

When The Levee Breaks  
Led Zeppelin

**Drum Intro**  
**Main Riff:**

F5
C- -----
A- -----
F- --3\0-0-0-0--0-0---3\0-0--3\0-0-5-5--
C- --3\0-0-0-0--0-0---3\0-0--3\0-0-5-5--
A- -----
E- -----

**Build:**

Db/Ab	Eb/Bb	Bb Ab	Bb F	Bb Ab	Bb F
C- ---8-8-8-8--8-8--8/10-10-10-10-----3-----0-----3-----0---					
A- ---8-8-8-8--8-8--8/10-10-10-10-----3-----3-----3-----3---					
F- ---8-8-8-8--8-8--8/10-10-10-10-----5-3---5-0---5-3---5-0---					
C- ---8-8-8-8--8-8--8/10-10-10-10-----5-----5-0---5-----5-0---					
A- -----					
E- -----					

(STOP - 4 count)

**Verse 1:** F Main riff  
If it keeps on rainin', levee's goin' to break, [X2]  
When The Levee Breaks I'll have no place to stay

**Verse 2:** Mean old levee taught me to weep and moan, [X2]  
Got what it takes to make a mountain man leave his home (oh well...)

**Build:** Db/Ab Eb/Bb Bb Ab Bb F Bb Ab Bb F

**Bridge:**

F	C/F	Bb/F	C/F	Eb/F	F
C- -----12-12-----7-7-----5-5---7---10--12---					
A- -----12-12-----7-7-----5-5---7---10--12---					
F- --0--0--12---0--7-7---0--5-5---7---10--12---					
C- --0--0--12---0--7-7---0--5-5---7---10--12---					
A- -----					
E- -----					

w/ guitar lead:

C --12s10----12----7s5---7--- -5s3---5---7--10/12-----
A -----/12-----/7----- ----/5-----
F ----- -----
C ----- -----
A ----- -----
E ----- -----

w/ lyrics: Don't it make you feel bad  
When you're tryin' to find your way home and you don't know  
which way to go?  
If you're goin' down South  
They go no work to do,  
Don't you know 'bout Chicago?

w/ guitar lead x2:

C --12/10----17----12/10---10- -12/10----17---15--15/17---
A -----/12-----/12--- -----/12-----
F ----- -----
C ----- -----
A ----- -----
E ----- -----

**Main riff**

**Build** (Stop - 4 count)

**Verse 3:** Cryin' won't help you, prayin' won't do you no good, (x2)  
When the levee breaks, mama, you got to move.

**Verse 4:** All last night sat on the levee and moaned, [X2]  
Thinkin' about me baby and my happy home.

**Build**

**Bridge** (x2 guitar solo, x2 "ahh, ahh...", x2 guitar lead)

**Main riff**

w/ lyrics: Going to Chicago, Going to Chicago, Sorry but I can't take you...  
Going down, going down now, going down....