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Axe Victim - Be Bop Deluxe  
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Tuning: EADGBE

| b bend up  
| r relax bend  
| pb pre-bend  
| ^ quarter tone bend  
| / slide up  
| \ slide down  
| h hammer-on  
| p pull-off  
| ~ vibrato or sustain  
| + harmonic  
| x Mute note

Title track from the album of the same name.

I have tabbed lead parts as well as chords, placing them below the appropriate bar, and of course the iconic end solo.

Please note: The big guitar solo is right at the bottom of the tab

Intro: "You..

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      D              Dmaj7              D7
"  came      to watch the band              to.."
e|-----5-----5-----5-----|
B|-----7-----7-----7-----|
G|-----7-----6-----5-----2---4p2---|
D|-0-----0-----0-----0/4-----4--|
A|-----|
E|-----|

| 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - | 1 - & - 2 - & - 3 - & - 4 - & - |
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      D              Dmaj7              D7
"  see us      play our parts              we.."
e|-----5-----5-----5-----|
B|-----7-----7-----7-----|
G|-----7-----6-----5-----2---4p2---|
D|-0-----0-----0-----0/4-----4--|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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      G              Cadd9
"  hoped you'd lend an ear              you..."
e|-3-----| -3-----|
B|-3-----| -3-----|
G|-0-----| -0-----|
D|-0-----| -x-----|
A|-x-----| -3-----|
E|-3-----| -x-----|
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      G              Bm
"  hoped we'd dress like tarts              Well.."
e|-3-----| -2-----|
B|-3-----| -3-----|
G|-0-----| -4-----|
D|-0-----| -4-----|
A|-x-----| -2-----|
E|-3-----| -x-----|
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(Lead guitar, 1st time)

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e|-----7h10p7-----|
B|-----10--7h10p7-----|
G|-----9--7h9p7-----|
D|-----9--7h9p7-----|
A|-----9--5--7--5-----5~~~~~|
E|-----7-----|

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(Lead guitar 2nd time)

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e|-----|
B|-----10-12b15r12-7h8p7h8p7h8p7h8p-----|
G|-----7-9/11-----9-7-9b11r9-7~~~~~|
D|-----7-9-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

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Repeat verse more or less the same until:

G	Cadd9
" My poet sheds his	pretty skin and.."
e -3-----	-3-----
B -3-----	-3-----
G -0-----	-0-----
D -0-----	-x-----
A -x-----	-3-----
E -3-----	-x-----

G	Bm
" turns to face the day	
e -3-----	-2-----
B -3-----	-3-----
G -0-----	-4-----
D -0-----	-4-----
A -x-----	-2-----
E -3-----	-x-----

(Lead guitar, first time)

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e|-----7-----7-----10--12b-12b14r12-----|
B|-----7--10b12-----15p12p10--12--15--12---10~~~~~|
G|-9b11-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

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(Lead guitar, second time)

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e|-12b14-12b14-12b14-12b14-12b14----12---10-----|
B|-----12/14--12---10--14--12b14r12-10~~-----|
G|-----11-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

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" And there's "

A	
" nothing	to be done "
e -----	
B -----	
G -2-----4b6r4p2-----4b6r4p2-----	
D -2-----4p2-----	
A -0-----4p2p0-----	
E -----	

A

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" nothing to be said Last... "
e|-----|
B|-----2-----5b7r5-----5-----|
G|-2-----5b6-----4^-2-----|
D|-2-----4--2-h4~~~~~|
A|-0-----|
E|-----|

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F#m

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" night I felt immortal.. this... "
e|-----2-----2-----|
B|-----2-----2-----|
G|-----2-----2-----|
D|-4---4---4---4---4---4---|
A|-4---4---4---4---4---4---|
E|-2---2---2---2---2---2---|

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D E

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" mor - ning I feel dead "
e|-2-----2-----2-----2-----|-0-----12\|-|
B|-3-----3-----3-----3-----|-0-----|
G|-2-----2-----2-----2-----|-x-----|
D|-0-----0-----0-----0-----|-2-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|-0-----|

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"And the..

" love ah, that gave its blaze to my heart now brings a haze.."

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e|-----2-----2-----|-----|
B|-----2-----2-----|-----2-----|
G|-----2-----2--4b6r4-2-----2-----2-----|
D|-4-----4-----4-----4-----|-2-----2-----2-----|
A|-4-----4-----4-----|-0-----0-----0-----0--2--4-|
E|-2-----2-----|-----3^-----|

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D Dsus4 D Dsus4 Bm

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" careful 'cause I'm an axe victim "
e|-----3-----2-----3-----3-----|-2-----2-----2-----|
B|---3---3---3---3---3---|-3---3---3---3---3---|
G|-----2-----2-----2-----2-----|-4-----4-----4-----4-----|
D|-0-----|-4-----4-----4-----4-----|
A|-----|-2-----2-----0-2-----2-----|
E|-----|-----0-2-|

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(Lead guitar, first time)

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e|-----10-12-pb14b12-10-12p10p7-----|
B|-----10-12-----10h12p10p7-----|
G|-----7-9-/11-----9h11p9p7h9-7-9b11r9-7-9~~~|
D|-----7-9-----9\|
A|---5-7-9-----|
E|-/7-----|

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(Lead guitar, second time)

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e|-----|
B|-7-----9-----10-----12-----|
G|-9b11~~~~-11b13~~~~-12b14~~~~-14b16~~~~|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----0--2--|

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G Cadd9

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" hung up on these silver strings    like wings            like time machines... "

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e|-----3-----3-----|-----3---3---3-----3---3---3-----|
B|-----3-----3-----|-----3---3---3-----3---3---3-----|
G|-----0-----0-----|-----0---0---0-----0---0---0-----|
D|-----0-----0-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
A|-----x-----0--2-|-3-----2-----|
E|-3-----3---2-3-----|-----|-----|-----|

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A D/A A D/A A D/A A

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" Like voices on the wind..."

