

SYMPHONY OF DESTRUCTION
 As recorded by Megadeth
 (From the 1992 Album COUNTDOWN TO EXTINCTION)

Words and Music by Mustaine
 Arranged by Megadeth

Gtr I (E A D G B E) - 'Mustaine'
 Gtr II (E A D G B E) - 'Friedman'

Intro
 Moderate Rock Q=138

Verses

	F5E5	F5E5	\$ F5E5
4/4			
Gtrs I, II			
	PM--		PM--
H	E E E E	E E E E H	E E E E H
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-			
-----	-----	-----	-----
o-----			
-----	-----	-----	-----
-			
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-			
-----	-3-2---2-----	-3-2---2-----	-3-2---2-----
o-3-2---2-----			
-----1-3-1-	-1-0---0-----	-1-0---0---1-3-1-	-1-0---0-----
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	F5E5	F5E5	F5E5
	PM--		
W	E E E E H	E E E E E E E E	E E E E H
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-----	-3-2---2-----	-3-2---2-----	-3-2---2-----
-----	-1-0---0-----	-1-0---0---1-3-1-	-1-0---0-----

F5E5 F5E5 F5E5
 PM--|

W	E E E E H	E E E E E E E E	E E E E H
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-----	-3-2--2-----	-3-2--2-----	-3-2--2-----
-----	-1-0--0-----	-1-0--0--1-3-1-	-1-0--0-----

	F5E5	F5E5	F5E5
		PM--	
W	E E E E H	E E E E E E E E	E E E E H
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-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-3-2--2-----	-3-2--2-----	-3-2--2-----
-----	-1-0--0-----	-1-0--0--1-3-1-	-1-0--0-----

E

Gtr I

PM	PM PM PM	PM PM PM	PM PM
H	E E E E	E E E E E S S E E	E E E E E S S E E
E S S E E			E E E E
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----
---0h1-0---	-----	-----	---0h1-0---
-----	-----	---0h2-0---	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----2-	---1--0-----	---2-	---1--0-----2-
-----2--	-----	-----	---1--0
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----0-0---	-0--0--0-----	-----	-----0-0---
-0-----	-----	-----	-----0--

Gtr II

PM	PM PM PM	PM PM PM	PM PM
H	E E E E	E E E E E S S E E	E E E E E S S E E
E S S E E			E E E E
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|-----|-----|-----|-----
|-----|
|-----2-|---1---0---0h2-0-2-|---1---0---0h2-0-2-|---1---0
---0h2-0-2--|
|-----|-----|-----|-----
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|-----|-----|-----|-----
|-----|
|-----0-0---|0---0---0-----|0---0---0-----|0---0---
-0-----|

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    PM  PM  PM          PM  PM  PM          PM  PM  PM          PM
PM  PM--| ~
    E E E E E S S E E  E E E E E S S E E  E E E E E S S E E  E
E E E E E E E

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|-----0h1-0---|-----0h1-0---|-----0h1-0---|---
|-----|
|-----|
|-----|-----|-----|---
|-----|
|---1---0-----2-|---1---0-----2-|---1---0-----2-|---
1-----|
|-----|-----|-----|---
---5-2-----5--|
|0---0---0-----|0---0---0-----|0---0---0-----|0-
-0-----0-0---|
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    PM  PM  PM          PM  PM  PM          PM  PM  PM          PM
PM  PM--| ~
    E E E E E S S E E  E E E E E S S E E  E E E E E S S E E  E
E E E E E E E

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|-----|-----|-----|---
|-----|
|-----|
|---1---0---0h2-0-2-|---1---0---0h2-0-2-|---1---0---0h2-0-2-|---
1-----|
|-----|-----|-----|---
---5-2-----|
|-----|-----|-----|---
-----5--|
|0---0---0-----|0---0---0-----|0---0---0-----|0-
-0-----0-0---|

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Q.	E E E Q	Q Q +E Q E	Q. Q E Q	Q Q. Q E
-7	-5-4	-9-(9)-8	-7-6	-5-4
-5	-5	-7-(7)-7	-7-7	-3
-7	-0	-0	-7	-0

1.				2.
D5	F5E5	F5E5	PM--	D5
E E E E Q.	+E	E E E E H	E E E E E E E E	E E E E
Q. +E				
-7-7-7-7-7				
(7)\-				(7)\-
-5-5-5-5-5	(5)\-	-3-2-2	-3-2-2	
o -5-5-5-5-5	(5)\-			
-1-0-0		-1-0-0	-1-3-1	
			PM--	
E E E E Q.	+E	E E E E H	E E E E E E E E	E E E E
Q. +E				
-7-7-7-7-7				
(7)\-				(7)\-
-5-5-5-5-5	(5)\-	-3-2-2	-3-2-2	
o -5-5-5-5-5	(5)\-			
-1-0-0		-1-0-0	-1-3-1	

-----	-----	-----	-----
-9-----8-----	-7p0-----6-----	-----5-----4-----	-7-----5-4-----
-7-----7-----	-----7-----7-----	-----3-----	-5-----5-----
-0-----0-----	-----7\-----	-0-----0-----	-----7-----

D5

Q Q. Q E E E E E Q.

