

LA BAMBA

As recorded by Ritchie Valens

(From the 1959 Album RITCHIE VALENS)

Transcribed by Slowhand

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A Intro

$\text{♩} = 152$
N.C.

C

F

G

F

C

F

G

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Gtr I

let ring

T		1	1	1	1	0	(0)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
A		0	0	2	2	0	(0)	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	0
B	3	2	3	3	3	0	(0)	3	3	2	0	3	3	3	3	0

B 1st, 3rd & 4th Verses



C

F

G

F

5

let ring

T	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	(0)	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
A	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	(0)	2	2	0	0	2	2	0
B	3	0	0	0	3	3	3	0	(0)	3	3	2	0	3	3	0

To Coda

8

let ring

T		0	2	2	2	2	1	0	(0)	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
A		2	2	2	2	2	2	0	(0)	2	2	2	2	0	2	0
B	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	0	(0)	3	3	3	3	0	3	0

To Db. Coda

12

let ring

T		0	2	2	2	2	1	0	(0)	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
A		2	2	2	2	2	2	0	(0)	2	2	2	2	0	2	0
B	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	0	(0)	3	3	3	3	0	3	0

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C F G F C F

let ring

T

A

B

C 2nd Verse

20

C F G F C F G F

let ring-----

T					1	0	(0)		1	1	1	1					(0)		1	1	1	1
A		0		2	2	2	2	0	(0)	2	2	0	0		0	1	0	2	2	2	0	0
B	3	2		2	3	3	3	0	(0)		0	3	3	2	0		3		3	3	3	0

D Chorus

24

let ring

T

A

B

28

let ring-----

T					1	0	(0)		1	1	1	1			0	1		(0)		1	1	1	1
A		0		2	2	2	0	(0)		2	2	0	0			0	0	(0)		2	2	0	0
B	3	2		2	3	3	0	(0)		3	3	2	0			3		(0)		3	3	2	0

D.S. al Coda
G N.C.

32 *D.S. al Coda*

C F G N.C. C F G F

let ring-----

T 1 0

A 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 0

B 3 2 0 2 2 2 2 0

(0) 1 1 1 0 2

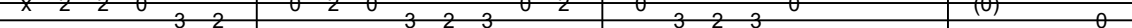
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H

E Guitar Solo

N.C.

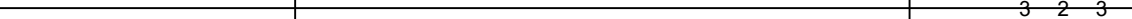
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T

A x 2 2 0 3 2 0 2 0 3 2 3 0 2 0 3 2 3 0 (0)

B 2 0 3 3 2 0

43 

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D.S.S. al Dbl. Coda

50

T
A 2 0 3 2 3 0 0 0 0 0 0
B

53

let ring

T	A	B
0 1	0 2 2 2 0	3
(0)	(0) 2 2 0 0	3 2 0 3 3 2 0
(0)	(0) 2 2 0 0	3 2 0 3 3 3 0
(0)	(0) 2 2 0 0	3 2 0 3 3 3 0

F Outro

57

C F G F C F G F

let ring-----|

T	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	(0)	1	1	1	1	(0)	1	1	1	1	
A	0	0	2	2	2	0	(0)	0	2	2	0	0	(0)	0	2	2	0	0
B	3		3	3	3	0	(0)	3	2	0	3	3	2	0	3	2	0	0

3 2 0 3 3 2 0 3 2 0 2 3 3 3 0 3 2 0 3 2

fade out

C F G F C F G F

let ring-----|

T	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	(0)	1	1	1	1	(0)	1	1	1	1	
A	0	0	2	2	2	0	(0)	0	2	2	0	0	(0)	0	2	2	0	0
B	3		3	3	3	0	(0)	3	2	0	3	3	2	0	3	2	0	0

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