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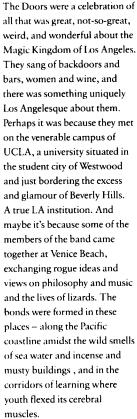
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The Doors Guitar Tablature Anthology

Steven Rossen



These images, these sounds, these smells became the substance of Doors music. You could hear it in the Vox Continental organ sounds keyboardist Ray Manzarek conjured; it was certainly there lurking beneath the surface of Iim Morrison's vocals; and even in the simplistic drum patterns of John Densmore there resided the percussive ghost of LA. That dark ebb and flow which is the City of Angels: not quite the ebony nightmare of New York, the windy fever which is Chicago, nor the homespun dustbowl of Texas. But rather a safer landscape, smokey and dramatic in its fashion, but



somehow less threatening than these cities and other places where rock and roll was born.

And while Morrison was the obvious focal point of the band and Manzarek the main source of music it was really guitarist Robby Krieger acting as a catalyst who gave The Doors their fury, their tension and this unique shadow we've called 'the ghost of LA.' To learn that Krieger is a native Californian, native Los Angelino, is no surprise. Born on January 8 1946 he was the youngest member of the band and really the least imposing. Morrison had, well everything, Manzarek a quasi-Ben Franklin music doctor look, and Densmore a certain misty mystic aura. And Krieger? Dirt brown hair, a frizzy and scraggled beard, and a habit of not finishing sentences, Unassuming, But Krieger, a pre-Doors bandmate of Densmore in the Psychedelic Rangers, was the fire and the substance of the quartet. He fleshed the ghost.

It was his background as a musician, beginning with the guitar at age fifteen, which gave Krieger such a wide vocabulary from which to choose. He studied the classical subtleties of Montoya and Segovia, moved into the more celebratory realm of flamenco, and then just as quickly discarded these styles for folk or blues or rock. Not to mention the wonderful finesse and grace with which he played bottleneck. Krieger had it all and that's why his solos always sounded so different and yet, were always right on target.

Just as George Harrison, not the most gifted guitarist nor the most technical, always pulled the miracle riff from the bag, so did Robby always find the perfect notes. He didn't have



great speed and yet there was a fluidity and strength in the notes he picked – there may not have been many of them but each one sang a song unto itself. One quick listen to the lines on 'Love Me Two Times' will confirm this statement. But here again, Krieger was always in control of his instrument and sonically capable of taking these anorexic-sounding tones and making them work majestically within the track.

'I just used an old Fender amp and an old Gibson SG', Krieger explained in a recent interview on television and in Guitar World magazine. 'We had what appeared to be Acoustic amplifiers but they were actually homemade jobs with about ten times as much power and big JBL speakers. They all had horns on top which didn't really make for that great-sounding of an amp. But they were loud. I used a Fuzz pedal and an Echoplex.'

Krieger is the first to admit that the amplifiers he used didn't exactly lend themselves to creating spatial and religioussounding guitar squawks and squeaks. Krieger's command came beneath the fingers more than from the amp. But he is responsible for producing some wonderful six-string music not only on the Doors album but on his own solo albums as well. There are four individual albums in release: Robby Krieger and Friends (1977); Versions (1982); Robby Krieger (1985); and his most recent, Door Jams. The newest is a compilation of those first three records, ranging from the





shrapnel-laden 'Gavin Leggit' to the jazzy 'The Ally.' It is valuable fodder for the Krieger fanatic and is testament to those eclectic chops.

But for all the music he has made as a solo player, the guitarist will always and forever be remembered as one of the Doors. And so he should. Those records stand up to this day and it is no wonder that artists like Billy Idol (re-doing 'LA Woman') and others are keeping Doors music alive. And it is that volume of work to which this book is dedicated. Krieger's playing on those records was textbook-simple, melodic and powerful.

The Doors was released in the beginning of 1967 during the Summer of Love, with the Vietnam war still raging madly, bell bottoms and paisley all the rage, and bands like Love, Buffalo Springfield, The Byrds, and Frank Zappa's Mothers Of Invention doing time in the many clubs lining Sunset Boulevard. It was a changing and fomenting period and rock and roll ended up having two heads: at the time it was easing the angst in these savage teenage breasts, it was stirring up the pot. Music added fuel to the fire and provided these essentially middle class kids with a banner, something to identify with. And boy, did they take The Doors to heart!

