

Secrets
Van Halen

Version 1: The Eddie Van Halen Right Way

The opening chord (as best as I can tell--the bass doubles on the low **E** string, and your ear s mileage may vary)

NOTE: This intro chord is plucked in 6/4 time.

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E |-----|-----|-----|-----|
B | -5-5-5-5-5-5- | -5-5-5-5-5-5- | -5-5-5-5-5-5- | -5-5-5-5-5-5- |
G |-----|-----|-----|-----| play this pattern
twice
D | -7-7-7-7-7-7- | -7-7-7-7-7-7- | -7-7-7-7-7-7- | -7-7-7-7-7-7- | (total of eight
measures)
A |-----|-----|-----|-----| drums join final
measure
E | -5-5-5-5-5-5- | -5-5-5-5-5-5- | -5-5-5-5-5-5- | -5-5-5-5-5-5- |

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Opening and main verse riff

She ain t waiting til she gets older...

v--Use pinky to hit 9th fret while still holding barre chord

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

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v--Bend slightly (1/2 step) here

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E |-----5-----9---9-----3-----3-----|
B | -8-7--5-5---5---5---6-5--3-3---3-3-5b-3---3-----|
G | -7-7--7-6-----5-5--5-4-----|
D | -7-7--7-7-----5-5--5-5-----|
A | -5-5--5-5-----3-3--3-3-----|
E |-----|

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Aw, aw, aw, got that rhythm... (0:40)

v--Slide the chord up two frets

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E |-----3-----3-----3-----7-/9-----|

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B |-----3-----3-----3-----8-/-10-----|
 G |-----7-/-9-----|
 D |-----|
 A | -0-2-3-----2-----1-----0-----|
 E |-----|

E |-----3-----3-----3-----7-/-9-----|
 B |-----3-----3-----3-----6-/-8--8-/-10-----|
 G |-----5-/-7--7-/-9-----|
 D |-----|
 A | -0-2-3-----2-----1-----0-----|
 E |-----|

She s just lookin good... (0:58)

E |---7-/-9---9---7-----|
 B |---8-/-10---10--8-----|
 G |---7-/-9---9---7-----|
 D |-----|
 A |-----|
 E |-----|

You know how sometimes, you ve got to run... (1:40)

Eddie does this bit with a stocatto strumming that is better heard than explained

no slide! --v

E |-----|
 B |-----6-/-8--8--6--6-/-8-/-11---6-/-8--8--6--6-/-8--6-----|
 G |-----5-/-7--7--5--5-/-7-/-10---5-/-7--7--5--5-/-7--5-----|
 D |-----3-/-5--5--3--3-/-5-/-8---3-/-5--5--3--3-/-5--3-----|
 A |-----|
 E |-----|

You re running blind... (1:48)

I am almost certainly wrong/incomplete here; it doesn t sound full enough

E |-----12-----|
 B |--15--13--15-----15--13--15--17--17---17---17---|
 G |--14--12--14--14-----14--12--14--17-----|
 D |-----14--14--12-----17---17-----|
 A |-----|
 E |-----|

E |-----|
 B |--15--13--15--10---13--12-----|
 G |--14--12--14--9-----|
 D |-----14--12-----|

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A |-----|
E |-----|

E |-----5-/-7-/-10-/-12-/-14-----|
B |----6--6-/-8--8-----6-/-8-/-11-/-13-/-15-----|
G |----5--5-/-7--7-----5-/-7-/-10-/-12-/-14-----|
D |-----|
A |-----|
E |-----|

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(the rhythm under the solo is a variation on the segment above)

Ending (3:11)

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v-- natural harmonics
E |-----3----3-----3-----5-----|
B |-----3-----3-----3-----3-----|
G |-----2-----|
D |-----0-----|
A |--0-2-3-----2-----1-----|
E |-----|

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Version 2: The Dan amrich Obviously Wrong But More Comfy Way

Main verse riff:

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E |-3-2--0-0-0-----0-----1-0--3-3-----3-----2-----|
B |-3-3--3-2---2---2---1-1--3-3-----3-----3-----|
G |-2-2--2-2---2---0-0--5-4-----2-----|
D |-0-0--0-0-----0-0--0-0-----0-----|
A |-----0-2-3---2-0-----|
E |-----|

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