

BRIGHTER THAN A THOUSAND SUNS

As recorded by Iron Maiden

(From the 2006 Album A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH)

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A Intro

Moderately ♩ = 118

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Gtr I

T

A

B

4 5 5 7 7 (7) 9 9 10 0 9 10 7 9 5 (5) 7 4 5 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

B Verse 1

5

Gtr I

T

A

B

4 5 5 7 7 (7) 9 9 10 0 9 10 7 9 5 (5) 7 4 5 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Gtr II

T

A

B

2 3 3 5 5 (5) 7 7 8 7 8 5 7 3 (3) 5 2 3

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

53

54

55

56

57

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for the song 'Brighter Than a Thousand Suns' by Iron Maiden, page 5 of 14. It consists of five systems of music, numbered 53 to 57. Each system includes a guitar staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#), a three-line tablature staff, and a bass staff with a bass clef. System 53: The guitar staff features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The tablature shows fret numbers 8, 9, 7, 9, 7, 8, 7, 5, (5), 7, 5, 7, 5, 7, 5, (5). The bass staff has notes 0, 2, 5, 5, (5), 12, 12, 11, 2. System 54: The guitar staff continues the melodic line. The tablature shows fret numbers 12, 0, 14, 0, 15, 0, 17, 17, 15, 12, 15, 12, 15, 12, 17, 12, 15, 12, 15, 12, 15, 12, 15, 12, 17, 12, 15, 12, 15. The bass staff has notes 2, 2, 4, 5, 4, 2, 5, (5), 0, 2, 3, 2, 0, 0. System 55: The guitar staff features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The tablature shows fret numbers 12, 0, 14, 0, 15, 0, 17, 17, 15, 12, 15, 12, 15, 12, 17, 12, 15, 12, 15, 12, 15, 12, 17, 12, 15, 12, 15. The bass staff has notes 2, 2, 4, 5, 4, 2, 5, (5), 0, 2, 3, 2, 0, 0. System 56: The guitar staff features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The tablature shows fret numbers 12, 15, 12, 17, 12, 12, 12, 15, 12, 15, 12, 17, 12, 12, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 17, (17), 17. The bass staff has notes 0, 2, 5, 5, (5), 12, 12, 11, 2. System 57: The guitar staff features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The tablature shows fret numbers 12, 15, 12, 17, 12, 12, 12, 15, 12, 15, 12, 17, 12, 12, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 17, (17), 17. The bass staff has notes 0, 2, 5, 5, (5), 12, 12, 11, 2.

M Riff 4

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Gtr III

T
A
B 9 7 10 9 7 8 (8) 7 10 10 9 10 7 (7) 9 7 10 9 7 8 (8) 7 10 10 9 10

Gtr IV

T
A 2 5 4 2 5 (5) 7 2 (2) 5 4 2 5 (5) 7
B 0 5 2 3 (3) 5 0 (0) 5 2 3 (3) 5

N Verse 6

80

Gtrs III, IV

T
A 9 9 9 9 5 5 5 5
B 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

82

1. 2.

T
A 7 7 7 7 3 3 3 3
B 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

Guitar Solo 2

101

Gtr V

T 7 4 4 7 4 5 3 0 3 4 3 0 3 5 6 7 6 5 3 4 2 0 10 (10)

A 7 4 4 7 4 5 3 0 3 4 3 0 3 5 6 7 6 5 3 4 2 0 10 (10)

B P P P H P P H H P P P P

Gtrs III, IV

T

A 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 3 3

B 2 3 3

103

T 10 (10) 10 7 10 7 10 7 10 7 10 7 10 7 10 7 10 7 10 9 7 10 7 7 9 7 17

A 10 (10) 10 7 10 7 10 7 10 7 10 7 10 7 10 7 10 9 7 10 7 7 9 7 17

B P P P P P

T

A 5 0 0 2 2 4 3 3 5 3 (0) (0) (1)

B 3 0 0 0 2 2 4 3 3 5 3 (0) (0) (1)

105

T 17 17 17 17 17 17 (17) 15 16 15 16 15 14 16 14 16 15 14 12 14 12 (12)

A 17 17 17 17 17 17 (17) 15 16 15 16 15 14 16 14 16 15 14 12 14 12 (12)

B P sl.

T

A 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 3 3

B 2 3 3

113

Full Full

17 (17) 17 (17) 14 14 17 14 17 14 17 15 16 15 16 19 16 19 16 14 16 16 1/2

P H P P H P P

T
A
B 4 2 2 2 4 2 2 2 4 2 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 3 3

D.S.S. al Dbl. Coda

115

T
A (16) 16 14 16 14 16 15 14 12 14 12
B 13 (13) (13) sl.

T
A 5 0 0 2 2 2 4
B 3 0 0 0 2 2 2 3 3 5 3 (3) (3) (1)

P Interlude

Tempo II ♩ = 125



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Gtr II
let ring

T
A 0 0 0 0 4 3 0 0 0 0 0 4 7 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 2 3
B 0 2 4 0 0 4 3 (3) 4 0 0 0 0 4 0 7 5 0 0 0 0 1 (1) 3 3 2 0 2 3

Q Bridge

121

let ring

T
A
B

Faster ♩ = 135

125

Gtrs III, IV

T
A
B

129

T
A
B

Slower ♩ = 118

133

T
A
B

R Outro

137

Gtr I

T
A
B

rit.

1

T

A 4 5 5 7 7 (7) 9 9 10 9 10 7 9 5 (5) 7 4 5 0

B 5 0 7 0 9 0 10 0 10 0 9 0 7 0 5 0 0

Gtr II

T 2 3 3 5 5 (5) 7 7 8 7 8 5 7 3 (3) 5 2 3

A

B