



Papa Was A Rolling Stone The Temptations

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Moderately fast

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat major/D-flat minor). It consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) and a guitar part with chord diagrams. The guitar part uses a mix of barre and open chord techniques. The lyrics are provided for the first two lines of the vocal melody.

Chord Diagrams:

- Bbm: $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline x & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$
- D \flat 5: $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline x & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$ 4fr
- A \flat 5: $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline x & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$ 4fr
- N.C. (Natural Chord)
- Bbm: $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline x & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$
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Lyrics:

1. It was the third of Sep - tem - ber; that day I'll al - ways re - mem -
2. (See block lyrics)

ber, — 'cos that was the day — that my dad - dy died. —