

Ballad of Curtis Loew

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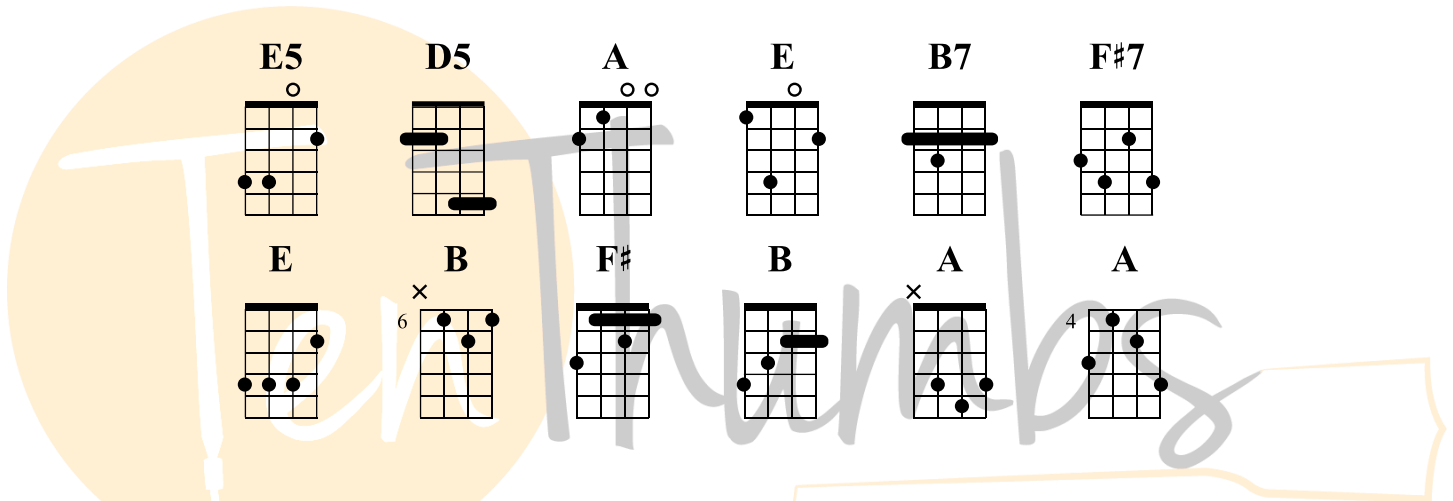
Key: E

Chords: E, E5, D, D5, B, B7, F#, F7, A

BPM: 72

Video Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4993HDLfZr8>

Chord Shapes:

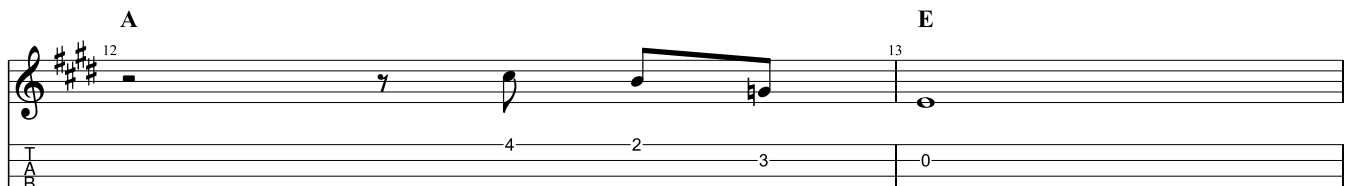


Intro Strum Pattern:

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
E | B | E | A F# |
D | D | D | D DUD |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
E | B | A | A RIFF |
D | D | D | |

Basic Walk Down Riff



Two Ukulele Intro Riff

BONUS One Ukulele Intro Riff - Adding licks from the recording

Coda Lick

Verse Strum Pattern:

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
E **B** | **A** **E** | **E** **B** | **D** **A** |
 D D DUD D DU | D D DUD D DU | D D DUD D DU | D DUD DUDU |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
E **B** | **A** **E** | **E** **B** | **D** **E** **E7** |
 D D DUD D DU | D D DUD D DU | D DUD D DU | D DUD D DUDU |

Chorus Strum Pattern:

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
A | E E7 | A | E E7 |
D D D DUD D D DU | D D D DUD D DUDU | D D D DUD D D DU | D D D DUD D DUDU |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
A | E F# | E D | A E |
D D D DUD D D DU | D D D DUD D DUDUD D | D D | D D DUDU |

Interlude After First Chorus

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
E D | D A E |
D D | DUDUDUD D |

Interlude After Second Chorus

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 - - |
E D | A |
D D | DUDUDUDUDUDUD D D |

Solo Strum Pattern:

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
E B | A E | E B | D A |
D D DUD D DU | D D DUD D DU | D D DUD D DU | D D DUD DUDU |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
E B | A E | E B | D E E7 |
D D D DUD D D DU | D D D DUD D D DU | D D DUD D DU | D DUD D DUDU |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
A | E E7 | A | E E7 |
D D D DUD D D DU | D D D DUD D DUDU | D D D DUD D D DU | D D D DUD D DUDU |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
A | E F# | E D | A E |
D D D DUD D D DU | D D D DUD D D DUD D D DU | D D D DUD D D DU | D D D DUD D D DU |

Outro Strum Pattern:

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
E D | A E | E D | A |
D D | DUDUDUD D | D D | D |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
E | E |
D | D |

[Intro Lick]

E D A E

[Intro Singing]

Well, I used to wake the morning before the rooster crowed
E B
Searching for soda bottles to get myself some dough
E A F#
Brought 'em down to the corner, down to the country store
E B
A A E
Cash 'em in and give my money to a man named Curtis Loew

[Verse 1]

Old Curt was a black man with white curly hair
E B A E
When he had a fifth of wine he did not have a care
E B D A
He used to own an old dobro, used to play it across his knee
E B D E
I'd give old Curt my money, he'd play all day for me

[Chorus]

A E E7
Play me a song Curtis Loew, Curtis Loew
A E E7
Well, I got your drinking money, tune up your dobro
A E F#
E D A E
People said he was useless, them people are the fools
cause Curtis Loew was the finest picker to ever play the blues

[Interlude]

E D D E

[Verse 2]

E B A E
He looked to be sixty, and maybe I was ten
E B D A
Mama used to whip me but I'd go see him again

