
Ordinary Idiots - Bill Nelson

Tabbed by: Twilightcapers

Tuning: EADGBE

| h hammer-on
| p pull-off
| x Mute note
| / slide up
| \ slide down
| b bend string to pitch
| r return string to original pitch
| ~ vibrato or sustain
| (xx0232) chord shape
| D/C# chord/bass note
| (9) optional note
| W whammy wobble
| V whammy dips

From the excellent After The Satellite Sings album. A bit of a guitar workout in the key of E, with open bottom string, pentatonic box at the 12th fret, blues licks and unison bends.

Intro: free time...

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e|-----|
B|-----|
G|-----12-----|
D|-----0h2p0h2p0h2p0h2p0-----12h14---12-----|
A|-----12h14-----|
E|-12\0~~~~~|
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(00:07)

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_____E (b5) _____E7 _____E (b5) _____Em6_E7_
e|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----|
G|-----|-----|
D|-----8-----6-----|-----8---(8)-----7---/8---|
A|-----7-----5-----|-----7---(7)-----6---/7---|
E|-0---0-----0---0-----|-----0---0-----0---0-----|

| 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - | 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - |
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(00:13)

	Eb5	E7	Eb5	Em6 E7
e	-----	-----	-----	-----
B	-----	-----	-----	-----
G	-----0-7-----	-----	-----0-7-----	-----
D	-----0-7-----0-----	-----	-----0-7-----0-----	-----
A	-----0-7-----0-7-----	-----	-----0-7-----0-7-----	-----
E	-0-7-----0-7-----	-0-7-----	-0-7-----0-7-----	-----
1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & -				

Verse: "Well,"

	E(b5)	E7	E(b5)	Em6 E7
"High above America in his custom built cocoon..."				
e	-----	-----	-----	-----
B	-----	-----	-----	-----
G	-----	-----	-----	-----
D	-----8-----6-----	-----	-----8-----7--/8--	-----
A	-----7-----5-----	-----	-----7-----6--/7--	-----
E	-0---0-----0---0-----	-0---0-----	-0---0-----0---0-----	-----

	E(b5)	E7	E(b5)
"God looks down and laughs at me and not a day too soon..."			
e	-----	-----	-----
B	-----	-----	-----
G	-----	-----	-----12----
D	-----8-----6-----	-----	-----8-----12-14--14~--
A	-----7-----5-----	-----	-----7-----14-----
E	-0---0-----0---0-----	-0---0-----	-0---0-----0-----

	E(b5)	E7	E(b5)
"He sends me strange transmissions, full of dangerous advice..."			
e	-----	-----	-----
B	-----	-----	-----
G	-----	-----	-----14^rp12-
D	-----8-----6-----	-----	-----8-----14~
A	-----7-----5-----	-----	-----7-----
E	-0---0-----0---0-----	-0---0-----	-0---0-----0-----

	E(b5)	E7	E(b5)	Em6 E7
"And I reply, well thank you God, but I think I'll keep those thoughts on ice"				
e	-----	-----	-----	-----
B	-----	-----	-----	-----
G	-----	-----	-----	-----
D	-----8-----6-----	-----	-----8-----	-----
A	-----7-----5-----	-----	-----7-----12\-----	-----
E	-0---0-----0---0-----	-0---0-----	-0---0-----0---0-----	-----

	F#5 (24xxxx)	G5 (35xxxx)	A5 (57xxxx)
"I'm just an ordinary idiot... I'm not some old fool..."			
e	-----	-----	-----
B	-----	-----	-----
G	-----	-----	-----
D	-----	-----	-----
A	-----	-----	-----
E	-2~~~~~0---2--	-3~~~~~5\-----	-----

E (b5)	E7	E (b5)
"We're all ordinary idiots... ah, that's ok, that's cool..."		
e -----12~~~~----- -----		
B -----15b17~----- -----		
G -----		
D -----6----- -----8/-----x---x---x-x\---		
A -----5----- -----7/-----x---x---x-x\---		
E -0-----0---0----- -----0---0-----x---x---x-x\---		

(00:53)