This eponymously-titled debut became an anthem for this efflorescent generation. The Doors was theatre; it had characters, scenes changes and story lines which captured hearts not only in California but across the entire country. And if Morrison was the leading man, Manzarek the director, and Densmore a supporting actor,



then Krieger was the unequivocal music and sound effects man. His guitar tone was eerie, spiritual, atramental; it spoke of dark things and hidden thoughts and it was decidedly seductive and it was everything six strings should sound like. And his solos, oh, his solos.

In this book there are four songs culled from this first release, 'Break On Through (To The Other Side)', 'Soul Kitchen', 'Twentieth Century Fox', and 'Light My Fire'. This latter cut became a paean to the Love hordes and it includes perhaps Krieger's finest solo ever (and certainly his most famous). It begins like a snake, slippery and lubricious, winding between two simple chord changes (two chord changes). The solo takes on form and direction and by the end of it Robby's SG is howling like a banshee and we are caught up with it. When the section is finally terminated we want to hear more and it's no surprise then that this song (writing credits were given to the entire band but Krieger was responsible for nearly all the words and music in this one) went to No. 1 in this country and catapulted the quartet from regional to national status.

'Love Me Two Times' and 'People Are Strange' from Strange Days, their follow-up, are both curious tracks in that they have no real guitar solo sections. Many of Krieger's guitar tracks were sans solos but he was such a wonderful and creative rhythm player that these lines provided buoy enough. 'People Are Strange' in particular, has a mesmerizing legato sort of rhythmic feel and again it bears that thin,



stretching type of tone he was by now earmarking as his own.

Waiting For The Sun came out in 1968 and it was a breathless piece of work from start to finish. A true opus, it would be difficult to choose another Doors album where Krieger played such an important role. This was the first album on which the band used an outside bassist (Manzarek always covered those parts with a Rhodes piano bass) and perhaps it was to this new sonic backdrop Krieger was able to kick into high gear. 'Hello, I Love You', 'Love Street', 'Spanish Caravan', and 'Five To One' are represented here and they are all excellent examples of his various styles. This first cut is reminiscent of the Kinks' 'All Day And All Of The Night' and showcases Robby's sledgehammer rhythm attack (one of the first quasi-heavy metal tones); 'Love Street' is a tribute to his jazz chops while 'Spanish Caravan' gives a nod to his Montoya/flamenco period. And the latter is simply Krieger laying back and allowing Morrison to go through his character metamorphosis.

'Touch Me' was the first time the band worked with a horn section (in fact, one of the first times any rock band worked with brass). The Soft Parade was also the first album listing individual writing credits and it's now plain to see just how prolific the guitarist was. He wrote or co-wrote five of the record's nine cuts (including 'Touch Me'). 'Wild Child', a Morrison composition, showcases Krieger's fiery side as he wrenches hell out of his neck and breathes real emotion into this main guitar lick.

Morrison Hotel, shipped in 1970, was a strong comeback



after the somewhat disappointing prior release. Krieger was little short of brilliant as he danced about his Gibson in a blues tango on 'Roadhouse Blues' and played some memorable lines on 'Peace Frog/Blue Sunday'.

The title track of LA Woman, 'Riders On The Storm', and 'Love Her Madly' are representatives of the group's seventh album (their previous release was the non-studio Absolutely Live). 'Riders...' weaves fragile blues licks around Morrison's dreamy vocals and it is a testament to Krieger's strength not only as an interpreter of the singer's visions but as a proficient accompanist as well.

We'll probably never speak of Robby Krieger in the same breath as Jeff Beck or Eddie Van Halen. And rightly so because he is not that type of player. Krieger composes with his instrument; he orchestrates and invents and twists the musical cloth to produce an entirely new fabric. No one else could have been guitarist for The Doors, no one else would have known how.

But Robby is not one to rest on his laurels. He is currently working on another instrumental album, a direct to DAT recording, with Arthur Barrow and Bruce Gary. He is also working on several soundtracks and is musical consultant on the Oliver Stone film The Doors. Had Robby Krieger done nothing more than 'Light My Fire', his name would be in the record books. But he's provided us with a magical and moving scope of work and it is to these songs this book is dedicated.



