

# I Won't Back Down

Tom Petty

## Intro

Drums Vocals

♩ = 112

2 3

The intro consists of three measures. The vocal line is a whole rest in each measure. The drum line features a steady eighth-note pattern on the snare and a bass drum pattern of eighth notes and quarter notes.

## Verse 1

Vo 4 5 6

Well, I won't back down No, I

Dr

Measures 4-6 of the verse. The vocal line starts with a whole rest in measure 4, followed by the lyrics 'Well, I' in measure 5 and 'won't back down' in measure 6. The drum line continues with the same pattern as the intro.

Vo 7 8 9

won't back down You can stand me up at the

Dr

Measures 7-9 of the verse. The vocal line continues with 'won't back down' in measure 7 and 'You can stand me up at the' in measure 8. The drum line continues with the same pattern as the intro.

Vo 10 11 12

gates of hell But I won't back down No, I'll

Dr

Measures 10-12 of the verse. The vocal line continues with 'gates of hell But I' in measure 10, 'won't back down' in measure 11, and 'No, I'll' in measure 12. The drum line continues with the same pattern as the intro.

Vo 13 14 15

stand my ground Won't be turned a - round

Dr

Measures 13-15 of the verse. The vocal line continues with 'stand my ground' in measure 13, 'Won't be turned' in measure 14, and 'a - round' in measure 15. The drum line continues with the same pattern as the intro.

Vo 16 17 18

And I'll keep this world from drag-gin' me down Gon-na

Dr

Measures 16-18 of the verse. The vocal line continues with 'And I'll keep this world from drag-gin' me down' in measure 16 and 'Gon-na' in measure 17. The drum line continues with the same pattern as the intro.

19 20 21

V<sub>o</sub> stand my ground And I won't back down

Dr

**Chorus 1**

22 23 24

V<sub>o</sub> Hey, ba - by

Dr

25 26 27

V<sub>o</sub> There ain't no ea-sy way out Hey, I

Dr

28 29 30

V<sub>o</sub> Will stand my ground And I

Dr

**Verse 2**

31 32 33

V<sub>o</sub> won't back down Well, I know what's right

Dr

34 35 36

V<sub>o</sub> I got just one life In a

Dr

2  
37 38 39  
Vo world that keeps on pushin' me around But I'll stand my ground  
Dr

40 41 42  
Vo And I won't back down Hey,  
Dr

**Chorus 2**  
43 44 45  
Vo ba - by There ain't no ea-sy way out  
Dr

46 47 48  
Vo Hey, I Will  
Dr

49 50 51  
Vo stand my ground And I won't back down  
Dr

**Guitar Solo**  
52 53 54  
Vo   
Dr

55 56 57  
Vo   
Dr

58 59 60

V<sub>o</sub>

Dr

61 62 63

V<sub>o</sub>

Dr

Hey, ba - by

64 65 66

V<sub>o</sub>

Dr

There ain't no ea-sy way out Hey,

67 68 69

V<sub>o</sub>

Dr

I Won't back down

70 71 72

V<sub>o</sub>

Dr

Hey, ba - by

73 74 75

V<sub>o</sub>

Dr

There ain't no ea-sy way out Hey, I

76 77 78

V<sub>o</sub>

Dr

Will stand my ground And I

**Outro**

82

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