

## Take Me to the River

**Note:** (words in parens) are vocal harmonies (call and response or vice versa)

**Basic riff is:** E7 (six beats) – D (one beat)- A (one beat)

**intro:** drums alone (4 bars); drums plus keys (E7) (4 bars)full band (E7) (3 1/2) bars, then D-A

E7 D-A  
(Take me to the river)  
E7 D-A  
(Drop me in the water)  
E7 D-A  
(Take me to the river)  
E7 D-A  
(Drop me in the water, the water)

E7 D-A  
verse 1: I don't know why I love you like I do  
E7 D-A  
With all the trouble you put me through  
E7 D-A  
You take my money and my cigarettes  
E7 D-A  
I haven't seen the worst of it yet

C G A E7 E7  
Chorus 1: I wanna know, can you tell me, I'd love to stay...  
E7  
Take me to the river (take me to the river)  
D-A E7  
Drop me in the water (drop me in the water)  
D-A E7  
Dip me in the river (take me to the river)  
D-A E7 D-A  
Drop me in the water (drop me in the water, the water)

**turnaround (instrumental):** solo over basic riff four times

verse 2: E7 D-A  
I don't know why you treat me so bad (ooo)  
E7 D-A  
Think of all the things that we could have had (ooo)  
E7 D-A  
Love is a notion that I can't forget (ooo)  
E7 D-A  
My sweet sixteen I will never regret

bridge: C#m A Hold me, squeeze me  
C#m A Love me, tease me  
G G G E7  
Til I can't, til I can't, I can't take none of it any more  
(Take me to the river) D-A E7 Drop me in the water  
D-A E7  
(Drop me in the water) Dip me in the river  
D-A E7  
(Take me to the river) Push me in the water  
D-A  
(Drop me in the water, the water)

**Verse 3: I don't know why I love you like I do (ooo)**  
**All the changes that you put me through (ooo)**  
**Sixteen candles are burnin' on my wall (ooo)**  
**And here am I the biggest fool of them all**

**Repeat the following ad infinitum, first a capella with percussion & bass (2x on live CD version), then with full band (3x on live CD version):**

**End with (slowly): D-A-E7**  
**(the water, the water)**