

Me And The Devil Blues

Robert Johnson

From: \* (markus tron)

I play this with my fingers.
Sometimes I use a thumb-pick for a louder bass line.
I use at least (as a minimum size) 0.13 sized strings!
I think Johnsons guitar is in standard tuning, with a capo on the first fret (= B flat). I play it in A.

Descriptions:

- / : pick first note and slide up to second without picking second note.
: pick first note and slide down to second without picking second note.
~ : slight vibrato.
h : hammer on.
p : pull off.
d : dampen (with left or right hand) as soon as you play next note

INTRO:

e -|-9-9-9-9-9----|-8-8-8-8-8----|-7-7-7-7-7----|-5----5-5--5-5--5-5--5-----
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B -|-8-8-8-8-8----|-7-7-7-7-7----|-6-6-6-6-6----|-5-----
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G -|-9-9-9-9-9----|-8-8-8-8-8----|-7-7-7-7-7----|-6-----
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D -|-----|-----|-----|-----5-5--4-4--3-3--2-----
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A -|-----|-----|-----|---0-----2-2-
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E -|-----|-----|-----|-----0-0-
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FIRST VERSE:

e -|-8/9-----|----|
B -|-7/8-----|----|
G -|-8/9-----|----|
D -|-----|----|
A -|-----|----|
E -|-----|----|

Early this morning

e -|-8/9~-----|-9-9-9-9-9-8-8-8-8-9-9-8-8-9--|

B - | -7/8~----- | -8-8-8-8-8-7-7-7-7-8-8-7-7-8-- |  
 G - | -8/9~----- | -9-9-9-9-9-8-8-8-8-9-9-8-8-9-- |  
 D - | ----- | ----- |  
 A - | ----- | ----- |  
 E - | ----- | ----- |

when you knocked upon my door

e - | -2----- | ---- |  
 B - | -1----- | ---- |  
 G - | -2----2----2----2----- | ---- |  
 D - | ----- | ---- |  
 A - | ----- | ---- |  
 E - | -----2----2----2----- | ---- |

Early this morning

e - | ----- | ----- |  
 B - | ----- | -8-8-8-8--8-8-8-8-- |  
 G - | --2-----2-----2-----2----- | -6-6-6-6--6-6-6-6-- |  
 D - | ----- | -7-7-7-7--7-7-7-7-- |  
 A - | ----- | ----- |  
 E - | --2-----2-----2-----2----- | ----- |

when you knocked upon my door

e - | ----- | ----- |  
 B - | ----- | ----- |  
 G - | ----- | ----- |  
 D - | --0----0----0----0----- | --0----0----0----0----- |  
 A - | --2----2----2----2----- | --0----0----0----0----- |  
 E - | --0----0----0----0----- | --2----2----2----2----- |

And I said Hello Satan I believe it s time to go

e - | -----5-5--5-5--5-5-- | ----- |  
 B - | --2----- | -3-3-- |  
 G - | --2----- | -1-1-- |  
 D - | --2----5-5--4-4--3-3-- | -2-2-- |  
 A - | ----- | ----- |  
 E - | ----- | ----- |

turnaround

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additional lyrics:

Me and the Devil was walking side by side  
 Me and the Devil was walking side by side  
 I m goin to beat my woman until I get satisfied

She say you don t see why that I will dog her round  
 She say you don t see why that I will dog her round

It must be that ol' evil spirit so deep down in the ground

You my burn my body down by the highway side  
You my burn my body down by the highway side  
So my old evil spirit can get a Greyhound bus and ride

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For a more detailed transcription I would recommend:  
It s NOT a book for beginners!

I hope this tab s not too bad, and you folks can work with it.

have fun

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PS: Any corrections or comments welcome!

Any Johnny Winter, Rory Gallagher or Muddy Waters tab would be very welcome!

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blues and beyond?