E (b5)	E7	E (b5)	Em6_E7
(harmonica solo...)			
e -----			
B -----			
G -----0-7----- -----0-7-----			
D -----0-7-----0----- -----0-7-----0-----			
A -----0-7-----0-7----- -----0-7-----0-7-----			
E -0-7-----0-7----- -----0-7-----0-7-----			

E (b5)	E7	E (b5)	Em6_E7
e -----			
B -----			
G -----0-7-----14^--14^-----			
D -----0-7-----0-----			
A -----0-7-----0-7-----			
E -0-7-----0-7-----			

E (b5)	E7	E (b5)	Em6_E7
"Ordinary idiots... regular kind of guys..."			
"Ordinary idiots... angels in disguise..."			

Guitar solo @01:16

F#5_ (24xxxx)	E5_ (02xxxx)
e -15b17---15~---12-----	
B -----15-14-12-----	
G -----15-14-12--14--12-----	
D -----14--14--x-14-12-----	
A -----14-13-12-10-----	
E -----12\---	
1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & -	

F#5_ (24xxxx)	E5_ (02xxxx)
e -----	
B -----	
G -----12-----12--12h14p12-W14p12h14p12h14p12h14p12h14W\--	
D -----12h14--14-----14-----	
A -----	
E \0-----	

F#5_ (24xxxx)	E5_ (02xxxx)
(01:26)	
e -----0---17b19~~~~~17-17--17~-16-12-----	
B -----12-----	
G -----14-13-14-13-----	
D -----14-----	
A -----14-12~~	
E -----	

F#5_ (24xxxx)	G5_ (35xxxx)	A5_ (57xxxx)
e -----	-7-8-7-8-7-----	
B -----	-----10-8-7-8-7-7-----	
G -----14~~~~~\-----	-----9-9h11p9p7--	
D -----	-----9-	
A -----		
E -----		

E (b5)	E7
e -----	
B -----	
G -7~~~~~V~~~~~V~~~~~V~~~~~V~~~~~V~~~~~V~~~~~V~~~~~	
D -----	
A -----	
E -----	

(01:43)

E (b5)	E7	E (b5)	Em6_E7
"Ordinary idiots...		angels in disguise..."	
"Ordinary idiots...		regular kind of guys..."	
e -----			
B -----			
G -----			
D -----8-----6-----		-----8---(8)-----7--/8--	
A -----7-----5-----		-----7---(7)-----6--/7--	
E -0---0-----0--0-----		-0--0-----0--0-----	

E (b5)	E7	E (b5)	Em6_E7
"Ordinary idiots...		angels in disguise..."	
"Ordinary idiots...		we're regular kind of guys..."	
e -----			
B -----			
G -----0-7-----		-----0-7-----	
D -----0-7-----0-----		-----0-7-----0-----	
A -----0-7-----0-7-----		-----0-7-----0-7-----	
E -0-7-----0-7-----		-0-7-----0-7-----	

Guitar solo @02:07
Stretching the bars now for detail...

_____E (b5)_____E7_____

e|-----12-----12-----|
B|---15p12h15-----15--12--15--12-----|
G|-----14-12-14-12h14p12p11-12p11~-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

| 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - |

_____E (b5)_____Em6_____E7_____

e|-----|
B|-----|
G|-----11-----11-14p11-----14p11~-----|
D|-14-----12-----12-----12-----12-----|
A|-----14~-----14-----|
E|-----|

_____E (b5)_____E7_____

e|-----14-----14-15-17~~|
B|-----12-13-12-----13-15-17--15-17-----|
G|-----11-12-11--11-12-14-----14-16-----|
D|-11-12-14-----14-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

_____E (b5)_____Em6_____E7_____

e|---15--14h15p14--14-----|
B|-----17--15-----|
G|-----16-----|
D|-----16-----|
A|-----17~~~~~\~/-----|
E|-----|

| 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - |

Repeat verse @02:16 "Well..."

_____E (b5)_____E7_____E (b5)_____Em6_E7_
"High above the universe in his custom built cocoon..."
"God looks down and laughs at me and not a day too soon..."

