

"PINBALL WIZARD" The Who

As heard on **Tommy** (MCA)

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A Intro (0:00)

Moderately ♩ = 132

Gtr. 1 (acous.) **Bm/F#** *let ring throughout* **Bm(add4)/F#** **F#7sus4** **F#7**

1

5 **F#m7** **Em/F#** **G** **F#7** *low E string is fretted w/thumb until meas. 26*

9 **Bsus4** **B** **Bsus4 type2**

12 **Bsus4** **B** **Bsus4 type2** *cont. simile*

Gtr. 2 (elec. w/dist.)

15 **Badd4** **Bsus4 type2** **Badd4** **1. Ever**

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B 1st and 2nd Verses (0:32, 0:55)

(1.) since I was a young boy I played the silver ball From Soho down to Brighton I
 (2.) stands like a statue becomes part of the machine Feeling all the bumpers

*Bsus4 (Bsus4^{type2})

B(Badd4)

Asus4 (Asus4²)

Gr. 2 substitutes Fill 1 six times on 2nd verse (see below)

Gr. 1

Rhy. Fig. 1

18

cont. simile

*Substitute chords in parenthesis on 2nd verse (see chord frames on previous page).

Gr. 2

Bass

Bass Fig. 1

must have played'em all But I ain't seen nothing like him in any amusement hall } That
 always playing clean Plays by intuition in the digit counters fall }

A (Aadd2)

Gsus4 (G6add4)

G (G6)

21

truss

1.

deaf dumb and blind kid sure plays a mean pinball

F#sus4 (F#7sus4)

end Rhy. Fig. 1

B^{II}

A^{II}

D

E

24

truss

end Bass Fig. 1

Fill 1 (0:57)

Gr. 2 N.H.

pitch: B

Bass Fill 1 (2:14)

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B^{II} A^{II} D E

2. He

end Rhy. Fig. 1 Rhy. Fig. 2

Bass Fig. 2 let ring

C 1st Chorus (1:19)

32

He's a pinball wizard There has to be a twist A

B^{II} A^{II} D E E F^{#II} B^{II} E F^{#II} B^{II}

end Rhy. Fig. 2 Rhy. Fig. 3

let ring end Bass Fig. 2 Bass Fig. 3

(repeat previous measure)

36

pinball wizard's got such a supple wrist

E F^{#II} B^{II} G^{II} D Dsus4 D

end Rhy. Fig. 3

w/pick and finger

end Bass Fig. 3

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D Bridge (1:31)

How do you think he does it (I don't know) What makes him so good

D5 Csus2 G/B D5 Csus2 G/B D5 Csus2 G/B D5

40 Gtr. 1

E 3rd Verse (1:39)

Ain't got no distractions Can't hear no buzzers and bells Don't see no lights a-flashin'

Bsus4 type2

Badd4

Asus2

Gtr. 1 plays Rhy. Fig. 1 w/substituted chords (see meas. 18)

44 Gtr. 2 P.M. until meas. 52

Bass plays Bass Fig. 1 simile (see meas. 18)

Plays by sense of smell Always gets the replay Never seen him fall That

Aadd2

G6add4

G6

deaf dumb and blind kid sure plays a mean pinball

F#7sus4

B^{||}

A^{||}

D

E

Gtr. 1 plays Rhy. Fig. 2 (see meas. 30)

Bass plays Bass Fig. 2 simile (see meas. 30)

F 2nd Chorus (2:02)

I thought I was the Bally table king but

B^{||}

A^{||}

D

E

I

E

F#^{||}

B^{||}

E

F#^{||}

B^{||}

Bass plays Bass Fig. 3 (see meas. 34)

I just handed my pinball crown to him

E

F#^{||}

B^{||}

G^{||}

D

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G Interlude (2:14)

Dsus4^X D^X Dsus4^X D^X

Gr. 1
Rhy. Fig. 4

Gr. 2
Gr. 1 plays Rhy. Fig. 4 three times (see meas. 62)

62

Bass plays Bass Fill 1

Dsus4^X D^X Dsus4^X D^X Even

66

H 4th Verse (2:24)

on my favorite table he can beat my best His disciples lead him in and

Dsus4^X D^X Csus4

Gr. 1

70

Gr. 2

Bass

he just does the rest He's got crazy flipper fingers never seen him fall That

C Bbsus4 Bb

73

deaf dumb and blind kid sure plays a mean pinball

Asus4 A D C F5

76

I Outro (2:47)

Bb Bbsus4

79

let ring

Bass Fig. 4

Bb Bbsus4

81

Gtr. 1

Gtr. 2

Bass plays Bass Fig. 4 simile until fade (see meas. 79)

83

Bb

fade out