

# Beds Are Burning Bass by Midnight Oil

Tuning: D G B E

Artist: Midnight Oil  
Album: Diesel And Dust  
Song: Beds Are Burning

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Tuning: Standard bass tuning

Note that the bass line in the verse looks and sounds awkward.  
But it is the version that Bones Hillman played in all his concerts  
with the Oils (at least those I know) and he's not messing it up  
every concert.

If you listen very well, you hear it on the CD too.

Check the 1993 MTV Unplugged version to see and hear what I mean:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lJiwLOUJOMA> (0:18-0:23)

## [Fill 1]

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G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-0---3---5-----|
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## [Verse 1]

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G|-----|-----|
D|-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-0-0-6-7--0-0-5-7-|-0-0-4-5--0-0-4-2-|
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## [Pre-Chorus]

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G|-----|-----|
D|-----|-----|
A|-----|-----|
E|-2-2-2-2--2-2-2-2-|-2-2-2-2--2-2-2-2-|
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## [Fill 1]

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G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-0---3---5-----|
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[Chorus]

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----| -3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|  
E| -0-0-0-0--0-0-0-0-|-----|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----|-----|  
E| -3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-| -3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----| -3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|  
E| -0-0-0-0--0-0-0-0-|-----|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A| -5-5-5-5--5-5-5-5-| -5-5-5-5--6-6-6-6-|  
E|-----|-----|

[Bridge]

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----| -3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|  
E| -0-0-0-0--0-0-0-0-|-----|

G|-----|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|-----|  
A|-----| -5-5-5-5--5-5-5-5-| -5-5-5-5--5-5-5-5-|  
E| -3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|-----|-----|

[Verse 2]

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----|-----|  
E| -0-0-6-7--0-0-5-7-| -0-0-4-5--0-0-4-2-|

[Fill 1]

G|-----|  
D|-----|  
A|-----|  
E| -0---3---5-----|

[Chorus]

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----| -3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|  
E| -0-0-0-0--0-0-0-0-|-----|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----|-----|  
E|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|  
E|-0-0-0-0--0-0-0-0-|-----|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-5-5-5-5--5-5-5-5-|-5-5-5-5--6-6-6-6-|  
E|-----|-----|

# [Bridge]

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|  
E|-0-0-0-0--0-0-0-0-|-----|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----|-5-5-5-5--5-5-5-5-|  
E|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|-----|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|  
E|-0-0-0-0--0-0-0-0-|-----|

G|-----|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|-----|  
A|-----|-5-5-5-5--5-5-5-5-|-5-5-5-5--5-5-5-5-|  
E|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|-----|-----|

# [Chorus]

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|  
E|-0-0-0-0--0-0-0-0-|-----|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----|-----|  
E|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|  
E|-0-0-0-0--0-0-0-0-|-----|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-5-5-5-5--5-5-5-5-|-5-5-5-5--6-6-6-6-|  
E|-----|-----|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----| -3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|  
E|-0-0-0-0--0-0-0-0-|-----|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----| -5-5-5-5--5-5-5-5-|  
E|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|-----|

G|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|  
A|-----| -3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|  
E|-0-0-0-0--0-0-0-0-|-----|

G|-----|-----|-----|  
D|-----|-----|-----|  
A|-----| -5-5-5-5--5-5-5-5-|-5-5-5-5--5-5-5-5-|  
E|-3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-|-----|-----|

[Fill 1] x2

G|-----|  
D|-----|  
A|-----|  
E|-0---3---5-----|