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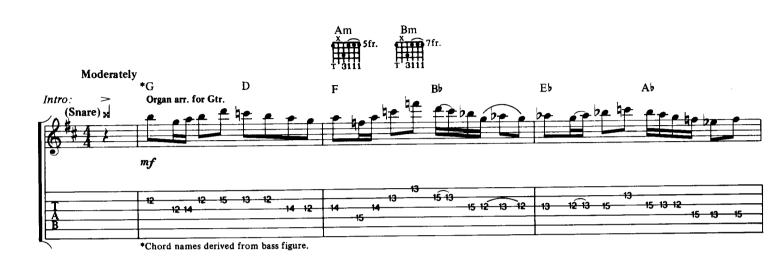
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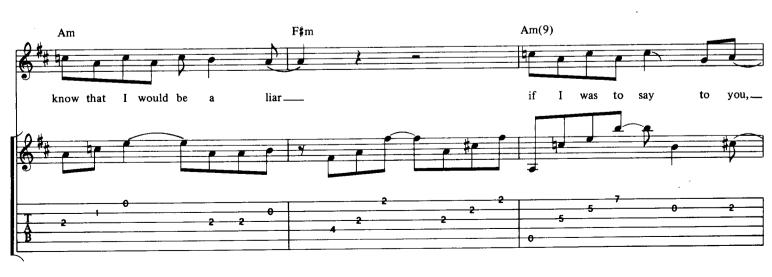
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### L.A. Woman

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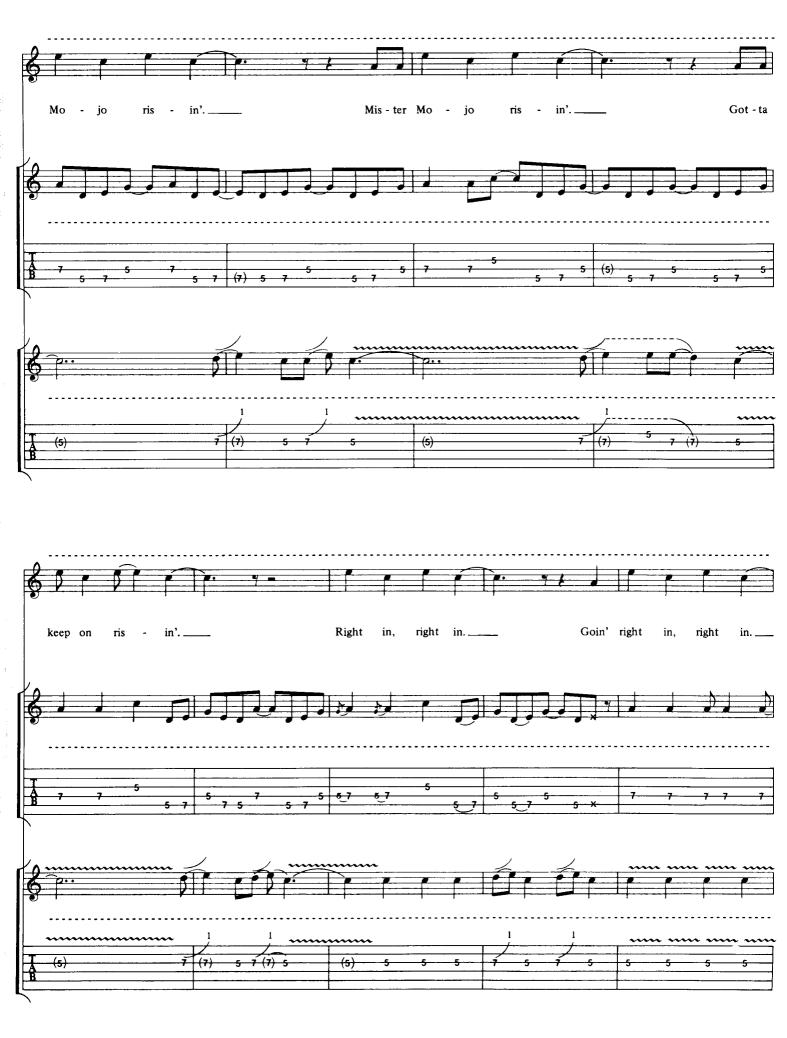






















# **Love Her Madly**

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#### **Five To One**

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#### **Roadhouse Blues**

Words by Jim Morrison. Music by The Doors













# **Twentieth Century Fox**

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Verse 2:
She's the queen of cool
And she's the lady who waits
Since her mind left school it never hesitates
She won't waste time on elementary talk.

# Chorus 2: 'Cause she's a Twentieth Century Fox She's a Twentieth Century Fox Got the world locked up inside a plastic box.

#### **Riders On The Storm**

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#### **Break On Through**

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Verse 3: I found an island in your heart, A country in your eyes. Arms that chain, eyes that lie.

