

ABOUT THE SONGS

BOULEVARD OF BROKEN DREAMS

Green Day

Green Day is a three-piece Californian pop punk band – Billie Joe Armstrong (vocals and guitar), Mike Dirnt (bass and backing vocals) and Tre Cool (drums). They came from the underground Californian punk scene but have gone on to enjoy mainstream success with catchy pop-rock songs.

'Boulevard of Broken Dreams' is from the 2004 concept album *American Idiot*, which tells the story of a character named Jesus of Suburbia.



The straight ♪ pattern in the chorus of 'Boulevard of Broken Dreams' has one hand playing the crash cymbal. Aim for a consistent sound, with the hand coming fully off the cymbal between strokes.

In bars 14 and 22 there are some fills (short decorative passages that fill gaps between repeated patterns). These should be played as alternate single strokes: e.g. RIGHT LEFT RIGHT LEFT, etc. Try to match the height of your strokes in both hands – make sure that your weaker hand is rising as high as your stronger one – so that the single strokes are equally balanced.



'I walk a lonely road'

SONGS

BOULEVARD OF BROKEN DREAMS



demo backing

Green Day

Words and Music by Billie Joe Armstrong, Frank E. Wright III and Michael Pritchard

$\text{♩} = 84$ **Solid** 2 bars count-in

Verse vocal cue

"I walk a lonely road..."

2

(vocals & acoustic guitar) *mf*

vocal cue

"I walk this empty street..."

6

11