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-----	-----
-4-----2-----	-----
-----	-7-7-7-7-7-----
-----	-5-5-5-5-5-----
-0-----0-----	-----

Q Q. Q E E E E E Q E

-----	-----
-----	-----
-----	-----2-----
-5-----4-----	-7-7-7-7-7-----2-----
-3-----	-5-5-5-5-5-----
-0-----0-----	-----

Guitar Solo

E

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H. +Q S E. +Q E E E S +S

|                   |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| -----             | -----                                 |
| -----             | -----                                 |
| -/9----- (9)----- | -7h9----- (9)-----9s7-4-6b7==(6)----- |
| -----             | -----                                 |
| -----             | -----                                 |

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| PM PM PM                  | PM PM PM                  |
| E E E E E E E E           | E E E E E E E E           |
| -----                     | -----                     |
| -----                     | -----                     |
| -1-----0-----2-----       | -1-----0-----2-----       |
| -1-----0-----2-----       | -1-----0-----2-----       |
| -----                     | -----                     |
| -0-----0-----0-----0----- | -0-----0-----0-----0----- |

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~~~~~PM-- |

|                                      |     |    |     |     |     |   |                           |     |     |       |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|---|---------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| +Q                                   | +E  | +E | E E | +E  | +S  | S | +Q                        | +Q  | +E  | E E E |
| -----0-5----- (5)-(5)-----           |     |    |     |     |     |   | -----                     |     |     |       |
| -(6)---(6)-(6)r-0-7b9==(7)r(7)-2b4== |     |    |     |     |     |   | =(2)---(2)---(2)r-0-2-0-  |     |     |       |
| -----                                |     |    |     |     |     |   | -----                     |     |     |       |
| -----                                |     |    |     |     |     |   | -----                     |     |     |       |
| -----                                |     |    |     |     |     |   | -----                     |     |     |       |
| PM                                   | PM  |    | PM  |     |     |   | PM                        | PM  |     | PM    |
| E E                                  | E E |    | E E | E E | E E |   | E E                       | E E | E E | E E E |
| -----                                |     |    |     |     |     |   | -----                     |     |     |       |
| -----1-----0-----2-----              |     |    |     |     |     |   | -----1-----0-----2-----   |     |     |       |
| -----1-----0-----2-----              |     |    |     |     |     |   | -----1-----0-----2-----   |     |     |       |
| -----                                |     |    |     |     |     |   | -----                     |     |     |       |
| -----0-----0-----0-----0-----        |     |    |     |     |     |   | -----0-----0-----0-0----- |     |     |       |

|                                         |    |    |     |     |     |   |    |                           |     |     |       |    |     |
|-----------------------------------------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|---|----|---------------------------|-----|-----|-------|----|-----|
| E                                       | +E | +Q |     | +Q  | +E  | S | +S | +E                        | E E | S S | Q     | E. | S   |
| -----                                   |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----                     |     |     |       |    |     |
| -                                       |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----                     |     |     |       |    |     |
| -                                       |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----                     |     |     |       |    |     |
| -2b4==(2)r(2)b3====(2)---(2)r-2b3==(2)r |    |    |     |     |     |   |    |                           |     |     |       |    |     |
| =(2)p0---0-----                         |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----2---0-2---2s==10     |     |     |       |    |     |
| -----                                   |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----                     |     |     |       |    |     |
| -----                                   |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----                     |     |     |       |    |     |
| -----                                   |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----                     |     |     |       |    |     |
| -----                                   |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----                     |     |     |       |    |     |
| PM                                      |    | PM |     | PM  |     |   |    | PM                        | PM  |     | PM    |    |     |
| E                                       | E  | E  | E E | E E | E E | E | E  | E E                       | E E | E E | E E E | E  | E E |
| -----                                   |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----                     |     |     |       |    |     |
| -----                                   |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----                     |     |     |       |    |     |
| -----1-----0-----2-----                 |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----1---0-----2---       |     |     |       |    |     |
| -----1-----0-----2-----                 |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----1---0-----2---       |     |     |       |    |     |
| -----                                   |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----                     |     |     |       |    |     |
| -----                                   |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----                     |     |     |       |    |     |
| -----0-----0-----0-0-----               |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----0-----0-----0-0----- |     |     |       |    |     |
| -                                       |    |    |     |     |     |   |    | -----                     |     |     |       |    |     |