# **People Are Strange**

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# Hello, I Love You

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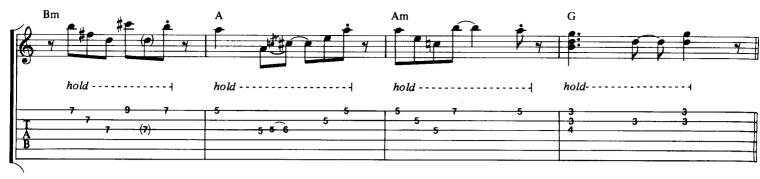




# **Love Street**

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Verse 3: (Spoken)
I see you live on Love Street,
There's the store where the creatures meet.
I wonder what they do in there;
Summer Sunday and a year.
I guess I like it fine so far.

# **Spanish Caravan**

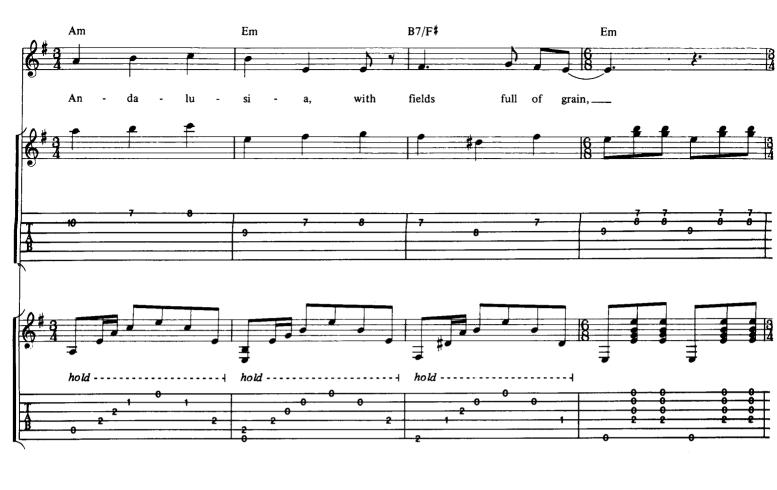
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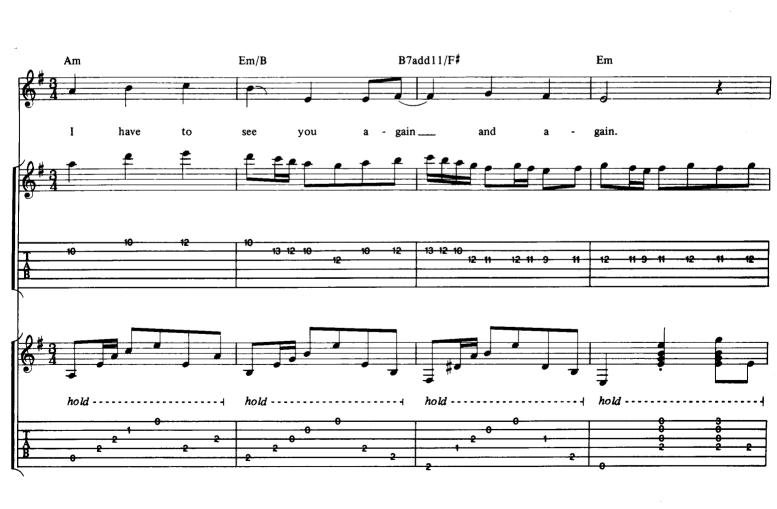


















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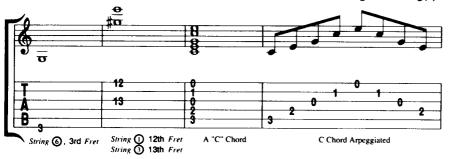




## **GUITAR TAB GLOSSARY**

### TABLATURE EXPLANATION

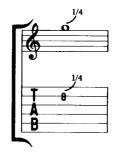
**READING TABLATURE:** Tablature illustrates the six strings of the guitar. Notes and chords are indicated by the placement of fret numbers on a given string(s).



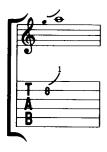
## **BENDING NOTES**



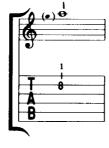
HALF STEP: Play the note and bend string one half step.\*



SLIGHT BEND (Microtone): Play the note and bend string slightly to the equivalent of half a fret.



WHOLE STEP: Play the note and bend string one whole step.



PREBEND (Ghost Bend): Bend to the specified note, before the string is picked.



WHOLE STEP AND A HALF: Play the note and bend string a whole step and a half.



PREBEND AND RELEASE: Bend the string, play it, then release to the original note.



TWO STEPS: Play the note and bend string two whole steps.



REVERSE BEND: Play the alreadybent string, then immediately drop it down to the fretted note.



BEND AND RELEASE:

Play the note and gradually bend to the next pitch, then release to the original

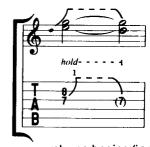
note. Only the first note is attacked.



