

BAT OUT OF HELL (Edited Version) – Jim Steinman 1977

Intro: 4 bars of [C]

1. The [C] sirens are screaming and the [F] fires are howling
Way [C] down in the valley tonight
There's a man in the shadows with a [Em] gun in his eye
And a [F] blade shining oh so bright
There's [C] evil in the air and there's [G] thunder in the sky
And a [Am] killer's on the bloodshot [F] streets
Oh and [C] down in the tunnel where the [G] deadly are rising
Oh I [Am] swear I saw a young boy, down in the gutter
He was [F] starting to foam in the [G] heat [F] [G]

#beats 4 4 8

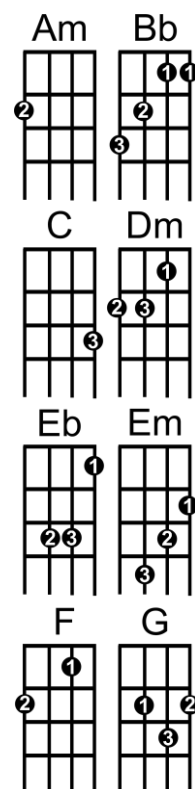
2. Oh [F] Baby, you're the only thing in [G] this whole world
That's [C] pure and good and [F] right
And wherever you are and [G] wherever you go
There's [F] always gonna [G] be some [C] light
But I gotta get out, I gotta [G] break it out now
Be[Am]fore the final crack of [F] dawn (234 1234)
So we [C] gotta make the most of our [G] one night together
When it's [F] over you know, we'll both be so a[G]lone [F] [G]

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Chorus: Like a [C] bat out of hell I'll be [F] gone when the morning [C] comes
When the night is over, like a [Em] bat out of hell I'll be
[F↓] Gone [Em↓] gone [F↓] gone [F]
Like a [C] bat out of hell I'll be [G] gone when the morning [F] comes
But when the [C] day is done, and the [G] sun goes down
And [F] moonlight's [Am] shining [Dm↓] thro...[C↓] [F↓] [G↓]..ugh
[G↓] Then [↓] like [↓] a [C↓] sinner [Em] before the [Am] gates of [G] heaven
I'll come [F] crawling on [Em] back to [F] you (pause)

Riff: [F↓↑↓↑] [G↓] [F↓↑↓↑] [G↓]

3. I'm [C] gonna hit the highway like a [F] battering ram
On a [C] silver black phantom bike
When the metal is hot and the [Em] engine is hungry
And we're [F] all about to see the light
[C] Nothing ever grows in this [G] rotting old hole
And [Am] everything is stunted and [F] lost
And [C] nothing really rocks, and [G] nothing really rolls
And [F] nothing's ever [G] worth the [C] cost (234 1234)



4. And I [F] know that I'm [G] damned if I [C] never get out
 And [F] maybe I'm [G] damned if I [C] do
 But with [F] every other [G] beat I got [Am] left in my heart (234)
 You know I'd [F] rather be [G] damned with [C] you
 Well, If I gotta be damned you know I [G] wanna be damned
 [F] Dancing through the [G] night with [C] you
 If I gotta be damned you know I [G] wanna be damned
 [C] Gotta be damned you know I [F] wanna be damned
 [C] Gotta be damned you know I [G] wanna be damned
 [F] Dancing through the [G] night, [F] Dancing through the [G] night
 [F] Dancing through the [G] night with [C] you (1234 123)

5. Repeat Verse 2 + Chorus +

(arpeggiate each chord)

[n/c] Then like a [C] sinner [Em] before the [Am] gates of [G] heaven
 I'll come [F] crawling on [Em] back to [F] you

(fast strum) [C] [Eb] [Bb] [C]
 #beats 8 8 8 5 (pause)

6. Oh I can [F] see myself tearing up the road,
 Faster than any other boy has [C] ever gone. + 3 bars of [C]
 And my [F] skin is raw but my soul is ripe,
 And no one's gonna stop me now, I gotta make my [C] escape.
 But I [Eb] can't stop [F] thinking of [C] you
 And I've [Eb] never seen a sudden [Bb] curve until it's way too [C] late (234 1234)

Riff: [C↓↓] [G] [F] X3

And I've [Eb] never seen a sudden [Bb] curve until it's way too [C] late

7. (slowly) Then I'm [Bb] dying at the bottom of a [C] pit in the blazing [Dm] sun
 [Bb] Torn and twisted at the [C] foot of a burning [Dm] bike
 And I [Eb] think somebody some[C]where must be tolling a [Dm] bell
 And the [Bb] last thing I [C] see is my [Dm] heart, still [Bb] beating (234)
 Breaking [Dm] out of my body and [G] flying away
 [n/c] Like a bat out of [C] hell [G↓↓] [F↓]
 Like a bat out of [C] hell [G↓↓] [F↓]
 Like a bat out of [C] hell [G↓↓] [F↓]
 Like a bat out of [C] hell (big slow finish over 3 bars)