

## Father Time

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by Richie Sambora / Desmond Child  
from the album "Stranger In This Town" (1990)  
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I recieved a request for this the other day. I just finished tabbing it out today, and thought that I might share it with everyone. This is definitely not "THE CORRECT" version, but I think it is close. Enjoy...

### Richie Sambora - Father Time

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#### Intro Arranged for Guitar:

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e-|-----8vv-----|
B-|8vv-----11vv--9-8-9vv--8vv-----8-9-8vv-9-----|
G-|-----10vv-----10--8--7--5---|
D-|-----|
A-|-----|
E-|-----|
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e-|-----8vv--10-11-----|
B-|--8vv-----11vvvv--9-8-9vv-8vv-----8-9-8vv-9-----|
G-|-----10vv-----10---|
D-|-----|
A-|-----|
E-|-----|
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e-|-11-10-8-----|
B-|-----8-----|
G-|-----8-7-5-----|
D-|-----5-----|
A-|-----6-5-3---|
E-|-----|
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Or, if you don't want to toy with intro  
intro, mess around with the chords:  
E e E e E e  
===== =====  
x3554x x6888x x5888x

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| Same Time, the piano part (below) is played  
| three times during this entrance  
v  
Guitar Entrance:

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e-|-----|
B-|--4-----4-4-----4-----4---|
G-|--5-----5-5-----5-----5---|
D-|--5-----5-5-----5-----5---|
A-|--3-----3-3-----3-----3---|
E-|-----|
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#### Piano:

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e-|-11--10--9-----|
B-|-----9--8---8---|
G-|-----10--8---8--7--5-|
D-|-----|
A-|-----|
E-|-----|
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#### Piano before verse:

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e-|-----|
B-|--4---4---4---4---|
G-|--5---5---5---5---|
D-|---5---5---5---5---|
A-|-----|
E-|-----|
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#### Fig. 1:

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e-|-----|-----|-----|-----|
B-|--4---4---4---4---|8---8---8---8---|-----|-----|
G-|--5---5---5---5---|8---8---8---8---|--7---7---7---7---|--3---3---2---2---|
D-|---5---5---5---5---|--8---8---8---8---|--8---8---8---8---|--3---3---3---3---|
A-|-----|-----|8---8---8---8---|--3---3---3---3---|
E-|-----|-----|-----|-----|
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Fig. 2: Note: The lead into Fig. 2 is usually a pick scrape. Make an A chord and scrape the pick along the bottom few strings

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e-|-----|-----|-----|-----|
B-|-----|-----|-----|-----|
G-|-----2-----|-----2-----|-----5-----|
D-|---2---2---3---|---5---2-2-2-|---2---2---3---|---5---5---5---|
A-|--0-----3---3-|---5---5---2-2-2-|0-----3---3-|---5---5-3-----|
E-|-----1-----|---3-----0-0-0-0-|-----1-----|---3-----|

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e-|-----|-----|-----|
B-|-----|-----|-----|
G-|-----8-----|-----10-----|-----10-----8-----|
D-|---6---8---8---|---8---10---10---|---10---10---8---8---|
A-|--6---6-6-----|---8---8-8-----|---8-----6-----|
E-|--4-----|---6-----|-----|

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e-|-----|-----|-----|
B-|-----|-----|-----|
G-|-----5-----|-----8-----|-----10-----|
D-|---8---5---5---|---6---8---8---|---8---10---10---|
A-|--8---8-3-----|---6---6-6-----|---8---8-8-----|
E-|--6-----|---4-----|---6-----|

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e-|-----|-----|
B-|-----|-----|
G-|---10-----8---|-----5-----|
D-|---10---10---8---|---8---5- (hold)---|
A-|--8---6-----|---8---8-3-----|
E-|-----|---6-----|

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Fig. 3:

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e-|-----|
B-|-----|
G-|--5-5-----5-5-5-5-7-8-8-----8-8-8-8-8-x-----|
D-|--5-5-----5-5-5-5-7-8-8-----8-8-8-8-8-x-8-8---|
A-|--3-3-----3-3-3-3-3-5-6-6-----6-6-6-6-6-x-8-8---|
E-|-----|-----6-6---|

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e-|-----|
B-|-----|
G-|-----|
D-|--8-8-8-8-8-x-3-----3-1vvvvvv-|
A-|--8-8-8-8-8-x-3-----3-----|
E-|--6-6-6-6-6-x-1-----1-----|

