

**Livin' On A Prayer**

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by Jon Bon Jovi / Richie Sambora / Desmond Child  
from the album "Slippery When Wet" (1986)  
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Here's a real classic. LOAP stayed on MTV's videocharts for so long, they banned it altogether. Nice! Not much playing on this track, but you know the talk box for the verses. The riff I have here is the real one, there are some bogus versions floating around the net. The solo should be pretty accurate too. There's no guitar in the first verse, intro uses verse riff and chords. On the record the guitar is faded out after the beginning of the second verse. Use the end of the bridge for the part before last choruses.

Comments, corrections and requests are welcome!

Verse riff:

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C5 D5  
e |-----| |---|----|  
B |-----| |---|----|  
G |-----| |5-|--7-|  
D |-----| |5-|--7-|  
A |--7---5-----5-| |3-|--5-|  
E |-0---7---0-0-7---| |---|----|

Bridge:

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C D PM - | D Em PM C D D Em PM - |  
e |-----| |-----| |-----| |-----|  
B |-----| |-----| |-----| |-----|  
G |-5--7-----| |-7--7/-9--9-9--| |-5--7-----| |-7--7/9--9-9--|  
D |-5--7--7-7-| |-7--7/-9--9-9--| |-5--7--7-7-| |-7--7/9--9-9--|  
A |-3--5--5-5-| |-5--5/-7--7-7-| |-3--5--5-0-| |-5--5/7--7-7-|  
E |-----| |-----| |-----| |-----|

C D D Em D C D  
e |-----| |-----| |---|-----|  
B |-----| |-----| |---|-----|  
G |-5--7-----| |-7-7-9-7-| |-5-| -7-7-7-7-|  
D |-5--7-----| |-7-7-9-7-| |-5-| -7-7-7-7-|  
A |-3--5--0-| |-5-5-7-5-| |-3-| -5-5-5-5-|  
E |-----| |-----| |---|-----| 12\-----|

Chorus:

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Em C D G C D Csus2  
PM - |  
e |-----| |-----| |-----| |---| |-----|  
B |-----| |-----| |-----| |---| |-----|  
G |---5-----| |-7-----| |---5-----| |-7-| |---5-|  
D |-2--5-----| |-7-----| |-5--5-----| |-7-| |---5-|  
A |-2--3--3-| |-5-----| |-5--3--3-3-| |-5-| |---3-|  
E |-0-----| |---0-2-| |-3-----| |---| |-----|

Solo:

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e	-----~----- -----~-----12-14-
B	----- -----12-----
G	----- -----12-----
D	-----5-7-/9- 7-----
A	-7-5-7----- ---5-5-----
E	----- -----

e	-15----- -----
B	----15-12-13--15-15b17-15b17== ==15r15-15----
G	----- -----
D	----- -----
A	----- -----
E	----- -----

e	----- -----~::~-----12-14-
B	----12-x-x-13-12-12---- -<7>-----12-----
G	----12-x-x-12-12-12---- -----<7>-----12-----
D	-x-12-x-x-14-12-12---- -----<7>-----
A	----- -----
E	----- -----

e	-15-----~----- -----~::~-----
B	----15-12-13-12----- 15b17-15b17-----
G	-----12----- -----
D	----- -----
A	----- -----
E	----- -----

e	-----15-16-17-17b19--
B	----15-16-17-15-16-17-----
G	-14-16-17-----
D	-----
A	-----
E	-----

Last choruses:

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	Gm Eb	F	Bb Eb	F
			PM -	
e	----- ----- ----- -----			
B	----- ----- ----- -----			
G	----8----- 10----- ----8----- 10-----			
D	-5--8----- 10----- 8--8----- 10-----			
A	-5--6---6- 8----- 8--6---6-6- 8-----			
E	-3----- -----3-5- 6----- -----			

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(Jon Bon Jovi/Richie Sambora/Desmond Child)

Once upon a time  
Not so long ago...

[Intro]

Tommy used to work on the docks  
Union's been on strike  
He's down on his luck...it's tough, so tough  
Gina works the diner all day  
Working for her man, she brings hom her pay  
For love - for love

[Verse]

[Verse]

She says:  
"We've got to hold on to what we've got  
'Cause it doesn't make a difference  
If we make it or not  
We've got each other and that's a lot  
For love - we'll give it a shot"

[Bridge]

We're half way there  
Livin' on a prayer  
Take my hand and we'll make it - I swear  
Livin' on a prayer

[Chorus]

Tommy got his six string in hock  
Now he's holding in what he used  
To make it talk - so tough, it's tough  
Gina dreams of running away  
When she cries in the night  
Tommy whispers: "Baby it's okay, someday"

[Verse]

[Verse]

We've got to hold on to what we've got  
'Cause it doesn't make a difference  
If we make it or not  
We've got each other and that's a lot  
For love - we'll give it a shot

[Bridge]

We're half way there  
Livin' on a prayer  
Take my hand and we'll make it - I swear  
Livin' on a prayer

[Chorus]

We've got to hold on ready or not  
You live for the fight when it's all that you've got

[Ending bridge]

We're half way there  
Livin' on a prayer  
Take my hand and we'll make it - I swear

[Last choruses]