | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| E | + | + | + | + |

You were only waiting for this moment to a-rise.

#44

| | | | | | |
|---|---|-----|----|-----|---|
| | C | G/B | A7 | C/D | G |
| E | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| B | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| G | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| E | + | + | + | + | + |

You were only waiting for this moment to a-rise.