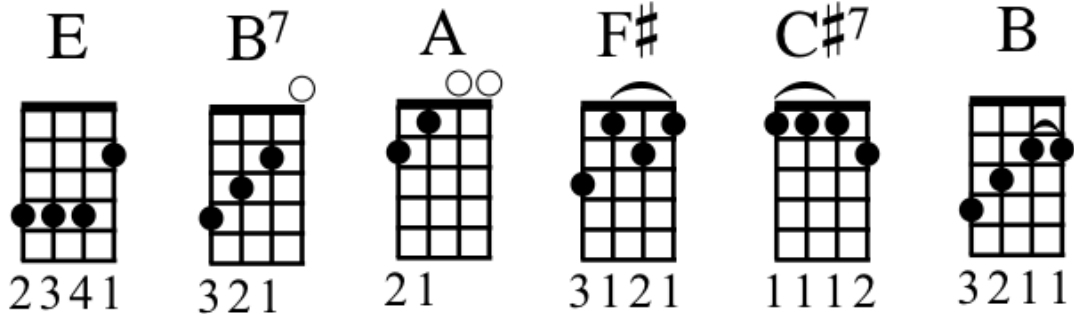


Suddenly It's Christmas



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VERSE 1

E B7 E A
 Suddenly it's Christmas, right after Hallowe'en
 E B7
 Forget about Thanksgiving, it's just a buffet in between
 E B7 E A
 There's lights and tinsel in the windows, they're stocking up the shelves
 E B7 E (Jingle Bells Lick)
 Santa's slaving at the North Pole, in his sweatshop full of elves

VERSE 2

E B7 E A
 There's got to be a build-up, to the day that Christ was born
 E B7
 The halls are decked with pumpkins, and the ears of Indian corn
 E B7 E A
 Dragging through the falling leaves, in a one-horse open sleigh
 E B7 E
 Suddenly it's Christmas, seven weeks before the day

VERSE 3

A
 Suddenly it's Christmas, the longest holiday
 E B7
 The season is upon us, it won't go away
 E B7 E A
 It's a season, it's a marathon, retail eternity
 E B7 E F# (Joy to the World Lick)
 It's not over till it's over, and you throw away the tree

VERSE 4

F# C#7 F# B
Outside it's positively balmy, in the air nary a nip
F# C#7
Suddenly it's Christmas, unbuttoned and unzipped
F# C#7 F# B
Yes, they're working overtime, Santa's little runts
F# C#7 F#
Christmas comes but once a year, and goes on for two months

VERSE 5

F# C#7 F# B
Christmas carols in December, and November too
F# C#7
It's no wonder we're depressed, when the whole thing is through
F# C#7 F# B
Finally it's January, let's sing Auld Lang Syne
F# C#7 F#
But here comes another heartache, shaped like a Valentine

VERSE 6

B
Suddenly it's Christmas, the longest holiday
F# C#7
The season is upon us, a pox, it won't go away
F# C#7 F# B
It's a season, it's a marathon, retail eternity
F# C#7 F#
It's not over till it's over, and you throw away the...

OUTRO

F# C#7 F#
No, it's not over till it's over, and you throw away the...
F# C#7 F#
It's still not over till it's over, and you throw away the tree

JINGLE BELLS LICK

E

1 11-11-11-10 11-11-11-11 2 11-14-7-9-11

12-12-12-11 12-12-12-12 12-12-12-9-11-12

TAB 4/4

Detailed description: This is a guitar tablature for a 'Jingle Bells' lick. It is written in 4/4 time and starts with an E chord. The first measure contains a triplet of 11s on the top string and 12s on the bottom string. The second measure has a 10 on the top string and 11s on the bottom string, with a slur over the 10 and 11. The third measure has 11s on both strings. The fourth measure has 11s on both strings. The fifth measure has 11s on both strings. The sixth measure has 11s on the top string and 12s on the bottom string. The seventh measure has 11s on the top string and 14s on the bottom string. The eighth measure has 7s on the top string and 9s on the bottom string. The ninth measure has 9s on the top string and 11s on the bottom string. The tenth measure has 11s on the top string and 12s on the bottom string. The piece ends with a double bar line.

JOY TO THE WORLD LICK

F#

3 9 8 6 9 7 4 6 8 6

TAB

Detailed description: This is a guitar tablature for a 'Joy to the World' lick. It is written in 4/4 time and starts with an F# chord. The first measure has a triplet of 9s on the top string. The second measure has 8s on the top string and 6s on the bottom string. The third measure has 9s on the top string and 7s on the bottom string. The fourth measure has 7s on the top string and 6s on the bottom string. The fifth measure has 6s on the top string and 8s on the bottom string. The sixth measure has 8s on the top string and 6s on the bottom string. The piece ends with a double bar line.