

Breakin Up
Violent Femmes

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For this song I worked out the electric solo and then went back and did my best on the acoustic lead-in. I m pretty sure that the solo is correct(although extraordinarily easy) but I m not certain about the lead-in. So even if it s not exactly the way that Gordon plays it,it sounds pretty close. You be the judge. If you work out a different way of playing it, or if you just have questions or comments, e-mail me at *

Breakin Up (Gordon Gano)

Guitar solo and lead-in transcribed by Bryson Meunier

chorus(acoustic)-

...easy to do	...easy to do
E-----	---8--7---5-----
B-----3-----x6-x5--	-----6-6-6-5---
G---5-----5--2-----	-----5-5-5-4---
D-----5-----	-----7-7-7-6---
A-----	-----
E-----	-----

...breakin up... It s easy to do you know I

A

E-----
B--2-2-2-----7--5--7--5-----6--6--6--5--5-5-5p0--
G--2-2-2-----7--5--7--5-----5--5--5--4--4-4-4p0--
D--2-2-2-----7--5--7--7--7--6--6-6-6p0--
A-----
E-----

Break up... Time I Break up with you

A	Fm	Em
E-----1--1--1--1-----0-----		
B---2-2-2-2---1--1--1--1-----0-----		
G---2-2-2-2---1--1--1--1-----0-----		
D---2-2-2-2---3--3--3--3---2--2-----		
A-----3--3--3--3---2--2-----		
E-----1--1--1--1---0--0-----		

Guitar 2(played ovetop of last acoustic chord(Em))
(distorted electric)

A(volume swell)

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E-----|
B-----2~~~~~|
G-----2~~~~~|
D-----2~~~~~|
A-----|
E-----|

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Guitar solo(flip pickup switch to top position)-
(guitar 2)

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E-----|
B----2----2-5---5-4--54--2~~~~~2-5~~~\12~~~2--|
G----2----2-5---5-4--54--2~~~~~2-5~~~\12~~~2--|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

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E-----|
B---2-5---5-4--54--2----2-5~~~~~\12~~~14~~~~~b-|
G---2-5---5-4--54--2----2-5~~~~~\12~~~14~~~~~b-|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

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Symbols used in transcription-

- x = make percussive sound with fretting hand
- p = pull-off
- ~ = let ring
- = slide
- ~b = bend gradually

Lyrics:

Now every once in awhile
 There s a crack in my smile
 Dark voices are talking to me
 Dark voices tell me the way
 It s supposed to be
 They said Breakin up
 They said it s hard to do
 You know it s just not true

Breakin Up, it s easy to do

Why if you know
 Why d you have to go
 And leave me on the floor
 Bout as sick as a dog
 I m feeding my face
 Like a bleary-eyed hog
 Why d it have to stop
 When it s just begun

Why d it have to stop
With so much good undone

Chorus(3x)

You know I break up every time I
Break up with you (guitar solo)

Please consider posting the chords for the verse if you know them.
Thanks. Enjoy the tab!