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Fig. 4:

Chords used under solo:  
C5 Eb5 Bb5 G5

Solo 1:

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e-|11-10-11-----11-10-11-----11-10-11-11s13vv-11-10-11---|
B-|-----8-----8-----8-----|
G-|-----|
D-|-----|
A-|-----|
E-|-----|

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e-|-----|
B-|--8b9rb8-p6-----|
G-|-----8-7-7b8rb7---7-----|
D-|-----8-----|
A-|-----8-8s10vvv-|
E-|-----|

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e-|-----|
B-|-----|
G-|-----3--5vvv-3--5--3--3--5s8vvv-10-----|
D-|--x\-----3--5-----5-----5s8vvv-10-----|
A-|--x\--3--6-----10-----|
E-|-----|

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Pick scrape while holding a C5

e-	-----
B-	-----
G-	-----
D-	-10vvv--12--13--12--10--8--8vvvv--3vvv----
A-	-----
E-	--8vvv--10--11--10--8--6--6vvvv--1vvv----

Solo 2:

e-	-----
B-	-s8vv-4-6-4vvvv-----
G-	-s8vv-----
D-	-----1-3-3s5-3plh3plvv-
A-	-----3-----
E-	-----

e-	-----6-6-8-8vvssssssss--
B-	-----4-4-6--s8-----8vvssssssss--
G-	--s5-s5-s5-s3-s0-s3-s3vv-----s5-----
D-	-----
A-	-----
E-	-----

e-	-8-6--8-6--8-6--8-6--8-s11-	-8-6--8-6--8-6--8-6-----
B-	-----8-----8-----8-----8-----	-----8-----8-----8-----8-s6-s4--
G-	-----	-----
D-	-----	-----
A-	-----	-----
E-	-----	-----

e-	-----
B-	-----6-6--13--13-16--
G-	-----3-----3-----3--3--5-----5-----
D-	-----1-----1-----s5--5-----
A-	-3-x-x-3-----3-x--3-----
E-	-----

e-	-----
B-	-----13-----13-----15s18-18--
G-	-12h15----15b17--12h15----15b17--15b17rb15-12-----
D-	-----
A-	-----
E-	-----

e-	-----
B-	-16-16-15-15-13-13-15-15-16-16-18-18-16-18-18b20vvvv--
G-	-----
D-	-----
A-	-----
E-	-----

e-	-----18-----
B-	-18b20rb18-16-18b20---18b20vvv----
G-	-----
D-	-----
A-	-----
E-	-----

e-	-----16-18-20-20b22vvvv--18-20vvv--
B-	-----16-18-20-----
G-	-----15-17-----
D-	-----15-17-----
A-	-15-18-----
E-	-----

Order of Song:

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Intro Arranged for Guitar  
Guitar Entrance w/Piano  
Piano Before Verse  
Fig. 1 (2x)  
Fig. 2  
Piano (2x)  
Fig. 3 (2x)  
Fig. 2  
Solo 1 w/ Fig. 4  
Fig. 2  
Solo 2 w/ Fig. 4  
Guitar Entrance w/ Piano fade to end  
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That should get you through the whole thing. I'm sure there are some leads missing somewhere, and my solos probably leave a little to be desired, but it is close enough for me.  
Comments, corrections, additions, questions, etc. are always welcome.

Father Time

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(Richie Sambora / Desmond Child)

Father time

I couldn't make her wanna stay  
I couldn't seem to find the words to say  
Now I have to live in yesterday

Father time

I thought that you were on my side  
I thought that I could keep our love alive  
I thought that I could keep her satisfied

The clock keeps tickin' and I keep on thinkin' 'bout you  
I'm knockin' at the door of your heart but I can't break through

Father time

Grant me just another day  
Of our love I tried to make her stay  
Father time  
Don't tell me it's too late  
All my life you know that I would wait  
Father time

Now she's gone

She didn't even say goodbye  
I guess she didn't have the heart to try  
She didn't even have the guts to lie

Father time

Only you can turn the page  
And close the curtain on this empty stage  
Only you can take my pain away

My heart keeps breakin' and my body keeps aching for you  
It's time to hold on but there's nothin' left to hold on to

Father time

Grant me just another day  
Of our love I tried to make her stay  
Father time  
Don't tell me it's too late  
All my life you know that I would wait  
Father time

Father, father can't you see I'm depending on you  
I'm dying at the door to your heart and I can't break through

CHORUS