

A GUIDE TO THE MUSIC

A great deal of effort has been put into presenting these performances in musical notation
that is as faithful as possible to the original recordings.

Due to the limitations inherent in transcribing sounds into notes there are a number of
suitable nuances and rhythms that are impossible to express in print.

It is recommended, therefore, that you carefully listen to the recordings in order to gain
a feel for the sounds that these musical symbols represent.

Note that the male vocal parts, as well as the parts for guitar and bass,
are written an octave higher than they sound on the records.

On the other hand, the piano parts, as well as other keyboard instruments,
are all written in the same octave as they sound on the recordings.

GUITAR

C – bend

U – pre-bend

D – bend release

H – hammer-on

P – pull-off

S – slide

tr – trill

◎ – sustained note (tie) pick only once and keep the
sound going using left hand fingering

gliss – glissando. In some places the symbols ↗ or ↘ are used.

~~ – vibrato

harm – harmonics

✗ – sound is produced by tapping the string,
no definite pitch is intended.

BASS

Generally, the bass parts are written in the bass clef
although the treble is also used when necessary.

DRUMS

The four spaces of the staff are used as follows (starting at the top):

tom tom (G space in bass clef); snare (E space); floor tom tom (C space);
and bass drum (A space).

The signs ♂ and ✗ when used in the B space above the staff represent the cymbal
and the high-hat (O – open, + – closed).

The sign ♫ in the F space below the staff means play the high hat with your foot.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

Words & Music by John Lennon & Paul McCartney.

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The musical score for "A Day in the Life" is presented on five staves. The top staff is for the **VOCAL**, starting with an **Intro** section in **G**. The lyrics "I read the news... to-day... oh..." are written below the staff. The second staff is for the **ORCHESTRA**, consisting of three staves: **PIANO**, **GUITAR**, and **BASS**. The **GUITAR** staff includes tablature with fingerings (1, 2, 3) and strumming patterns (x, 2, 3, 4). The **BASS** staff shows rhythmic patterns with rests and eighth-note groups. The bottom staff is for the **DRUMS**. The score concludes with a section for **Maracas**.

Em Em7 C CΔ7₃ Am⁹ G Bm
 boy About a luck-y man who made the grade And though the news was rather

Em Em7 C F Em Em7 C F Em C
 sad Well, I just had to laugh I saw the photo-graph

B

G Bm Em Em⁷ C CΔ⁷ Am⁹ G Bm

He blew his mind out in a car
He didn't notice that the lights had changed
A crowd of people stood and

Em Em⁷ C F Em Em⁷ C

stared
They'd seen his face before
No-body was real-ly sure if he was from the House of Lords

C G Bm Em Em7 C CΔ7 Am9 G Bm
 I saw a film... today... oh... boy The Eng-lish arm-y had just won the war A crowd... of peo- ple turned a-way...

T A B 1 2 3 2 3 4 1' 2 3 1 2 3 * 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 2 3 4

T A B 3 3 3 2 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 2 0 0 0 0 2 3 2 2 2 2

Em Em7 C F Em Em7 C C N.C.
 But I... just had to look... Hav-ing read the book I'd love to turn...

T A B 1 2 3 1 2 3 * 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3

T A B 0 0 0 0 5 5 5 5 3 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 2 2 2 2

Up and cresc.

E

Cym. Fill

E - *Woke up* D *got out of bed* E *Dragged a comb a-cross my head* D *Found my*

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E B9 E B9 B E E

way down stairs and drank a cup And look-ing up I no-ticed I was late Ha, ha, ha, Found my coat and grabbed my hat Made the

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E D E B9 E B9

bus in se-conds flat

Found my way up - stairs and had a smoke And some-body spoke... and I went in-to a dream...

T A B
 1 2 3 1 2 3
 7 6 4 2 5 5 7 7
 7 7 7 7 6
 7 6 4 3 2 2 1 4
 2 1 4 3 2 2 2 2

F C G D A E C
 Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

cresc.

T A B
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G D A E G G Bm
 — Ah — I read the news... to-day... oh

Em Em7 C CΔ7 Am9 G Bm7
 boy Four thousand holes... in Black-burn Lan-ca-shire And though the holes... were ra - ther

Em Em7 C CΔ7 Em Em7

small They had to count them all Now they know how many holes it takes to fill the Al - bert Hall

I'd love to turn you on

Up and cresc.