+S S S S S S S S S S S S. T S S  
 -----8h12----8h12s14--12----12-  
 -----10-----10-----13-----  
 -----9-11----9-11-----  
 -(10)-----10-----  
 -----  
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PM PM PM---|  
 E E E E E E E E  
 -----  
 -----  
 -----1-----0-----2-----  
 -----1-----0-----2-----  
 -----  
 -----0-----0-----0-----0-----

~  
 |--3--| |--3--|  
 S. S T T T T a E S S S S S Q +E  
 -14h17p==14----17p14-17s20-17h20p17s14-----  
 -----17-----17-13---(13)\--  
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 -----  
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PM PM PM|  
 E E E E E E E E E  
 -----  
 -----  
 -----1-----0-----2-----  
 -----1-----0-----2-----  
 -----  
 -----0-----0-----0-----0-----

S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S  
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 -12p10----10h12p10----10h15p10----15p10----14p10-  
 -----12-----12-----12-----12-----  
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|    |   |    |   |   |       |   |   |
|----|---|----|---|---|-------|---|---|
| PM |   | PM |   |   | PM--- |   |   |
| E  | E | E  | E | E | E     | E | E |
|    |   |    |   |   |       |   |   |
|    | 1 |    | 0 |   |       |   | 2 |
|    | 1 |    | 0 |   |       |   | 2 |
|    |   |    |   |   |       |   |   |
| 0  |   | 0  |   |   | 0     |   | 0 |

|        |     |          |     |          |     |       |     |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|-------|-----|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S      | S   | S        | S   | S        | S   | S     | S   | S     | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| -12p10 | --- | 10h12p10 | --- | 10-15p10 | --- | 15p10 | --- | 14p10 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|        |     | 12       |     | 12       |     | 12    |     | 12    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|        |     |          |     |          |     |       |     |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|        |     |          |     |          |     |       |     |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

|    |   |    |   |   |       |   |   |
|----|---|----|---|---|-------|---|---|
| PM |   | PM |   |   | PM--- |   |   |
| E  | E | E  | E | E | E     | E | E |
|    |   |    |   |   |       |   |   |
|    | 1 |    | 0 |   |       |   | 2 |
|    | 1 |    | 0 |   |       |   | 2 |
|    |   |    |   |   |       |   |   |
| 0  |   | 0  |   |   | 0     |   | 0 |

|        |     |           |     |          |     |    |     |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------|-----|-----------|-----|----------|-----|----|-----|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S      | S   | S         | S   | S        | S   | S  | S   | S     | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| -15p10 | --- | 10-/19p15 | --- | 15-22p19 | --- | 19 | --- |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|        |     | 12        |     | 15       |     | 20 |     | 20p15 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|        |     |           |     |          |     |    |     |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|        |     |           |     |          |     |    |     |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|        |     |           |     |          |     |    |     |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

|    |   |    |   |   |       |   |   |
|----|---|----|---|---|-------|---|---|
| PM |   | PM |   |   | PM--- |   |   |
| E  | E | E  | E | E | E     | E | E |
|    |   |    |   |   |       |   |   |
|    | 1 |    | 0 |   |       |   | 2 |
|    | 1 |    | 0 |   |       |   | 2 |
|    |   |    |   |   |       |   |   |
| 0  |   | 0  |   |   | 0     |   | 0 |

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S S S S S S S S S      +E.   +E   +E   ~~~~~
-----
-19p16-----
-----17-----19b21==(19)---(19)-(19)r\-----
-----17-19-17-16-17-----
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PM           PM           PM|
E     E     E     E     E     E     E     E
-----
-----1-----0-----2-----
-----1-----0-----2-----
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--0-----0-----0--0-----

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a S S S S S S S S S      S S S S S S S
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-----12h13p12-----12h13-12-----
-14s15p12---12h15-----15b15.5p12---12h15-----
-----14-----14-----
-----
PM           PM           PM---|
E     E     E     E     E     E     E     E
-----
-----1-----0-----2-----
-----1-----0-----2-----
-----
--0-----0-----0--0-----

