

Poundcake Tab by Van Halen

Tuning: E A D G B E

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Van Halen's "Poundcake" - tab by Paul D.

First things first, unless you have a guitar with really good natural harmonic response, don't bother playing this song. The little "call and response" parts for the verses (one line of Sammy's vocals followed by natural harmonics from Eddie) are impossible to play (audibly) without it. On the recorded version Eddie fattens up the main riff by overdubbing two or three tracks of electric 12-strings. Please excuse the mess and breakup. It's supposed to be relatively flowing, but the visual-ASCII conversion on the tab program I used hasn't quite been perfected. There's bits of lyric here and there to help you keep up.

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| -0-0-0-0-0---0-0- | -0---0-0-0---0-0- | -0---0-0-0----- | ----- |  
| -0-0-0-0-0---0-0- | -0---0-0-0---0-0- | -0---0-0-0----- | ----- |  
| -9-9-9-9-9---9-9- | -9\7-7-7-7---7-7- | -7p6-6-6-6----- | ----- |  
| -9-9-9-9-9---9-9- | -9\7-7-7-7---7-7- | -7---7-7-7----- | ----- |  
| -7-7-7-7-7---7-7- | -7\5-5-5-5---5-5- | -5p4-4-4-4-----0-0-0-0-0- | ----- |  
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Harmonics.....]

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-5-----0---5---0- | -0-0-0-0-0---0-0- | -0---0-0-0---0-0- | -0---0-0-0---0- | --- |  
-5-5-5-7-7-7-5-5---5-0- | -0-0-0-0-0---0-0- | -0---0-0-0---0-0- | -0---0-0-0---0- | --- |  
----- | -9-9-9-9-9---9-9- | -9\7-7-7-7---7-7- | -7p6-6-6-6---6- | --- |  
----- | -9-9-9-9-9---9-9- | -9\7-7-7-7---7-7- | -7---7-7-7---7- | --- |  
----- | -7-7-7-7-7---7-7- | -7\5-5-5-5---5-5- | -5p4-4-4-4---4- | --- |  
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Harmonics.....]

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--0--5-----5-5-5-x-x- | -0-0-0-0-0---0-0-0- | -0-0-0-0-0---0-0-0- | ----- |  
--0---5-5-5-----x-x- | -0-0-0-0-0---15-15- | -15\13-13-13-----13-13- | ----- |  
6-----x-x- | -9-9-9-9-9---14-14- | -14\12-12-12-----12-12- | ----- |  
----- | -9-9-9-9-9---12-12- | -12\10-10-10-----10-10- | ----- |  
4----- | -7-7-7-7-7---12-12- | -12\10-10-10-----10-10- | ----- |  
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bend bend

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0--0-0-0- |-----| |
13\0-0-0- |-----2-----2-----| |
12\6-6-6- |-----2-----2-----| |
10\7-7-7- |-----2-----2-----| |
10\----- |-----0-----0-----| |
----- | -5\3--3-----3-----5\0- | |

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She's

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P.M.....      Harm.....]  PM.....      Harm.....]
-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
-----9-----|---5-----|-----9-----| -5-----|-----|
-----7-----| -5-----|-----7-----| ---5-4---|-----|
-0-0-0-0--0-0---4- |-----4-3- | -0-0-0-0--0-0---4- |-----3- |-----|
Gotta have soul...      Or it won't feel...

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P.M.....      Harmonics..]
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-----|-----|
-----9-----|---5-----|
-----7-----| -5---5---|
-0-0-0-0--0-0---4- |-----4- |
Well just plain...

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Harmonics.....]      (play main riff until end of prechorus)
-----|-----12-----| -0-0-0-0-0--0-0- | -0---0-0-0-----0-0- |-----|
-----| ---7---12- | -0-0-0-0-0--0-0- | -0---0-0-0-----0-0- |-----|
-----| -5-----| | -9-9-9-9-9---9-9- | -9\7-7-7-7-----7-7- |-----|
-----9-----5- |-----| | -9-9-9-9-9---9-9- | -9\7-7-7-7-----7-7- |-----|
-----7-----|-----| | -7-7-7-7-7---7-7- | -7\5-5-5-5-----5-5- |-----|
0-0-0-0--0-0-----|-----| |-----|-----|-----|-----|
Wrapped up...      And home grown...

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Depress bar slowly.....

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0---0-0-0-----| |-----| |
0---0-0-0-----| |-----| |
7p6-6-6-6--/14p0- | |-----| |
7---7-7-7-----| |-----| |
5p4-4-4-4-----| |---h4p0h4p0h4p0h4/10- | |
-----| |-----| |
Gettin'

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PM.....

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-----|-----|-----|
---8-8-7-7-----|4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-----|-----|
5---7-7-7-7-----|4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-----|-----|
5---7-7-7-7-----|4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-----|-----|
3-5-5-5-5-5-----|2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-0-2-|-----|
--3-----0-2-3-5-|-----|-----|

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Let me get on, let me get on...

PM.....

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-----|-----|3-3---3-3---3-3---3-3-||-----|
-----|4-----|5-5---5-5---5-5---5-5-||-----|
5---7-----|4-----|5-5---5-5---5-5---5-5-||-----|
5---7-----|4-----|5-5---5-5---5-5---5-5-||-----|
3-5-5-7-----|2-----2/3-|3-3---3-3---3-3---3-3-||-----|
--3---5---0-2-3-5-|-----|-----|-----|

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My baby's poundcake...

Then you do the main riff again for the pre-chorus. And for the "Uh-a... A-huh-HUH!" part, do this:

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|-14-16-----12-12---14-9-|-7/9-7/9--/12-|-14-16-----12-12---14\9-|-----|
|-14-16-----12-12---14-9-|-7/9-7/9--/12-|-14-16-----12-12---14\9-|-----|
|-14-16---x-12-12---14\9-|-7/9-7/9--/12-|-14-16---x-12-12---14\9-|-----|
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
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9-9p7---7-7p5---5-5-|-14-16-----12-12---14\9-|-7/9-7/9--/12-|-----|
9-9p7---7-7p5---5-5-|-14-16-----12-12---14\9-|-7/9-7/9--/12-|-----|
9-9p7---7-7p5---5-5-|-14-16---x-12-12---14\9-|-7/9-7/9--/12-|-----|
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14-16-----12-12---14---16-|-17-17-17-17-17-17-17-||
14-16-----12-12---14---16-|-16-16-16-16-16-16-16-|| (to the solo;
14-16---x-12-12---14---16-|-16-16-16-16-16-16-16-|| DON'T EVEN ASK!)
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Then, after the solo, there's that part that goes "I've been out there, tried a bit of everything. It's all sex without love, I've found the real thing is Poundcake!" then play this: (and then go to the main riff)

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|-5-----|-----0-|
|-5-4----4---|-5-4h5p4---2/|
|-4---4-----4-|-----4-2/|
|-4-----4-----|-----2/|
|-2-----|-----0-|
|-----|-----|

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WELL!! Tabbing out almost a whole Van Halen tune certainly has been an experience. Look elsewhere for the solo. There's NO WAY I'm gonna try that one. There's harmonic tapping, pinch harmonics, regular tapping, bends, trem-bar vibrato, and all the other shit I can't really do. Basically, you're just gonna have to piece together what I've tabbed here and you'll get the basic idea. If you can't figure it out from this, you probably shouldn't be trying to play this song just yet. It ain't easy! Questions/Comments/Augmentations are MOST welcome (by email).

Good Luck!

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