

SPEED OF SOUND

As recorded by Coldplay

(From the 2005 Album X&Y)

Words and
Buckland

A Intro

Moderate Rock ♩ = 124
Asus4

Em7

1

Gtr I *mf*
let ring

T 0 3 2 (2) 2 3 0 (0) 0 3 0 (0) 0 3
A
B

Gtr III *ff*
let ring

T 0 3 2 (2) 2 3 0 (0) 0 3 0 (0) 0 3
A
B

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D Asus4 Em7

let ring

T 0 3 2 (2) 2 3 0 (0) 0 3 0 (0) 0 3
A
B

let ring

T 0 3 2 (2) 2 3 0 (0) 0 3 0 (0) 0 3
A
B

B Verse 1

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D A A Em

Gtr I
let ring

T

A

B

Gtr III
let ring

T

A

B

Gtr II *f* Gtr III

Em7 D A Em

T 7 (7) 5 0 0 2

A 0 0 2 2 2 2

B 2 2 2 2 2 2

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Gtr III

Em7 D

T 3 (3) 0 0 2 0 3 2

A 0 (0) (2) 2 (2) 2 2 2

B 2 (2) (4) 4 4 2 2 2

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Gtr I

let ring

Gtr III

T 3 (3) 0 3 2

A 0 (0) 2 (2) 4 5 4 5

B 2 (2) (4) 5 4 5 2

Asus4 Em7 D

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Gtr I
let ring

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

Gtr III
let ring

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

Gtr IV

T
A
B

Verse 2

Asus4 Em7 D A

Gtr I
let ring

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

Gtr III
let ring

Gtr II

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

sl.

Gtr IV

T											
A	2			0				0			
B	0			0				0			

A Em7 D

Gtr V *mf*

T	5	3	(3)	3	3	2	(2)	2	5				
A	7	6 (6)	4	(4)	4	5	(5)	4 (4)	2 (2)	2	2	6	7
B													

sl. sl. sl.

A Em7 D

T	5	3	(3)	3	3	2	(2)	
A	6	4	(4)	4	5	(5)	4 (4)	2 (2)
B								

sl. sl.

60

F#madd11 G

Gtrs I, III

let ring

T 0 0 3 2

A

B

Gtrs II, III

let ring

T 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10

A 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12

B

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Asus4 Em7 D Asus4 Em7

Gtr I

let ring

T 0 3 0 3 0 3 0 3 0 3 0 3 0 3 0 3

A 2 0 0 (0) 0 0 (0) 0 4 (4) 4 2 (2) 2 0 (0) 0 0 0

B

Gtr III

let ring let ring let ring

T 2 2 3 0 3 0 3 0 3 2 2 3 0 3 0

A 2 2 0 (0) 0 0 (0) 0 4 (4) 4 2 2 0 (0) 0 0

B 6 6 0 0 2 0 2 5 5 6 6 0 0 2 0

F Verse 3

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D A Em

Gtr I
let ring-----|

T 0 3
A 0 4 (4)
B 0

Gtr III
let ring-----|

Gtr II
let ring--|

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

sl.

Gtr IV

T
A
B

D A Em Emadd9 D

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Gtr IV

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

A Em7 D

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Gtr V

T 9 12 (12) 12 10 (10) 10 14 (14) 14 9
A 7 9 (9) 12 (12) 12 12 (12) 14 (14) 14 (14) 9
B

sl. sl. sl.

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A Em7 D

sl. sl.

G Pre-Chorus 2

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Gadd9 Aadd9 Bm7

Gtr II
let ring

Gtr III
let ring

Gtr IV

H Chorus 2

G Em D6 G

Gtrs II, III
let ring

T	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
A	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
B	12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12

Gtr V

T	0 10 12 10 12	11 12 12 11	0 10 12 10 12	12 12 10 12 12
A	12	11	(11)	12 12
B				

H H

Em F#madd11 G

let ring

T	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
A	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
B	12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12

Gtr V

T	0 10 12 10 12	11 12 12 11	0 12 10 14 10	10 12 10 10 12 11
A			(11)	
B				

H P

I Interlude

F#madd11 G D

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T 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 (10)

A 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 10 (10)

B 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12

P H H

T 0 12 10 14 10 10 12 10 14 12 10 12 10 14 12 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 (10)

A 0 0 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 (10)

B 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 (10)

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Gtr IV

T 12 11 9 11 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 (10)

A 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 (10)

B 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 (10)

sl. sl.

J Pre-Chorus 3

Gadd9 Aadd9 Bm7 E

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Gtr II
let ring

T 5 0 5 0 5 5 0 5 0 5 5 0 5 0 5 4 0 4 0 4

A 7 7 7 7 7 6 6 6 6 6 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4

B

K Chorus 3

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2.

E G Em D6 G

let ring ----- Gtrs II, III -----

sl.

Gtr V