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S S S      S S S S      +S   S S S S S S S S
-----
-----12-----
-13p12-----12-----15p12-----
-----15b15.5-12-----12-14b16==(14)r-----15p14p12-----
-----14-----14-----
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|-----| |-----| |-----7-----6-----| |-----5-----4-
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|-----| |-----7-7-7-7-7-
(7)---|-----| |-----6-----|
|-3-2---2-----| |-----5-5-5-5-5-
(5)---|-----| |-----7-----|
|-1-0---0---1-3-1-| |-----| |-----0-----0-| |-----
-----|
|
|           PM--|
| E E E E E E E E   E E E E E +Q.   Q E E E E E E   E E E Q
E Q
|-----| |-----| |-----| |-----
-----|
|-----| |-----| |-----| |-----
-----|
|-----| |-----| |-----| |-----
-----|
|-----| |-----7-7-7-7-7-
(7)---|-----9p7---8p7---| |-----7p0---6-----|
|-3-2---2-----| |-----5-5-5-5-5-
(5)---|-----7-----7-| |-----7-----7-----|
|-1-0---0---1-3-1-| |-----| |-----0-----| |-----
---7\---|

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| C5     |        |       |       | D5     |        |        |        | E5     |        |       |       |          |        |       |         |       |
|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|---------|-------|
| Q      | Q.     | Q     | E     | Q.     | E      | E      | E      | Q      | Q.     | Q     | E     | Q.       | Q      | E     | Q       |       |
| -----  | -----  | ----- | ----- | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  | ----- | ----- | -----    | -----  | ----- | -----   |       |
| -----  | -----  | ----- | ----- | -3     | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  | ----- | ----- | -----    | -----  | ----- | -----   |       |
| -----4 | -----2 | ----- | ----- | -----4 | -----2 | -----  | -----  | -----7 | -----6 | ----- | ----- | -----5   | -----4 | ----- | -----   |       |
| -----  | -----  | ----- | ----- | -----  | -----  | -----4 | -----  | -----  | -----  | ----- | ----- | -----    | -----  | ----- | -----6  |       |
| -----  | -----  | ----- | ----- | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----5 | -----  | -----  | ----- | ----- | -----    | -----  | ----- | -----7  |       |
| -0     | -----  | ----- | 0     | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  | -0     | -----  | ----- | 0     | -----    | -----  | ----- | -----   |       |
| ~      |        |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |          |        |       |         |       |
| Q      | Q.     | Q     | E     | Q.     | E      | E      | E      | Q      | Q.     | Q     | E     | E        | E      | Q     | E       | Q     |
| -----  | -----  | ----- | ----- | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  | ----- | ----- | -----    | -----  | ----- | -----   | ----- |
| -----  | -----  | ----- | ----- | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  | ----- | ----- | -----    | -----  | ----- | -----   | ----- |
| -----5 | -----4 | ----- | ----- | -----7 | -----5 | -----4 | -----  | -----9 | -----8 | ----- | ----- | -----7p0 | -----6 | ----- | -----   |       |
| -----3 | -----  | ----- | ----- | -----5 | -----  | -----5 | -----  | -----7 | -----7 | ----- | ----- | -----7   | -----7 | ----- | -----   |       |
| -0     | -----  | ----- | 0     | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----7 | -0     | -----  | ----- | 0     | -----    | -----  | ----- | -----7\ |       |



Irregular groupings are notated above the duration line  
Duration letters will always appear directly above the note/fret  
number it represents the  
duration for. Duration letters with no fret number below them  
represent rests. Multi-  
bar rests are notated in the form Wxn, where n is the number of  
bars to rest for. Low  
melody durations appear below the staff

#### Tablature Legend

-----  
h - hammer-on  
p - pull-off  
b - bend  
pb - pre-bend  
r - bend release (if no number after the r, then release  
immediately)  
\ - slide into or out of (from/to "nowhere")  
s - legato slide  
S - shift slide  
<n> - natural harmonic  
[n] - artificial harmonic  
n(n) - tapped harmonic  
~ - vibrato  
tr - trill  
T - tap  
TP - trem. picking  
PM - palm muting  
\n/ - tremolo bar dip; n = amount to dip  
\n - tremolo bar down  
n/ - tremolo bar up  
/n\ - tremolo bar inverted dip  
= - hold bend; also acts as connecting device for hammers/  
pulls  
<> - volume swell (louder/softer)  
x - on rhythm slash represents muted slash  
o - on rhythm slash represents single note slash

#### Misc Legend

-----  
| - bar  
|| - double bar  
||o - repeat start  
o|| - repeat end  
\*| - double bar (ending)  
: - bar (freetime)



\$ - Segno

& - Coda

Tempo markers - <E/E./Q/Q./H/H.> = BPM(8/16=s8/s16), where s8 =  
swing 8ths, s16 = swing 16ths