

# Livin' on a Prayer

- Bon Jovi

**INTRO & VERSES RIFF**  
PLAY OVER INTRO & VERSE CHORDS

UKE.1

UKE.2

SUGGESTED STRUM PATTERN - ACCENT BEAT 2 AND 4

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

**Intro** [Em] [Em] [Em] [Em] [C] [D] [Em]

[Em] [C] (Spoken) Once upon a time, [D] Not so long ago... [Em] [Em] [Em]

**Verse** [Em] Tommy used to work on the [Em] docks

[Em] Union's been on strike, he's [Em] down on his luck It's

[C] tough... [D] so [Em] tough [Em]

[Em] Gina works the diner all [Em] day

[Em] Working for her man... she [Em] brings home her pay, For

[C] love... [D] hmmm... for [Em] love

**Chorus** [Em] She says we've got to {C} hold {D} on... to

{D} what we've {Em} got It {C} doesn't make a {D} difference if we

{D} make it or {Em} not, We {C} got each {D} other... and {D} that's a {Em} lot

For [C] love... we'll [D] give it a shot!

{Em} Whoa{C} ah... we're [D] half way there

{G} Woah {C} oh... [D] livin' on a prayer

{Em} Take my {C} hand... we'll [D] make it I swear

{G} Whoah {C} oh... [D] livin' on a prayer [Em] [Em]

**Verse** [Em] Tommy's got his four-string in [Em] hock  
[Em] Now he's holding in... what he [Em] used to make it talk So  
[C] tough... [D] mmm... it's [Em] tough [Em]  
[Em] Gina dreams of running away [Em]  
[Em] When she cries in the night... Tommy [Em] whispers "Baby it's  
[C] okay... [D] some [Em] day"

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{D} make it or {Em} not, We {C} got each {D} other... and {D} that's a {Em} lot  
For [C] love... we'll [D] give it a shot!  
[Em] Whoa{C} ah... we're [D] half way there  
[G] Woah {C} oh... [D] livin' on a prayer  
[Em] Take my {C} hand... we'll [D] make it I swear  
[G] Whoah {C} oh... [D] livin' on a prayer [C] Livin' on a prayer [C]

### **Instrumental of Chorus**

{Em} {C} [D] {G} {C} [D] {Em} {C} [D] {G} {C}  
[Em] [Em] ..., Oooohh... we gotta {C} hold {D} on {D} ready or {Em} not You  
[C] live for the fight when it's [D] all that you've got

### **Key change**

{Gm} Whoa {Eb} ah... we're [F] half way there  
{Bb} Woah {Eb} oh... [F] livin' on a prayer  
{Gm} Take my {Eb} hand and we'll [F] make it I swear  
{Bb} Whoah {Eb} oh, [F] livin' on a prayer [Eb] li-vin' on a prayer!