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e|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
B|----2--2----3--3----2--2----3--3-|-2--2----3--3-2-----|
G|----2--2----2--2----2--2----2--2-|-2--2----2--2-2-----|
D|----2--2----4--4----2--2----4--4-|-2--2----4--4-2-----|
A|-0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
E|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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Repeat all parts with these lyrics:

We hit the road to Hull  
 Sad amps and smashed guitars  
 Played badly at 'The Duke'  
 To almost no applause.

But someone made it worthwhile  
 When smiling with bright eyes  
 They gave me full attention  
 And they took me by surprise.

But today the feeling's gone.  
 No, faded like a ghost.  
 Last night I saw the future  
 This morning there's no hope.

And the words  
 Ah, that I sung so clear  
 Are now clouded  
 By my tears

Please be careful  
 'cause I'm an axe victim.  
 Hung up on these silver strings  
 Like sails  
 Like seagulls cries  
 Like church bells in the night.

" ...night " (last lyric, to guitar solo...)

A

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e|-----12b14--12b14--12b14--12b14--12b14b12-|
B|-2-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
G|-2-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
D|-2-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
A|-0-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
E|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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\_\_\_D\_

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e|-----|
B|-10-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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Then comes the guitar solo.

The guitar in the background during the beginning of the guitar solo is doing something like this:

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___D___Dmaj7___D7___Dmaj7___
(rhythm guitar)
e|-----5-----5-----5-----5-----|
B|-----7-----7-----7-----7-----|
G|-----7--6-----6--5-----5--6-----6--7\--|
D|-0-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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Twice, and then:

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___G___Cadd9___
e|-----3-----3-----|-----3--3--3-----3--3--3-----|
B|-----3-----3-----|-----3--3--3-----3--3--3-----|
G|-----0-----0-----|-----0--0--0-----0--0--0-----|
D|-----0-----0-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
A|-----x-----0--2-|-3-----2-----|
E|-3-----3--2--3-----|-----|-----|-----|
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\_\_\_A\_\_\_D/A\_\_\_A\_\_\_D/A\_\_\_A\_\_\_D/A\_\_\_A\_

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e|-----|
B|----2--2----3--3----2--2----3--3-|----2--2----3--3--2-----|
G|----2--2----2--2----2--2----2--2-|----2--2----2--2--2-----|
D|----2--2----4--4----2--2----4--4-|----2--2----4--4--2-----|
A|-0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
E|-----|
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Repeat guitar solo section once more, then finish on a D major chord as below.

\_\_\_A

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e|-----12b14--12b14--12b14--12b14--12b14b12-----|
B|-2-----10-----|
G|-2-----|
D|-2-----|
A|-0-----|
E|-----|
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\_\_\_D\_(let ring to fade)

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e|-2-----|
B|-3-----|
G|-2-----|
D|-0-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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e|-----|  
B|-----2-----3-----2-----3-----|  
G|-----2-----2-----2-----2-----|  
D|-----2-----4-----2-----4-----|  
A|-0-----0-----0-----0-----|  
E|-----|

e|-----12b14-12b14-12b14-12b14-12b14r12-|  
B|-----2-----3-----2-----3-----|  
G|-----2-----2-----2-----2-----|  
D|-----2-----4-----2-----4-----|  
A|-0-----0-----0-----0-----|  
E|-----|

Part two:

e|-----12-----|  
B|-10~~~~13b15--13-10-----15-17-17b19~~~~~|  
G|-----12-10-11-----14-16-----|  
D|-----12-----0/12-14-b16-----|  
A|-----12~~~\-----|  
E|-----|

e|-----|  
B|-pb19r17~~~~~15-p12-----|  
G|-----14h16p14p12h14~~~~~12h14p12--12h14-----|  
D|-----16-----12-14-12~~~~~|  
A|-----|  
E|-----|

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

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

e|-14h17p14-----17-14h17p14-----17--14-----17b19~~~~19~~~~~|  
B|-----15-----15-----15-----15-----|  
G|-----14~~~-----14~~~-----14-----|  
D|-----|  
A|-----|  
E|-----|

e|-pb19~~~r17~~~14h17p14~~~15---17---15p14-----17~~~|  
B|-----15h17---17b19~~~pb19r17-----|  
G|-----16-14--|  
D|-----|  
A|-----|  
E|-----|

e|-----7~-----|  
B|-----7~~~9h10p9-----|  
G|-16b17~/16p14p12-14~12-11~12~11h12p11p9-11~~~9b11~~-----9-7h9p7-----|  
D|-----9-7h9p7-----|  
A|-----|  
E|-----|

e|-----10---pb14r12r10-|  
B|-----10-12~~-----|  
G|-----9b11~~~--pb11r9p7h9-----9h11-----|  
D|-7~~~~~--7-----|  
A|-----|  
E|-----|

e|-----pb14r12-pb14r12-pb14r12-pb14r12-|  
B|12~~~~~10h12p10p8-----7-----7--7-----|  
G|-----11--7--7--9--7--7-----|  
D|-----7--9-----7-----|  
A|-----|  
E|-----|

e|-----|  
B|-10~~~~~|  
G|-----|  
D|-----|  
A|-----|  
E|-----|

Word and music by Bill Nelson.