

# Golden Lady

Stevie Wonder

(Assignment Work-Sheet. Find the Improv. Scales.)

**E $\flat$  $\Delta$  F-7 G-7 A-7 D7<sub>sus</sub>**

(VERSE 1: Feels like Eb Major.  
Use Eb Pentatonic for fills..)

(Non-Diatonic chord. Where is  
this going? Deceptive Cadence?)

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(Same progression. Same result

(Thought: Possibly a  
"Screen-Door" cadence to Eb?):

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upset. Key of Eb to ???. Key of Gb?)

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key of Gb major. "Direct modulation".)

**E $\flat$  $\Delta$  B $\flat$  $\Delta$  A $\flat$ -7 D $\flat$ 7 G $\flat$  $\Delta$**

(Now what? A "proximity modulation" to the key of  
E major? Oops. No E major. "Common-tone" modulation to A minor/ IIm of D7sus.)

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(Standard IIm-V7sus  
turnaround.)

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(Eb major or pentatonic scale.)

(A minor pentatonic.)

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scale

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