

**A National Acrobat**  
**Black Sabbath**

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Hi,  
I would appreciate it if you would submit this file to the archive. For one of the best Sabbath songs (I was amazed that it hadn t already been posted).Would it be possible to mail me back (at \*,my brother s e-mail account,since mine is only active within a week.)  
THANK YOU for your attention and amazing archive !  
from the album Sabbath Bloody Sabbath

Transcription by Thomas Simillion (\*)  
This may not be the exact version, but is definitely a way to play it.

Tune all strings 2 frets down

Used symbols :

- v - vibrato
- h - hammer next note
- p - pull off to next note
- b - bend to pitch next note
- r - release bend
- slide high to low/next note
- / - slide low to high/next note
- P.M.- palm muted

Main Riff (1):

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D-----|
A-----|
F----->->----->->--5h4-----|
C--0h2--2-2--0h2--0h2--5-4--0h2--2-2-----5--0-4h5-----|
G-----5(v)-|
D-----|

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Fill 1 :

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D-----|
A-----|
F-----7-7-----|

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C--2-2--5-5--7-7--5-5-----|  
G--2-2--5-5--5-5--5-5-----|  
D--0-0--3-3-----3-3-----|

I am the world that hides...

Riff 2 :

I think Iommi uses some kind of device here :

D-----|  
A-----|  
F-----12-----12----|  
C--0h2--0-0h2-0h2-5-4-0--0-0h2--12--0-0-0-0--12----|  
G-----|  
D-----|  
|- P.M.-|

Main Solo (The one on the right track) :

D-----14p11-----  
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A--14p11----14p11-13-14p11-13-14p11-----14--14p11----14p11-----  
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F-----11-----13-----11-----13-13-13  
p11-  
C-----  
----  
G-----  
----  
D-----  
----  
  
D-----14b16-14b16-14b16r14-11---11-11-----  
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A-----14-----14-----  
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F---13-13-13-13b14r13-11-----151311--  
----  
C-13-----  
----  
G-----  
----  
D-----  
----  
  
D-----13b14-13b14-13b14-13b14-13b14-11---1  
1---  
A-----14--  
----  
F-13b15r13-11-13-13b15r13-11-----  
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C-----13-13-----  
 ----  
 G-----  
 ----  
 D-----  
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D---11-11-----14b16-14b16-14b16r14-1  
 1---  
 A-14-----14b16-14-11-----  
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F-----13p11-13p11-13-13b14r13-11-----  
 ----

C-----  
 ----

G-----  
 ----

D-----  
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D-14p11-----  
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A-----14-14p11----14p11-----  
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F-----13-----13-13b15r13-11-13-13b15r13-11-----  
 ----

C-----13-11-13-----  
 ----

G-----  
 ----

D-----  
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Fill 2 :

This part 3 x

D-----	-----
A-----	-----
F--7--7-7--2-----7--7-7--2-----	-----
C--7--7-7--2-----5--7--7-7--2-----5---	-/9-9-9-9-----
A--5--5-5--0--0--5--5--5-5--0--0--5---	-/9-9-9-9-----
D-----3-----3---	-/7-7-7-7-----

And into riff 3a :

D-----	
A-----	
F-----	
C----0--2/4--2-----0--2/4/6--2-----0--2/4--2--0-----	
G--4-----4-----4-----4---	
D-----	

Riff 3b:

D-----|  
A-----|  
F----0--2/4--2-----0--2/4/6--2-----0--2/4--2--0-----|  
C--4-----4-----4-----4-----|  
G-----|  
D-----|

...And into some semisolo - psychedelic things that I haven't transcribed.

Here's the lyrics / songflow :

Riff 1 x 2

Riff 1 x 2 (second guitar enters)

Fill 1 I am the world that hides  
/Riff 1 the universal secret of all time  
Fill 1 Destruction of the empty spaces  
/Riff1 is my one and only crime

a  
n I've lived a thousand times  
d I found out what it means to be believed  
The thoughts and images,  
s The unborn child that never was conceived  
o  
When little worlds collide  
o I'm trapped inside my embryonic cell  
n And flashing memories  
are cast into the never-ending well  
u  
n The name that scorns the face  
t The child that never sees the cause of man  
i The deathly darkness that belies  
l the fate of those who never ran

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.  
Riff 2 x...

Riff 2 Well I know it's hard for you to know the reason why  
. And I know you'll understand more when it's time to die  
.  
. Don't believe the lives you have will be the only one  
You have to let your body sleep to let your soul in my heart  
(I want you to listen, I try to get through)

Love has given life to you and now it's your concern  
Unseen eye of inner life will make your soul return

Still I look but not to touch  
The seeds of life are sown

Curtain of the future falls  
The secret stays unknown

Solo  
w/Riff2

Just remember love is life  
And hate is living death  
Treat your life for what it s worth  
And live for every breath

Looking back I ve lived and learned  
But now I m wondering  
Here I wait and only guess  
What this next life will bring  
(Ha Ha !)

Fill 2

Riff 3a x2

Riff 3b

Riff 3a

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Hey ! Somebody got Sabracadabra or Killing yourself to live ?  
I can t seem to find it on the net.  
Comments,corrections,donations : \*

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