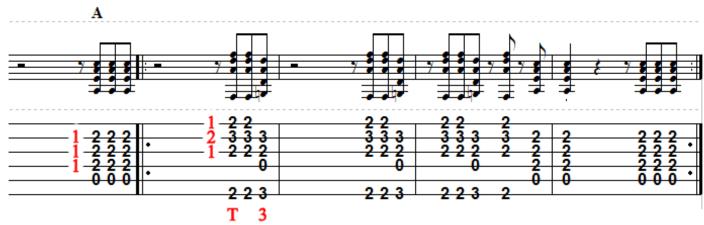
Quick Notes on "Highway to Hell " by AC/DC

Tempo: 116 bpm

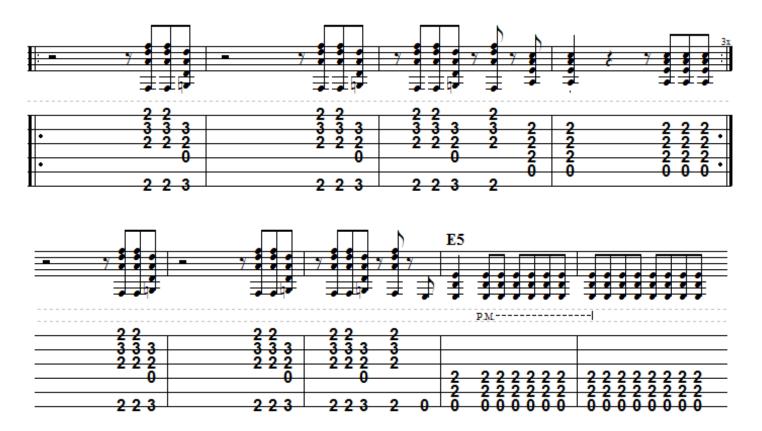
This song is easier to play (for the most part) than it is to explain. The solo is definitely the harder part, but I'm not sure that it's all that bad with a little practice.

First, THINK A - D - G - A for the intro and the verse theme. Here's the intro:



If you don't overthink this part it becomes much easier. The main shape is really a "D" shape with a slight inversion using the $F\# (2^{nd} \text{ fret low E})$ and $G (3^{rd} \text{ fret Low E})$ with the A(5) being basically the tonal centre.

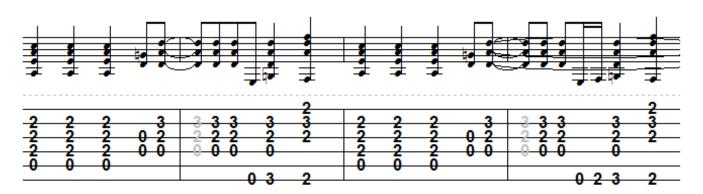
The verse:

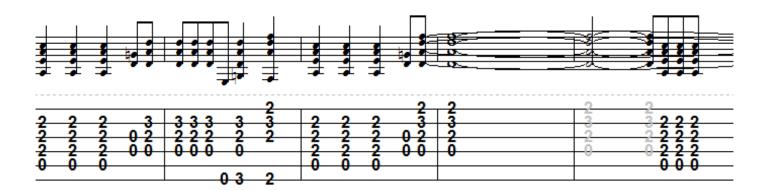


You repeat the first bar of the verse 3 times and then end the verse theme with the build of E5 toward the chorus.

The chorus:

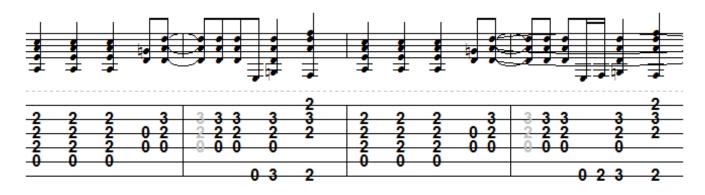
*Note – the FIRST chorus will go back to a verse.



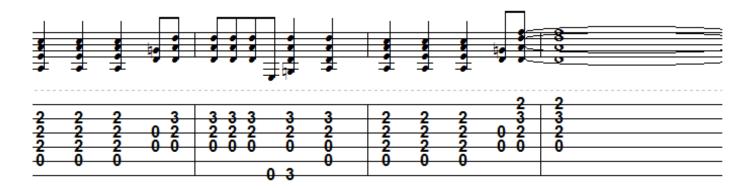


The tell-tale is that ending "A" above. So, after the first chorus it's back to a verse.

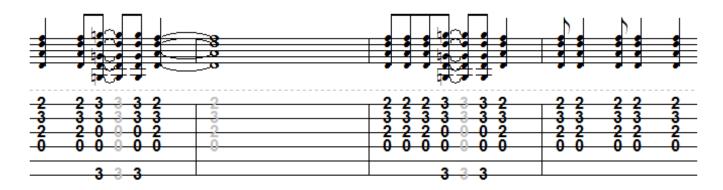
The second chorus goes to the solo.



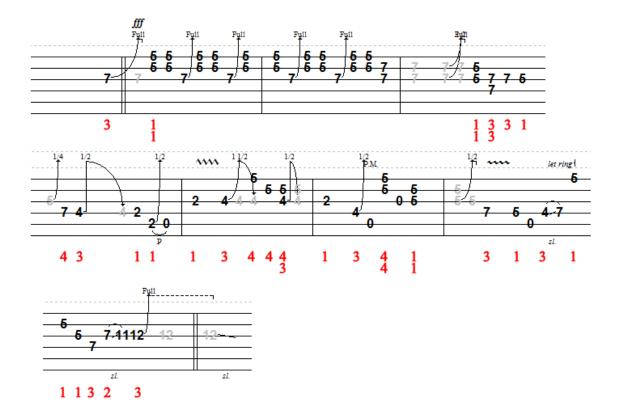
The above is identical, but the changes come below:



Notice we DO NOT end on the A (5) like in the first chorus. We hold the D and then....



Here is where you need to assume the role you want to play in this song. If you plan on playing the solo you will need some breathing room for that. Don't play (much) of the last measure of D. Instead, you'd start the solo. The solo is played over the chorus theme.



As always, these might not be your choice of fingerings. I tend to bend better with my 3rd finger (with the 2nd backing it up for strength) so that's related to my typical preference. However, it's good, when possible, to bend with any finger other than the 1st finger if it's a biggish bend. Any fingers in front of (such as your 1st backing up your 2nd finger, etc.) can be used effectively.

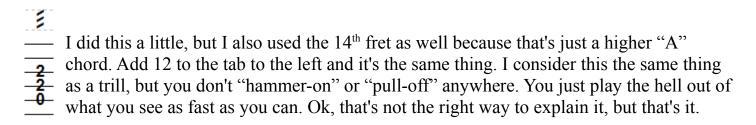
That last 12th fret bend above brings you into the outro and chorus section. I did a FEW little things at the end of my demo based on combining a few techniques BOTH of the Young's used.

One is just a pic scrape, which isn't all that necessary. There's no instruction for that. You scrape the strings from the higher frets to the lower ones. The lower strings (in terms of notes, such as E, A, D strings themselves) usually provide a nice deep scrape.

The other is actually a trill, which is seen below:

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17 (20) 17 (20)	A trill is a <u>rapid</u> hammer-on and pull-off.
	It's fast. Here you hammer-on/pull-off from $17 - 20$.

This is also something I did, which is considered tremolo picking:



There is NO rhyme nor reason to the ending. It's basically all just an "A" with some random metal stuff. Just end on A to make it easy, or play around with what you see in the PDF.

I think the fun in this song is the main riff, but there's plenty of stuff in here to keep you going!