

THE JOKER STEVE MILLER BAND

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Guitar 1 (acous.) is in standard tuning down one whole step (low to high: D G C F A D).
 Guitar 3 (acous.) is in standard tuning down one whole step with a capo at the third fret.
 Guitar 2 (elec. w/slide and wah pedal) is in open D tuning (low to high: D A D F# A D).
 Bass is in standard tuning (low to high: E A D G).

chords for Guitar 1

*[F5] G [Bb] C [C] [Csus4] Dsus4

chords for Guitar 3 (capo 3).

[F5] [F] [Bb] [C5] [Bbsus2] [C] [Bbsus4] [Bb5] [Bbsus4] [Bbsus4 2]
 *(E5) (E) (A) (B5) (Asus2) (B) (Bsus4) (A5) (Asus4) (Asus4 2)

* Chord names in brackets reflect concert key harmony (key of F).

** Chord names in parentheses refer to Gtr. 3

All chord shapes and tablature positions for Guitar 3 are relative to the capo.

All notes and chords sound in the key of F.

NOTE: The Gtr. 3 part may be performed in standard tuning with a capo at the first fret.

☞ [A] Verses (0:01, 0:25, 2:02, 3:39)

Moderately Slow Rock ♩ = 82

1. Some people call me the space cowboy yeah Some call me the gangster of love
 2. People talk about me baby Say I'm doin' you wrong doin'
 3. You're the cutest thing that I ever did see I really love your peaches want to
 4. People keep talkin' about me baby Say I'm doing you wrong

*Gtr. 1 (acous. detuned one whole step) N.C.G C D C G C
 (drum fill) Gtr. 2 plays Fill 2 third time Rhy. Fig. 1

Bass N.C.[F] [Bb] [C] [Bb] [F] [Bb]
 Bass substitutes Bass Fill 1 second and third times Bass Fig. 1

you wrong Some people call me Maurice 'cause I
 shake your tree Well don't you worry baby Don't worry 'cause I'm
 Lovey-dovey lovey-dovey lovey-dovey all the time
 Well don't you worry don't worry no don't worry mama

D C G C D C
 end Rhy. Fig. 1 Gtr. 2 plays Fill 1 first time
 4 slight P.M. let 3 ring Gtr. 2 plays Fill 3 third time
 slight P.M.

[C] [Bb] [F] [Bb] [C] [Bb]
 end Bass Fig. 1 cont. simile

Fill 1 (0:16) [C] [Bb] D C
 *Gtr. 2 (elec. w/slide, wah pedal and reverb)
 *open D tuning

Fill 2 (2:02) N.C.[F] [Bb] N.C.G C
 Gtr. 2

Bass Fill 1 (0:25, 2:02) [F] [Bb] [C] [Bb]

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1. speak of the pompous of love
 right here right here right here right here at
 Oo-wee baby I'll sure show you a good time 'Cause I'm a home
 'Cause I'm right here at home

(2nd time) **To Coda I** \oplus ¹
 (skip ahead to meas. 35)

(2nd time) **To Coda II** \oplus ²
 (skip ahead to meas. 60)

G C D C D C
 Gtr. 1 substitutes Fill 4 fourth time

slight P.M. *

slight P.M.

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[F] [Bb] [C] [Bb] [C] [Bb]

*Allow open G note to ring through end of next measure (bar 1).

B 1st Chorus (0:49)

picker I'm a grinner I'm a lover and I'm a sinner I play my music in the sun
 G C G C G C

10 Gtr. 1

(E) (A) (E) (A) (E) (A)

*Gtr. 3 (acous., capo 3)

*Gtr. 3 (acous., capo 3)

*detuned one whole step

[F]
 Bass
 Bass Fig. 2

[F] [Bb] [F] [Bb] [F] [Bb]

I'm a joker I'm a smoker I'm a midnight toker
 D C G C G C

13

(B5) (A) (E) (A5) (E) (A5)

[C] [Bb] [F] [Bb] [F] [Bb]

end Bass Fig. 2

Fill 3 (2:17)

[C] [Bb] [F]
 D C G
 *Gtr. 2
 (elec. w/slide, wah pedal and reverb)

*open D tuning

Fill 4 (3:56)

[F] [Bb] [C] [Bb]
 G C D C
 *Gtr. 1 (acous.)

To Coda II \oplus ²
 (skip ahead to meas. 60)

let ring... let ring...