BENDS INVOLVING MORE THAN ONE STRING: Play the note and

bend string

while playing an additional note (or notes) on another string(s). Upon release, relieve pressure from additional note(s), causing original note to sound alone.



BENDS INVOLVING STATIONARY NOTES: Play notes and bend lower pitch, then hold until

release begins (indicated at the point where line becomes solid).



UNISON
BEND: Play
both notes
and
immediately
bend the
lower note to
the same pitch
as the higher
note.



Play both notes and immediately bend both strings simultaneously.

\*A half step is the smallest interval in Western music; it is equal to one fret. A whole step equals two frets.

## **RHYTHM SLASHES**



STRUM INDICA-TIONS:

Strum with indicated rhythm.

The chord voicings are found on the first page of the transcription underneath the song title.



INDICATING SINGLE NOTES USING RHYTHM SLASHES: Very often

single notes are incorporated into a rhythm part. The note name is indicated above the rhythm slash with a fret number and a string indication.

## **ARTICULATIONS**



#### **HAMMER ON:**

Play lower note, then "hammer on" to higher note with another finger. Only the first note is attacked.



#### LEFT HAND HAMMER:

Hammer on the first note played on each string with the left hand.



PULL OFF: Play higher note, then "pull off" to lower note with another finger. Only the first note is attacked.



FRET-BOARD TAPPING:

"Tap" onto the note indicated by + with

a finger of the pick hand, then pull off to the following note held by the fret hand.



TAP SLIDE: Same as

Same as fretboard tapping, but the tapped note is slid randomly up the

fretboard, then pulled off to the following note.



BEND AND TAP TECHNIQUE:

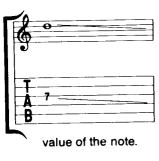
Play note and bend to specified interval. While holding bend,

tap onto note indicated.



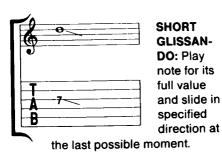
# LEGATO SLIDE:

Play note and slide to the following note. (Only first note is attacked).



LONG GLISSAN-

DO: Play note and slide in specified direction for the full





PICK SLIDE: Slide the edge of the pick in specified

direction

across the length of the string(s).



MUTED STRINGS:

A percussive sound is made by laying the fret hand

across all six strings while pick hand strikes specified area (low, mid, high strings).



#### PALM MUTE:

The note or notes are muted by the palm of the pick hand by lightly touching the string(s) near the bridge.



TREMOLO
PICKING: The
note or notes
are picked as
fast as possible.



TRILL:
Hammer on
and pull off
consecutively
and as fast as
possible
between the
original note



ACCENT:

Notes or chords are to be played with added emphasis.



STACCATO (Detached Notes): Notes or chords are

chords are to be played roughly

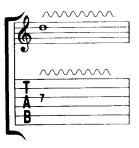
half their actual value and with separation.



DOWN STROKES AND UPSTROKES:

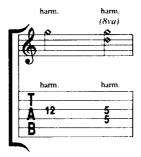
Notes or chords are to be played with either a downstroke

( n ) or upstroke ( v ) of the pick.



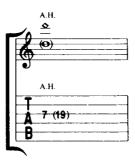
VIBRATO: The pitch of a note is varied by a rapid shaking of the fret hand finger, wrist, and forearm.

#### **HARMONICS**



#### NATURAL HARMONIC:

A finger of the fret hand lightly touches the note or notes indicated in the tab and is played by the pick hand.



# ARTIFICIAL HARMONIC:

The first tab number is fretted, then the pick hand produces the harmonic by using a finger to lightly touch the

same string at the second tab number (in parenthesis) and is then picked by another finger.

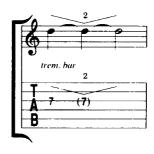


ARTIFICIAL "PINCH" HAR-MONIC:

A note is fretted as indicated by the tab, then the pick hand

produces the harmonic by squeezing the pick firmly while using the tip of the index finger in the pick attack. If parenthesis are found around the fretted note, it does not sound. No parenthesis means both the fretted note and A.H. are heard simultaneously.

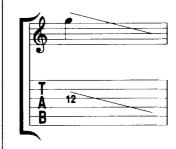
#### TREMOLO BAR



SPECIFIED INTERVAL:

The pitch of a note or chord is lowered to a specified interval and then may or may not

return to the original pitch. The activity of the tremolo bar is graphically represented by peaks and valleys.



UN-SPECIFIED INTERVAL:

The pitch of a note or a chord is lowered to an unspecified interval.

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