

**BASS LINE TO COME AS YOU ARE**  
**by Nirvana**



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This is the (long overdue) PDF to go with Lesson 10 of my 'Virtual Bass' DVD series.

In this lesson we're looking at COME AS YOU ARE by Nirvana.

The version I'm going to show you is pretty easy - and is pretty close to the original version. In the original version Krist Novoselic is either using Drop D tuning or a 5 string - as he uses a low 'D' as an approach note to the 'E' in the chorus.

Here's the basic riff that forms the intro and the verse pattern:

7 5 7 5 7 7 6 | 5 7 5 5 5 7 5 6 | 7 5 7 5 7 7 6 | 5 7 5 5 5 7 5 6

(Quick tip: the last time through prior to a chorus stay on the 'D' for the very last 8th note (don't go up to D Sharp).

Here's the basic chorus pattern:

X4

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

And finally we've got the bridge section.

The first bridge section consists of four measures. The bass staff shows a melodic line in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, 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