Breakdown – Tom Petty
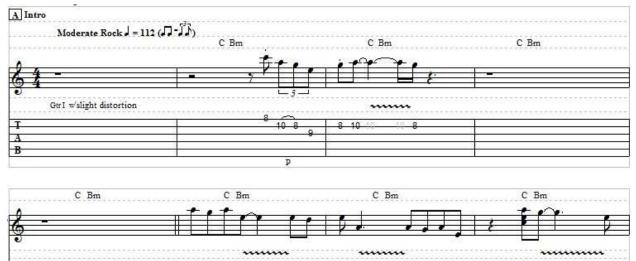
BPM: 112

Strumming Pattern: DU, X, DU, X

Chords Used:

A5: 577xxx
G5: 355xxx
F5: 133xxx
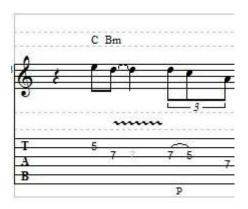
Riffs Used (Lead Riff):

Riff-Based Chords Used:

To make the reference point easier I chose to name the riffs based on the B string notes.

This is the 5-3 (partial C and Bm chords) as referred to in the verse.

This is the "F (1-3-5-3)" as referred to in the verse.
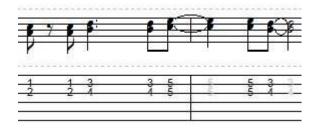

Verse:

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      (5-3)        (5-3)
It's all right if you love me
      (5-3)        (5-3)
It's all right if you don't
      (5-3)        (5-3)
I'm not afraid of you runnin' away
      (5-3)                    F (1-3-5-3 x2)
Honey, I get the feelin' you won't
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    (5-3)              (5-3)
There is no sense in pretendin'
      (5-3)              (5-3)
Your eyes give you give away
      (5-3)              (5-3)
Something inside you is feelin' like I do
      (5-3)                 F (1-3-5-3 x2)
We've said all there is to say
        A5       G5    F5          G5
Baby, breakdown, go ahead give it to me
 A5      G5        F5                 G5
Breakdown, honey take me through the night
 A5    G5        F5                  G5
Breakdown, I'm standing here, can't you see?
F5 (5-3)                   F5 (5-3)
Breakdown, it's all right It's all right
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It's all right!

(Here you can repeat the whole 5-3 as often as you like, then repeat the whole 'breakdown' part, then end on the "5")