*detuned one whole step

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I sure don't want to hurt no one 'Cause I'm a picker I'm a grinner I'm a

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G C D C G C

Rhy. Fig. 2

Rhy. Fig. 2a

Bass plays Bass Fig. 2 simile (see meas. 10)

lover and I'm a sinner I play my music in the sun I'm a

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Gtr. 1 G C G C D Dsus4 D C

Gtr. 3 (E) (A) (E) (A) (B5) (A) (Asus2) (A)

joker I'm a smoker I'm a midnight toker

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Gtr. 1 G C G C

Gtr. 3 (E) (A) (E) (A) (Asus2) (A)

Bass [F] [Bb] [F] [Bb]

I get my loving on the run whoa whoa

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G C D Dsus4 (N.C.)

end Rhy. Fig. 2

end Rhy. Fig. 2a

[F] [Bb] [C] [Csus4]

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C 1st Guitar Solo (1:38)

[F] [Bb] [C] [Bb] [F] [Bb]
G C D C G C

Gr. 1 plays Rhy. Fig. 1 twice (see meas. 1)

Gr. 2 (elec. w/slide, wah pedal and reverb)

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Gr. 3

Bass plays Bass Fig. 1 four times simile (see meas. 3)

[F] [Bb] [F] [Bb] [C] [Bb]
D C G C D C

30

Gr. 2

D.S. $\text{\textcircled{C}}$ al Coda I $\text{\textcircled{C}}$ ¹

(go back to A and take 1st ending only)

[F] [Bb] [C] [Bb]
G C D C

33

$\text{\textcircled{C}}$ ¹ Coda I

D 2nd Chorus (2:26)

picker I'm a grinner I'm a lover and I'm a sinner I play my music in the sun

Gr. 1 G C G C G C

35

Gr. 3 Rhy. Fig. 3

Bass [F] [Bb] [F] [Bb] [F] [B]

I'm a joker I'm a smoker I'm a midnight toker

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D C G C G C

(B5) (A) (Asus2)(A) (E) (A) (A5) (E) (A) (Asus²)(A)

[C] [Bb] [F] [Bb] [F] [Bb]

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41 I get my lovin' on the run I'm a picker I'm a grinner I'm a

G C D C G C

(E5) (E) (A) (Asus2)(A) (B) (A) (Asus2)(A) (E) (A)

end Rhy. Fig. 3 Gtr. 3 repeats Rhy. Fig. 3 simile (see meas. 35)

[F] [Bb] [C] [Bb] [F] [Bb]

44 lover and I'm a sinner I play my music in the sun I'm a

G C G C D C

(E) (A) (E) (A) (B) (A)

Gtr. 1

[F] [Bb] [F] [Bb] [C] [Bb]

Bass

47 joker I'm a smoker I'm a midnight toker

G C G C

(E) (A) (E) (A)

[F] [Bb] [F] [Bb]

49 I sure don't want to hurt no one

G C D C

(E) (A) (B) (A)

[F] [Bb] [C] [Bb]

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E 2nd Guitar Solo (3:11)

*G (E) C (A) G (E) C (A) G (E) C (A)

Gtrs. 1 and 3 play Rhy. Figs. 2 and 2a simile (see meas. 18)

Gr. 2 (w/slide, wah pedal and reverb)

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*chord names refer to Gtr. 1 and Gtr. 3 parts

Bass [F] [Bb] [F] [Bb] [F] [Bb]

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[C] [Bb] [F] [Bb] [F] [Bb]

Whew Whew D.S. $\frac{S}{\text{al Coda II}}^2$
 (go back to A and take 2nd ending only) N.C.

G (E) [F] C (A) [Bb] D5 (B5) [C] Dsus4 (Bsus4) (B) Whew (B5) (B)

Gr. 3 plays Rhy. Fill 1

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Coda II (4:02)

60 You're the cutest thing I ever did see I really love your peaches Want to shake your tree

N.C. G (F) C (Bb) D (C) C (Bb) G (F) C (Bb) D (C) C (Bb)

Gr. 1 begin fade let 3 ring ring

Lovely-dovey lovely-dovey lovely-dovey all the time baby Come on now Show you a good time

G (F) C (Bb) D (C) C (Bb) G (F) C (Bb) D (C) C (Bb) fade out

Gr. 2 plays Fill 5 let 3 ring

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Rhy. Fill 1 (3:36)

(B5) (B) N.C.

*Gtr. 3 (acous.)

*detuned one whole step

Fill 5 (4:17)

[C] [Bb] [F]
 [D] [C] [G]

*Gtr. 2 (w/slide, wah pedal and reverb)

*open D tuning