

# Iron Maiden - Run Silent, Run Deep

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Written by Steve Harris and Bruce Dickinson.  
 Performed by IRON MAIDEN.  
 Taken from the album NO PRAYER FOR THE DYING.

Transcribed by Oskar "The Seventh Son" Wigren.

NOTE:  
 Iron Maiden have never played this song live.

Riff 1:

Verse 1:

The convoy lights are dead ahead

The Merchantmen lay in their bed, The thumb of diesels hammers down,

In the oily sea-the killing ground

His knuckles white his eyes alight,

He slams the hatch on the deadly night, A cunning fox in the chickens lair,

A hound of hell and the devil don't care

B-----|  
 G-----|  
 D--6--6--6-----|  
 A--4--4--4---4--4-4-4--4-4-4--4-4-4--4-4-4--4-4--|

Chorus:

Running silent, running deep, we are your final prayer,

Warriors in secret sleep, a merchantman's nightmare,

A silent death lies waiting, for all of you below,

Running silent, running deep, sink into your silent sleep

Verse:

2.Chill the heart of fighting men,  
 3.The lifeboats shattered the hull is torn,

In open ocean wondering when? The lethal silver fish will fly  
 The tar black smell of burning oil, On the way down to Davy Jones

The boat will shiver-men will die  
 Every man for himself-you're on your own

A cast of millions-a part to play  
 The wolf eyes watch the crosswire

Killer? Victim? Or fool for a day Obeying an order-men have to die  
 "Stern tubes ready", "Aim and fire!" They can pin some medal on your chest,

Us or them-a well rehearsed lie  
 But in two more weeks-dead like the rest

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Riff 2:

Solo-riff 1:

Solo-riff 2:

Solo-riff 3:

Riff 3:

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Songstructure:  
 Riff 1 (2 times)  
 Verse 1  
 Chorus  
 Verse 2  
 Chorus  
 Riff 2 (2 times)  
 Solo-riff 1 (4 times)  
 Solo-riff 2 (4 times)  
 Solo-riff 3 (2 times)  
 Verse 3  
 Chorus  
 Riff 2 (2 times)  
 Riff 3  
 END

Lyrics:

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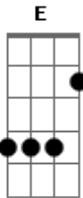
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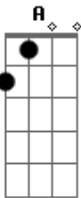
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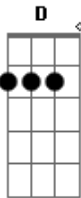
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