



# Black Diamond Blues

Merle Travis

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8va

When easier, finger 6th string bass notes with left thumb

T A B

6/7 7 7 6/7 7 7 6/7 7 7 6/7 7 7

4/5 5 5 4/5 5 5 4/5 5 5 4/5 5 5

6/7 6/7 6/7

1 2 0 1/2 0 1/2

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T A B

6/7 7 7 7 6 12 10 12 Sl → X 5 5 5 Sl

4/5 5 5 5 5 8 9 12 15 12 13 9 Sl → X 6 6 8 5 5 1 →

6/7 7 7 7 7 7 12 9 0 7 0 7

0 12 0 7 0 7

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T A B

2 3 2 0 0 7 7 5 3 3 4 0 4 4

5 5 5 5 2 0 2 0 0 2 0 2 0 0

7 7 5 4 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2

0 2 0 2 0 4 0 2 2 0 4 0 6

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T 5 5 0 X | 10 10 10 12 10 9/10 8/9 0 0 0

A 7 7 7 X | 11/12 11/12 11/12 12 11 12 9 8 10 8

B 7 7 6 X | 11/12 11/12 11 0 0 7 9 8

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T 9 10 0 X | 12 12 12 11 12 11 10 9

A 4 0 X | 14 15 14 16 14 13 12 13 13

B 2 2 0 X | 12 14 14 12 13 12 11 12 12 6 5 7 6

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T 10 11 12 14 | 15 X 7 5 9 7 10 9 8 0 7 0

A 6 7 8 10 | 11 X 6 7 9 7 7 9 8 7 7

B 7 8 9 11 | 12 X 0 7 0 7 0 0 7 0

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T 7 5 5 5 6 5 7 3 0 0 5

A 7 5 5 5 6 4 4 0 1 2 1 2

B 4 4 2 2 3 4 4 0 1 2 2 2

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T 7 5 9 9 7 4 3 3 0 4 5 0 X X X

A 7 5 8 9 7 5 0 2 2 0 7 0 X X X

B 0 9 9 7 5 0 4 3 0 0 2 0 0 2 4 2 5 2 5 2 4

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T 4 4 4 4 4 4 Sl 5

A 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 5

B 2 5 2 4 2 1 1/2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Musical notation for measures 30-32. The top staff is a treble clef with an 8va marking. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature for Treble (T), Middle (A), and Bass (B) strings. Measure 30: T (5, 7, 5), A (8), B (0, 7). Measure 31: T (5, 7), A (5, 7), B (0, 7). Measure 32: T (9, 7), A (5), B (0, 7). Accents and slurs are present over notes in measures 30 and 31.

Musical notation for measures 33-36. The top staff is a treble clef with an 8va marking. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature for Treble (T), Middle (A), and Bass (B) strings. Measure 33: T (6, 7), A (5, 5), B (3, 4). Measure 34: T (12, 13), A (14, 15), B (12, 13). Measure 35: T (14, 16), A (14, 16), B (14, 14). Measure 36: T (16, 17), A (16, 17), B (6, 7). Includes 'X' marks for muted strings and 'R' for bends in measures 34 and 35.

Musical notation for measures 37-40. The top staff is a treble clef with an 8va marking. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature for Treble (T), Middle (A), and Bass (B) strings. Measure 37: T (5, 0), A (6, 0), B (7, 7). Measure 38: T (4, 4), A (5, 5), B (0). Measure 39: T (16, 16), A (17, 17), B (0). Measure 40: T (16, 16), A (17, 17), B (0). Includes 'SI' markings for slides in measures 38 and 40, and triplets in measure 40.

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40

T	16	14	10	11	10	11	10	10	9	7	9	10	8	0	9	3
A	17	15	10	10	9	10	9									3
B	16	14	11	7	6	7	6	6	0	7	0	7				4

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T	5	5	5	0	5-7	5-7	5	0	5-7	5-7	7	6	5	0	4	0	4	4	4/7
A	6	7	6	7	7	7		0	9	9	5	5	0	7	0	0	5	5	5/9
B	0	7	0								6	6	0		2	1	2	2	4

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T	6	5			3	X										0	0		
A	8	7				X										0	0		
B			0	2	3	X	2	0	4	2	0	3	4	0	2	0	0	2	2

Musical notation for measures 48-52, Treble clef, 8va. The notation shows a series of chords and melodic lines with various accidentals and dynamics.