(02:29)

_____E (b5)_____E7_____E (b5)_____Em6_E7_
"He sends me strange transmissions, he sends me strange transmissions..."
e|-----|
B|-----|
G|-----14b16~16~16~16~16~|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

_____ E (b5) _____ E7 _____ E (b5) _____ Em6 E7 _____
 "Ordinary idiots... ordinary idiots..."

e|-----|-----|
 B|-----|-----|
 G|~16~16~16~16~16~16~16~r14p12h14p12-----|
 D|-----|--14~~~~~12-----|
 A|-----|-----14-13-12-10--|
 E|-----|-----12-

(02:40) Bars stretched again...

_____ E (b5) _____ E7 _____
 "Ordinary idiots..."

e|-----|-----|
 B|-----15~-----|
 G|-----14-----13-----|
 D|-----12-----|
 A|-----14--13--12--11-----|
 E|-0-----0-----12-----|

| 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - |

Repeat x3, then:

_____ E (b5) _____ Em6 _____ E7 _____

e|-----|-----|
 B|-----|-----|
 G|-----14--13--12--11-----|
 D|-----14--13--12~\-----|
 A|-----14--13--12--11-----|
 E|-0-----0-----12-----|

(02:51)

_____ E (b5) _____ E7 _____

e|-----17b19~~~~~r17p15-----|
 B|-----17~~~~~\-----|
 G|-----|-----|
 D|-----|-----|
 A|-----|-----|
 E|-----|-----|

_____ E (b5) _____ Em6 _____ E7 _____

e|-----3-----0-----W12-----W12-W12~-----|
 B|\0---5-----5---3--p0-----0-----|
 G|-----4-----|
 D|-----|-----|
 A|-----|-----|
 E|-----|-----|

| 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - |

E (b5)	E7	E (b5)	Em6	E7
"Ordinary idiots...		ordinary idiots..."		
e -----		-----		
B -----		-----		
G -----		-----		
D -----8-----6-----		-----8--- (8) -----7---/8---		
A -----7-----5-----		-----7--- (7) -----6---/7---		
E -0---0-----0---0-----		-0---0-----0---0-----		
1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & -		1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & -		

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"Ordinary idiots...      we're all ordinary idiots..."
e|-----|-----17~~~~~b19
B|-----|-----|
G|-----|-----|
D|-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-0-----|-----|

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(03:09) guitar solo.
Double stops ahead, aim for a dissonant sound here...

	E (b5)	E7	E (b5)	Em6_E7
e	b19~~~~~19-19-19-19-19-19-19-19-19-19-19-19-19~~~~~\/--			
B	-----		-----17-17-17-17-17-17~~~~~\/--	
G	-----		-----	
D	-----		-----	
A	-----		-----	
E	-----		-----	

	E (b5)	E7	E (b5)	Em6_E7
e	-12-----	-12~~~~~	-14~~~~~	~~~~~
B	---15b17~	---15b17~	-17b19~	~~~~~
G	-----	-----	-----	-----
D	-----	-----	-----	-----
A	-----	-----	-----	-----
E	-----	-----	-----	-----
	1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & -		1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & -	

	E (b5)	E7	E (b5)	Em6_E7
e	-15	~~~~~	-17	~~~~~
B	-18b20	~~~~~	-20b22	~~~~~
G	-----		-----	
D	-----		-----	
A	-----		-----	
E	-----		-----	

	E (b5)	E7	E (b5)	Em6_E7
e	-19	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
B	-22b24	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
G	-----	-----	-----	-----
D	-----	-----	-----	-----
A	-----	-----	-----	-----
E	-----	-----	-----	-----

_____ E (b5) _____ E7 _____ E (b5) _____ Em6 _E7 _
 e | (~~~~~\) ----- |
 B | (~~~~~\) ----- |
 G | -----0-7----- | ----- |
 D | -----0-7-----0----- | ----- |
 A | -----0-7-----0-7----- | ----- |
 E | -0-7-----0-7----- | ----- |

 | 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - |

Words & music by Bill Nelson.