

**Down In The Sewer**  
**The Stranglers**

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intro:

Bm	E	Bm	E
E-----			
B-----			
G-----			
D-----			
A----4^---2----			
E--2-----2-----0---			

A E D A

arrrrrrgh!

main riff:

I ve provided two ways of transcribing the main riff, the first is the riff played by the keyboards and the bass (for acoustic guitar players) and the second is the little background riff as played by Hugh. The underlying chord is Bm (although Hugh s part has a major 3rd in it which makes it sound slightly discordant).

JJ/Dave s riff:

E-----
B-----
G-----
D---0-----0-----3-2-0-
A-2---2--2-0-2--2---2-2-----
E-----

Hugh s riff:

E--7-7--7-7--7-7-----
B--7-7--7-7--7-7--9^--
G--7-8--7-8--7-8--9^--
D---9---9---9-----
A---9---9---9-----
E-----

play the main riff x4 (Bm)

E Bm E Bm E Bm E Bm

variation of main riff over chords above:

E--7-7-----|

B--7-7--9^--|

G--7-8--9^--|

D----9-----| x4

A----9-----|

E-----|

Dm/F

A

E-----|

B-----|

G-----|

D--7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----7-7-7-7-7-7-7-|

A----10-8---10-8---10-8---10-8---10-8---10-8-----|

E-----|

guitar solo:

Bm

E

Bm

A

E-----|

B-----|

G-----4-3-2--0-2-4-2p0--|

D-----4-3-2--0-2-4-2p0-----|

A--4^--2-----2--4^--2-----2-|

E-----|

Bm

E

Bm

A

E-----|

B-----|

G-----4-3-2--0-2-4-2-0--|

D-----4-3-2--0-2-4-2p0-----|

A--4^--2-----2--4^--2-----|

E-----|

G

F#

E

E-----2-----|

B-----3---3-----|

G---0h2-----2-0-----0-----0-4--2-----|

D-----4--4s5---4s5---4s5-----4-2-----|

A-----|

E-----|

Bm

D

C#

C

E-----|

B-----|

G-----4p2p0-----|

D-----0-2--4---4p2s0-----4p2p0-----|

A--4^--2--0-2-0-2--2-----4p2p0-|

E-----|

F#

BmE

Bm

A

E-----|

B-----|

G-----4-3-2--0-2-4-2p0--|

D-----4-3-2--0-2-4-2p0-----|

A--4^--2-----2--4^--2-----2-|

E-----|

BmE

Bm

A

E-----|

B-----|

G-----4-3-2--0-2-4-2-0--|

D-----4-3-2--0-2-4-2p0-----|

A--4^--2-----2--4^--2-----|

E-----|

G

F#

E

E-----2-----|

B-----3--3-----|

G--0h2-----2-0-----0-----0-4--2-----|

D-----4--4s5--4s5--4s5-----4-2-----|

A-----|

E-----|

Bm

D

C#

C

E-----|

B-----|

G-----4p2p0-----|

D-----0-2--4---4p2s0-----4p2p0-----|

A--4^--2--0-2-0-2--2-----4p2p0-|

E-----|

F#

E

D

E-----|

B-----|

G-----2-2-4-2-----2-2-4-2-|

D-----3-4-----3-4-----|

A-----2-2-4-2-----2-2-4-2-5-5-----5-5-----|

E--0-0-3-4-----0-0-3-4-----|

G F# - (N.C. bass riff)

play main riff (x2)

Down in the sewer  
Picking up quite a lot of empty coca cola cans  
And there sure are a lot of them around here  
How did I get down here? Well it s a long story  
I should have stayed down home out on the farm  
And kept my tootsies warm instead of freezing them off down here  
There s lots of rats down here  
You can see the whites of their eyes  
They ve got sharp teeth, deep breath, and lots of diseases

E Bm E Bm E Bm E Bm (while playing main riff variation)

(main riff)

People say you should stay down here too long  
Lose your sense of light and dark, lose your sense of smell  
I tell you what I m going to do  
Gonna make love to a water rat or two  
And breed a family, they ll be called the surviors  
You know why? No!  
They re gonna survive!  
I ll see you in the sewer darling

keyboard solo:

main riff (x18)

Dm/F	A
E-----	
B-----	
G-----	
D--7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----7-7-7-7-7-7-7-	
A---10-8---10-8---10-8---10-8---10-8---10-8-----	
E-----	

ending:

Bm	E	Bm	A
E-----			
B-----			
G-----		4-3-2--0-2-4-2p0--	
D-----		4-3-2--0-2-4-2p0--	
A--4^--2-----		2--4^--2-----	
E-----			

Bm	E	Bm	A
E-----			
B-----			

G-----4-3-2--0-2-4-2-0---|  
D-----4-3-2--0-2-4-2p0-----|  
A--4^--2-----2--4^--2-----|  
E-----|

G F# E  
E-----2-----|  
B-----3--3-----|  
G--0h2-----2-0-----0-----0-4--2-----|  
D-----4--4s5--4s5--4s5-----4-2-----|  
A-----|  
E-----|

Bm D C# C  
E-----|  
B-----|  
G-----4p2p0-----|  
D-----0-2--4----4p2s0-----4p2p0-----|  
A--4^--2--0-2-0-2--2-----4p2p0-|  
E-----|

F#

E D  
E-----|  
B-----|  
G-----2-2-4-2-----2-2-4-2-|  
D-----3-4-----3-4-----|  
A-----2-2-4-2-----2-2-4-2-5-5-----5-5-----|  
E--0-0-3-4-----0-0-3-4-----|

G Bm (