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T	10	10	10	9	9	9	8	8	8	7	X	0	6	2	0
A	9	9	9	8	8	8	7	7	7	5	X	2	4	4	3
B	11	11	11	6	6	6	7	7	7	6			4	4	4
	0	0	0	6	6	6	5	5	5	7			2	2	4

Musical notation for measures 53-57, Treble clef, 8va. The notation shows a series of chords and melodic lines with various accidentals and dynamics.

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T	0	5	0	4	7	8	5	14/15	15	15	15
A	3/4	4	3	5	6	6	8	13/14	14	14	14
B				5	0	7	0		0	0	0

Musical notation for measures 58-62, Treble clef, 8va. The notation shows a series of chords and melodic lines with various accidentals and dynamics.

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T	7/9	9/7	7	7/5	4	5	5/7	7	6	5
A	8/10	10/8	6/4	4	4	7	7/9	8	7	6
B								0	9	8
								6	7	6

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59

T A B

3 0 3 0 3 0 4 5 0 0 0 7

4 2 2 0 1 2 4 1 2 2 6 0 7

SI →

Detailed description: This system contains the first system of music for measures 59-61. It features a treble clef staff with a '8va' marking. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with various accidentals. Below the staff is a guitar tablature with three lines labeled T (Treble), A (Middle), and B (Bass). Measure 59 has fret numbers 3, 0, 3, 0, 3, 0 on the T string and 4, 2, 2, 0, 1, 2, 4, 1, 2 on the A and B strings. Measure 60 has fret numbers 4, 5, 0, 0, 0, 0 on the T string and 2, 6, 0, 7 on the A and B strings. Measure 61 has fret numbers 0, 7 on the T string and 0, 7 on the A and B strings. An arrow labeled 'SI' points to the right at the end of the system.

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62

T A B

10 10 9/10 9/10

12 12 12 12 12 12 11/12 11/12

12 12 12 12 12 12 10/11 11 10/11 10/11 12 12 12

Detailed description: This system contains the second system of music for measures 62-64. It features a treble clef staff with a '8va' marking. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with various accidentals. Below the staff is a guitar tablature with three lines labeled T (Treble), A (Middle), and B (Bass). Measure 62 has fret numbers 10, 10, 9/10, 9/10 on the T string and 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 11/12, 11/12 on the A and B strings. Measure 63 has fret numbers 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 10/11, 11, 10/11, 10/11 on the T string and 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12 on the A and B strings. Measure 64 has fret numbers 12, 0, 0, 0, 10/11, 12, 12, 12 on the T string and 12, 0, 0, 0, 10/11, 12, 12, 12 on the A and B strings.

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65

T A B

9/10 9/10 10 X 5-7 5-7 5-7 5 5 5-7 5-7 5 5 -1/2

11/12 11/12 12 X 7-8 7-8 7-8 7 7 7-8 7-8 7 7 7 6

10/11 10/11 11 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Detailed description: This system contains the third system of music for measures 65-67. It features a treble clef staff with a '8va' marking. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with various accidentals. Below the staff is a guitar tablature with three lines labeled T (Treble), A (Middle), and B (Bass). Measure 65 has fret numbers 9/10, 9/10, 10, X on the T string and 11/12, 11/12, 12, X on the A and B strings. Measure 66 has fret numbers 5-7, 5-7, 5-7, 5, 5 on the T string and 7-8, 7-8, 7-8, 7, 7 on the A and B strings. Measure 67 has fret numbers 5-7, 5-7, 5, 5, -1/2 on the T string and 7-8, 7-8, 7, 7, 7, 6 on the A and B strings. The B string has a '0' in measure 66 and measure 67.

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68

T  
A  
B

0 3 2 3 4 2 4 0 4 2 0 2 3 0 0 5

0 2 0 0 0 0 0 4 0 1 2 2 2 2

1/4

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71

T  
A  
B

6 8 5 6 5 7 4 0 3 4 0 1 2 1 1 2 0 14 12 13 0 11 0

R