

R U N N I N G G U N B L U E S

I count the corpses on my left, I find I'm not so tidy,
So I'd better get away, better make it today,
I've cut twenty-three down since Friday
But I can't control it, my face is drawn,
My instinct still emotes it.

I slash them cold, I kill them dead,
I broke the gooks, I cracked their heads.
I'll bomb them out from under their beds,
But now I've got the running gun blues.

It seems the peacefuls stopped the war,
Left generals squashed and stifled,
But I'll slip out again tonight,
'Cause they haven't taken back my rifle.
For I promote oblivion,
And I'll plug a few civilians.

I'll slash them cold, I'll kill them dead,
I'll break them gooks, I'll crack their heads.
I'll slice them till they're running red,
But now I've got the running gun blues.

RUNNING GUN BLUES

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(♩ = 76)
D C G D C G D C G

Voice

Backing Vocals

Electric Guitar 1

Electric Guitar 1 Tablature

Electric Guitar 2

Electric Guitar 2 Tablature

Acoustic Guitar (12-string)

Acoustic Guitar Tablature

Double tracked throughout

Keyboard 1

sine wave with vibrato

Keyboard 2

Bass

Bass Tablature

Percussion

Tambourine

Drums

reverb

Vx. D C G G A C G

I count the corp - ses on my left, I find I'm not so ti - dy, so I'd

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Kbd. I

Perc.

Vx. A C G D E Esus4 E

bet-ter get a-way, bet-ter make it to-day, I've cut twen-ty-three down since Fri-day. But I can't con-trol

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Kbd. I

Perc.

Vx. A Asus4 A D E Esus4 E A

— it, my face is drawn, my in - stinct still e - motes it.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Perc.

Vx. I slash them cold, I kill them dead, I

Elec. Gtr. 2

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

Vx. broke the gooks, I cracked their heads. I'll bomb them out from un-der their beds, but now I've got the run-ning gun blues.

Elec. Gtr. 1

Elec. Gtr. 1 Tab.

Elec. Gtr. 2

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

Vx. D C G D C G G A

It seems the peace-fuls stopped the war, left

Elec. Gtr. 1

Elec. Gtr. 1 Tab.

Elec. Gtr. 2

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Kbd. 1 harmonica sound

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

Vx. C G A C G

gen-erals squashed and sti - fled, but I'll slip out a - gain to - night, 'cause they have-n't tak-en back my ri - fle. For

Elec. Gtr. 2

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

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Vx. *D E Esus4 E A Asus4 A D E Esus4 E*
1 pro-mote ob-li - vion, and I'll plug a few ci -

Elec. Gtr. 2
Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.
Ac. Gtr.
Ac. Gtr. Tab.
Kbd. 1
Bs.
Bs. Tab.
Dr.

lead synth.

A D C G D C G

Vx. - vi - lians. I'll

Elec. Gtr. 1
Elec. Gtr. 1 Tab.
Elec. Gtr. 2
Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.
Ac. Gtr.
Ac. Gtr. Tab.
Kbd. 1
Bs.
Bs. Tab.
Dr.

harmonica sound

Vx. D G D G C $\text{A/C}\sharp$ D G D

slash them cold, I'll kill them dead, I'll break the gooks, I'll crack their heads. I'll slice them till they're run-ning red, but

Elec. Gtr. 2

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

bass synth.

Kbd. 2

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

Vx. C F C D C G D C G

now I've got the run-ning gun blues.

Elec. Gtr. 1

Elec. Gtr. 1 Tab.

Elec. Gtr. 2

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Kbd. 1

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

Chord progression: D C G D C G C G D

Elec. Gtr. 1

Elec. Gtr. 1 Tab.

Elec. Gtr. 2

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Kbd. 2

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

Chord progression: C G D C G

Elec. Gtr. 1

Elec. Gtr. 1 Tab.

Elec. Gtr. 2

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Kbd. 2

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

D C G C G D C G D

Vx. I'll

Elec. Gtr. 1

Elec. Gtr. 1 Tab.

Elec. Gtr. 2

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Kbd. 2

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

2:12

D G D G C A/C# D G D

Vx. slash them cold, I'll kill them dead, I'll break the gooks, I'll crack their heads. I'll slice them till they're roll-ing red, but

Elec. Gtr. 2

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Kbd. 2

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

C F C D C G D C G

Vx. 

Elec. Gtr. 1 

Elec. Gtr. 1 Tab. 

Elec. Gtr. 2 

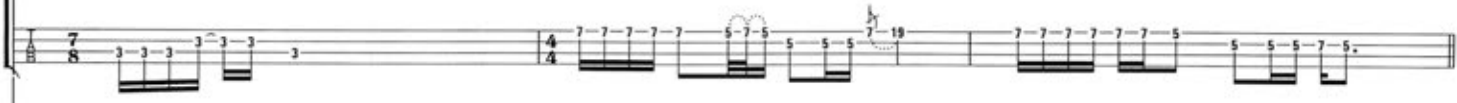
Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab. 

Ac. Gtr. 

Ac. Gtr. Tab. 

Kbd. 1 

Bs. 

Bs. Tab. 

Dr. 

2:30

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B. Vx.

Ah

ah

Elec. Gtr. 1

Elec. Gtr. 1 Tab.

Elec. Gtr. 2

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Kbd. 2

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

Dr.

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B. Vx. *ah* *ah* *ah*

Elec. Gtr. 1

Elec. Gtr. 1 Tab.

Elec. Gtr. 2

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab.

Ac. Gtr.

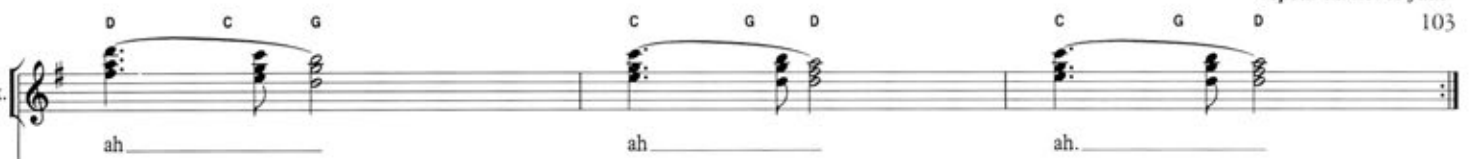
Ac. Gtr. Tab.

Kbd. 2

Bs.

Bs. Tab.

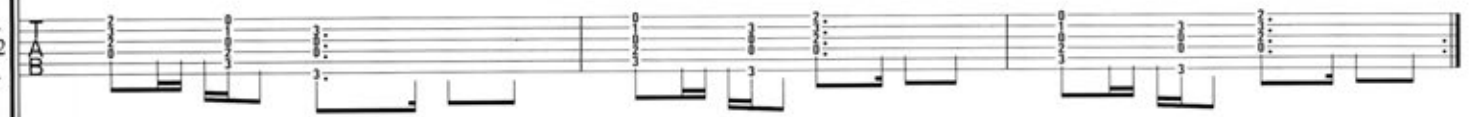
Dr.

B. Vx. 
ah

Elec. Gtr. 1 

Elec. Gtr. 1 Tab. 

Elec. Gtr. 2 

Elec. Gtr. 2 Tab. 

Ac. Gtr. 

Ac. Gtr. Tab. 

Kbd. 2 

Bs. 

Bs. Tab. 

Dr. 