

Blind Guardian

Album: Nightfall In Middle-Earth
Song: Thorn

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Notation:

- b = Bend
- bfr = Bend full and release
- x = Fret-hand muting
- . = Pick-hand muting
- h = Hammer-on
- p = Pull-off
- ~ = Vibrato
- t = Tap-on
- / = Slide up
- \ = Slide down
- A.H = Artificial Harmonics
- N.H = Natural Harmonics
- P.M = Palm Muting
- (9) = Ghost note
- " = Trem picking

INTRO:

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|-0-0---0-0-1-----0-0---0-0-1-----|
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|-3-4-6-4-----|
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|-0-0---0-0-1--3-4-6--0-0---0-0-1--3-4-6---|
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|-0-0---0-0-1--3-4-6-4-----|
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Accoustic 1:

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|-----9-----9-----9-----9---|
|-11-9-----9-----11-----11-9---9-----11-----|
|-----11---10-9-10-9-----11---10-9-10-9-----8-|
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Verse 1: (Accoustic)

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|-----9-----9-----|
|-11-12-----11h12p11p9-11-----11-12-9---9-----|
|-----10h11p10p8-8-|
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|-----9-----9-----|
|-11-12-----11h12p11p9-11-----11-11-9---12-<Fill 1>-|
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Fill 1:

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|-11h13p11p9-|
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Accoustic 2:

<With Fill 2>

2X

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|-----9-7h9p7p6---6---|
|---4---6/7-4---7/9-9/11-----9---6-|
|-4---4-----4-----|
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Fill 2: (electric+distortion)

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|-3-----3-----3-----3--|
|-1-----1-----1-----1--|
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End of Verse 1:

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|-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-----|
|-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-0---0-0-0-|
|-----0---0-0-0-|
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Verse 2:

2X

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|-----14-15-17~-----13bfr~-|
|-14h16\|------13bf-11-----11-13bf-11-----|
|-----12-10-12-----|
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Chorus:

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|-----9bfr~-|
|-8-11-----11-10-11-8-|
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Solo 1:

first at end

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|-----14bf~-|
|-11-10-11-10-----15-13---11~-----11-10-----|-13-15-13---11~|-----|
|-----11-10-13-11-15-13-16-15-----|
|-----11-13\-----13-----13-15-----11-13\|------13-----|-13--11-|
15-13-----|
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Verse 3:

2X

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|-11-10h11p10p8-10-----|
|-----11-10-9~-|
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Verse 4:

Verse 4 consists of the intro and the acoustic 2 riff from Verse 1.

Solo 2:

2X

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|-----A.H-----|
|-8-----9-----6-8---7---6~|
|---9-6---9-6---9-6~\---6-8-9-----9---8---|
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|-----A.H-----|
|-11-9-----9-11---10---9-|
|-----11-10-8-7-8-----8-10-11-----11---10---|
|-----8-9-6-8\-----|
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|-----A.H-----|
|-11-9-----9-11---9bf---|
|-----11-10-8-7-8-----8-10-11-----11---10-|
|-----8-9-6-8\-----|
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2X

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|-----A.H-----|
|---6-8---7---6---11-----11-13---10-----10---|
|-6-8-9-----9---8-9---9-----12---12-----11---11-----|
|-----12-----11-----|
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|-----15bfr-15-13-----|
|---12-15-----15-15bf~\---|
|-13-----|
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2X

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|-----A.H-----|
|---6-8---7---6---11-----11-13---10-----10---|
|-6-8-9-----9---8-9---9-----12---12-----11---11-----|
|-----12-----11-----|
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|-----15bf~-|
|-15-----14-----13-----15-16-15-13---13-|
|---13-15-16---13-15-16---13-15-16-----15---|
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Verse 5:

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|-----13bfr~-|
|-----13bf-11-----11-13bf-11-----|
|-11-12-14~-----12-10-12-----|
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|-----14-15-17~\-----13bfr~-|
|-14h16~\-----13bf-11-----11-13bf-11-----|
-----12-10-12-----

-----18~-	-----17bf~-		
-----12-----	-----	-----	
-15-----13----15~-	-----	-----	
-16-----16-----	-----	---13---16-15-11-13~-	-----
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Verse 6:

	2X	first	at end
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-----12-11-----	-----	-----11-----11-----	-----
11-----11-10-----13--11-10-----	-----10-11-13-11-10-----	-----11-----13-11-10-11~-	-----
---13~-----13-----13-	13-----	-----	-----
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Outro:

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11-8-11-8----13-10-13-10---15-11-15-11-16-16bfr-	-----15~-13~-	-----
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|-----9-----9-----9-----9---|
|-11-9-----9-----11-----11-9-----9-----11-----|
-----11---10-9-10-9-----11---10-9-10-9-----8-

Lyrics:

Verse 1:

A black swan
Is born that night
The misty pond
(Has) got a new king
Got a new king
So what can we do
With our lives
When it all begins
It's hard and
It's cruel
Will grace die in pain?
Will light ever rise again?

Verse 2:

I'm trapped in darkness
Still I reach out for the stars
I'm moving in silence
I leave it all far behind

Chorus:

Oh at dawn
I'll face the edge of thorns
Oh at dawn
I'll pray at the edge of thorns
Oh at dawn
I'll face the edge of thorns

Solo 1

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Verse 3:

Let us march on
To the fields of sacrifice
(I'm) wondering why
I'll carry on
Will I betray myself
To rise

Verse 4:

In the silence
It's time to explain
(And)
Search for truth in lies
Useful lies
Needless love's damned

What can we do with our lives
When it all begins

Come follow me
And you will see
How it will be
When all the pain is gone away

Chorus

Solo 2

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Verse 5:

Let us march on
Though there's no hope at our side
Let us be brave
Though by glory we are denied
But
Don't you think
It's time for us
To bring to an end
Come play the song of death
The wisdom in us both
Will make it
Special guaranteed

Play the song of death

Verse 6:

I'm lost in the depths of his eyes
I can't flee
Inner pain caused insanity
It's deep within
The fear and the hunger
Enslaved and denied
By my love and my enemies
I'm the illgotten son

Chorus

Outro

THE END
