

When The Levee Breaks – Led Zeppelin

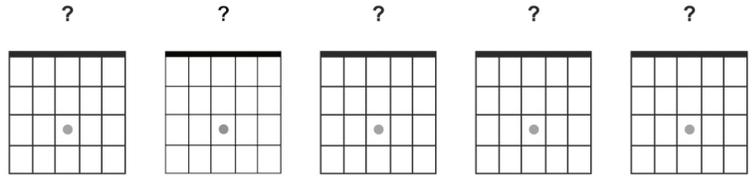
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Key: Em Capo: 1st Fret

Main Riff

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e-----|
B-----2-|
G-----2-|
D-----2-|
A-----2-|
E-3p0---3p0-3p0-3p0---|
    
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[Intro]

E7* – E – E7** – E7* [18x]

C – D

E7* – E [4x]

C – D

E7* – E [4x]

[Verse 1]

E7* E E7** E
If it keeps on raining, levee's goin' to break

E7* E E7** E
If it keeps on raining, levee's goin' to break

E7* E E7** E
When the levee breaks I'll have no place to stay

E7* E E7** E7* [2x]

[Verse 2]

E7* E E7** E
Mean old levee taught me to weep and moan, [2x]

E7* E E7** E
Got what it takes to make a mountain man leave his home,

E7* E E7* E E7* E
Oh, well, oh, well, oh, well.

[Solo]

C D

E7* – E [4x]

C D

E7* – E [4x]

E7* – E – E7* – B | E7* – A – D – E

[Bridge]

E7* E
Don't it make you feel bad

B
When you're trying to find your way home,

A D E
You don't know which way to go?

E7* E
If you're goin' down South

B
They got no work to do,

A D E
If you don't know about Chicago

Notes: E7* = G string 1st fret + A string 2nd fret (2 finger E7 chord)
E7** = E chord + B string 3rd fret (4 finger E7 chord)
E chord
Repeatedly strum E7* – E – E7** – E7*. Play around with different combinations for the best effect, de-emphasizing the high E string and emphasizing the low E string

[Solo]

E7* – E – E7* – B | E7* – A – D – E [2x]

E7* – E – E7** – E7* [14x]

C – D

E7* – E [4x]

C – D

E7* – E [4x]

[Verse 3]

E7* E E7** E
Cryin' won't help you, praying won't do you no good,

E7* E E7** E
Now, cryin' won't help you, praying won't do you no good,

E7* E E7** E
When the levee breaks, mama, you got to move.

E7* – E – E7** – E7* [2x]

[Verse 3]

E7* E E7** E
All last night sat on the levee and moaned

E7* E E7** E
All last night sat on the levee and moaned

E7* E E7** E
Thinking about me baby and my happy home.

C – D

E7* – E [4x]

C – D

E7* – E [4x]

E7* – E – E7* – B | E7* – A – D – E [2x]

E7* E E7* B E7* A D E [2x]
Ah ha ah ha ah ha ha ha

E7* – E – E7* – B | E7* – A – D – E

E7* – E – E7** – E7* [2x]

Going, going to Chicago... Going to Chicago... sorry but I can't take you...

E7* E E7** E7* E
Going down... going down now... going down....