

WHY I SING THE BLUES

As recorded by B.B. King

(From the 1969 Album LIVE & WELL)

Transcribed by Slowhand

Words ar

A Intro

$\text{♩} = 118$
N.C.

Gtr I (El. Gtr. w/ light dist.)

Full 1/4 Full Full

1/2 Full 1/2 1/4 P

Full

1/2 Full (13) P H

B 1st - 6th Verses

$\text{♩} = 118$
C

14

18

F

T 8 10 8 10 8 8 10 8
A 8 x x 8 x 8 8 10 8
B 8 x x 8 x 9 9 9 9

22

G F C

(2nd time on D.S.) To Coda

1., 2., 3.

T x x x x 8 8 10 12 12 12
A x x x x 9 9 9 10 10 10
B 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9

[C] Guitar Solo

4.

N.C.
δva δva δva-----1 δva δva-----1 δva-----1 δva δva--1

26

T 8 10 12 13 13 13 11 13 13 11 13 13 11 13 13 (13)
A 10 9 12 13 13 13 11 13 13 11 13 13 11 13 13
B 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9

30

δva-----1 δva-----1 δva-----1

T 11 13 11 (11) 13 13 (13)(13) (13) 11 13 (13) 13 11 13 13 (13) 11 13 11 13 11
A 11 13 11 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13
B 11 13 11 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13

34

δva δva δva-----1 δva-----1 δva-----1 δva δva--1 δva

T 13 11 13 (13) 13 11 13 11 13 13 (13) 11 13 12 13 13 13 11 13 11
A 13 11 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13
B 13 11 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13

D Guitar Solo

D.S. al Coda \oplus

G

N.C.

38

T 8 8 10 10 13 13 13 11 13 13 11

A

B

42

T 13 13 11 13 13 13 11 13 13 11 13 13 11 13

A

B

P

46

T (13) 13 11 13 13 13 11 13 13 11 13 13

A

B

P

49

T 13 (13) 11 13 11 13 8 8 10 10

A

B

P sl. sl.

E 7th & 8th Verses

C

52

T 8 8 10 8 8 10 8 8

A 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9

B

56

F C

T 8 10 8 10 8 8 8 10 8

A 8 x x 8 x x 9 9 9 9 9

B

60

G F C

1.

T x x x x 8 8 10 12 12 12

A x x x x 9 9 9 16 16 16

B

[F] Guitar Solo

64

2.

N.C.

sva----- *sva*----- *sva*-----

T 12 13 13 13 13 13 11 11 11 11 13 13 13 11 11

A 12 13 13 13 13 13 11 11 11 11 13 13 13 11 11

B

68

sva----- *sva*-----

Full 1/2 Full 1/2

T 13 13 (13x13) 11 13 11 13 13 13 13 11 13 (13x13) 11 13 11 8 8 10 8 9

A 13 13 (13x13) 11 13 11 13 13 13 13 11 13 (13x13) 11 13 11 8 8 10 8 9

B

P P sl. H

72

Full

T 8 10 8 10 8 10 10 12 14 13 13 10 10 13 12 13 13 12 15

A 8 10 8 10 8 10 10 12 14 13 13 10 10 13 12 13 13 12 15

B

H

G 9th, 10th & 11th Verses
C

76

sl.

81

85

H Outro Guitar Solo

89

93

sl.

96 *δva*----- *C6* *δva* *N.C.* *δva* *δva*----- *δva*- *δva* *δva*

T 11 11 8 10 13 10 (10) 8 8 10 10 8 8 8
A 10 9 10 10 9 10 9 10 9
B

P

100 *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*-

T 13 13 13 11 13 Full (13) 13 11 13 Full (13) 13 Full 11 1/4 13 11
A
B

P

104 *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva* *δva* *δva*-----

T 13 11 1/2 13 Full 13 11 (11) 1/2 13 11 1/2 15 13 16 15 14 13 14
A
B

sl.

108 *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*-----

T 16 1/2 16 1/2 13 1/2 16 (16) 13 15 (15) (15) 13 15 13 15 15 (15) Full 15 16 15
A 14 15 14 15 13 15
B

sl. *sl.* P

112 *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*-----

T 13 13 14 13 14 13 13 13 15 Full 15 Full 13 (13) 13 15 1/2 15 1/2
A
B

116 *δva*----- *δva*

T 13 13 15 15 15 15 15 (15) 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 13 15 15 Full 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1/2 Full

A

B

120 *δva* *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva* *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*-----

T 13 15 15 13 13 15 (15)(15) 13 15 13 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 1/2 Full 1 1/2 Full 1/2

A

B

P

124 *δva*----- *δva* *δva*----- *δva* *δva*----- *δva* *δva*----- *δva* *δva* *δva*

T 13 13 15 (15) 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 (13) 13 13 13 Full

A

B

128 *δva*----- *δva* *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*-----

T 15 13 13 13 (13) 15 15 15 16 16 13 13 13 15 15 15 13 13 16 Full 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1/4

A

B

H P

132 *δva* *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*-----

T 13 15 16 16 16 16 13 13 15 15 (15) (13) 15 14 Full Full Full Full 1/2 1/2

A

B

136 *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*-----

T 13 15 14 13 15 14 13 13 13 15 15 (15) 13 15 14 13 15 13 14 Full 1/2 1/2

A

B

140 *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*-----

T 13 15 15 14 15 15 15 13 14 13 15 15 15 13 14 13 15 13 15 15

A

B

P H

144 *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*----- *δva*-----

T (15) 12 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 10 8 10 10 (10) 8

A

B

C9 N.C.

148 *δva*-----

T 10 8 11 8 10 8 9 8

A

B

sl.

152 *δva*-----

T 13 13 8 9

A

B

157 *fade out*

T 10 8 10 8 8 10 11 10 8 8 9 10 8 8 10 8 8

A

B

H H