

Mexican Standoff

Elbow

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For this song, you ll have to tune your lower E-string down 1 step (Dropped-D tuning).

Listen to the song to get a feel for the rhythm; it is alternate picking throughout.

Opening riff:

Riff 1 (4x)

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E |-----|
B |-----|
G |-----|
D |-----|
A |-----|
D |-0--0-0-0--5-0-4~-0-0-0--2~-0--|
```

Then play:

Riff 2 (2x)

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E |-----|
B |-----|
G |-----|
D |-----|
A |-4~-0-0-0--4-0-5~-0-0-0-5-0-7~-0-0-0-7-0-9~-0-0-0-10-10---|
D |-----|
```

These two riffs are the basic building blocks of the song.

Then the solos:

Solo 1 (played with distortion):

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E |-----|
B |-----|
G |-----|
D |-----|
A |-0-4p0-0-4p0-0-4p0-0-4p0-0--7-0-5~~~-----0-0-|
D |-----7b(8)b7--5b(6)--4~~~-----|
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E|-----|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-0-4p0-0-4p0-7-7-0-5~~-9b(10)b9-7~~-----|
D|-----9b(10)b9--7~~-9-10-7~~-----|

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Solo 2(2x) (distorted):

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E|-----|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-4p0-0-4p0-0-4p0-0-4p0-0--5p0-0-5p0-0-5p0-0-5p0-0-|
D|-----|

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(2nd time only)

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E|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----|
G|-----|-----|
D|-----|-----|
A|-7p0-0-7p0-0-7p0-0-7p0-0--9p0-0-9p0-0-9p0-0-9p0-0-10-10-|-5~~-----|
D|-----|-----|

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After the solos, it s back to an alternation of riffs 1 and 2.

The final chord is:

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E|-----|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|--0---|
A|--0---| (let ring)
D|--0---|

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Not the hardest part of the song surely.

~ = vibrato

= slide down

p = pull-off

9b(10)b9 = bend to the note between brackets and release again

Have fun,

Bas