

# For Bass Players

## Last Call For Thumbs

Just to give your thumb technique a bit more of a workout, here are some patterns using the open E string. Try playing these patterns in other keys. Not all funk tunes are in the key of E, although it sometimes seems like they are!

**77**  
Track 38.1

*♩* = 116

E9

TM TM TM TM TM TM TM TM

T  
A  
B

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 7 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 5

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 4 1 4

**78**  
Track 38.2

*♩* = 116

E9

TM TM TM TM TM TM

T  
A  
B

0 0 0 0 0 4 4 5 7 0 0 0 0 0 3 5 4

0 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 4 0 0 0 0 0 1 4 1 4

**79**  
Track 38.3

*♩* = 116

E7<sup>9</sup>

TMTM TM TM TMTM TM TM TM +

T  
A  
B

0 5 5 5 5 7 7 4 5 0 5 5 5 5 7 7 5 3 3 5

0 1 1 1 1 4 4 1 2 0 1 1 1 1 4 4 2 1 1 4

**80**  
Track 38.4

*♩* = 116

E7 A7

TMTM TMTM TM S TM TMTM TMTM TM S

T  
A  
B

0 0 0 4 4 4 7 7 7 9 (9) 7 7 5 5 5 4 4 4 7 7 7 9 (9) 7 7

0 0 0 1 1 1 4 4 4 4 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 4 4 4 2 2