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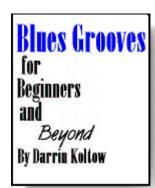
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Introduction

This book is for all beginning guitarists, especially those who don't yet believe they can play the guitar.

It was written because beginning guitarists need guidance. They need to know which chords and concepts to begin with, and which ones to ignore. There's a lot of information available today to the beginning guitarist. In fact, there's too much information: it's easy to become overwhelmed with all the different exercises and songs to play. This book cuts through the clutter to get you started playing songs as quickly as possible. It also gives you tips on where to go for more information.

I believe the most important things about playing guitar are to have fun and to grow as a musician. When you can do these things, I believe you also grow as a person, no matter what style of music you want to play.

About the Author

Hi, I'm Darrin Koltow. I've been playing guitar since 1985. I've studied music theory and history at Rutgers College, and guitar with a number of teachers, including Bill Hart, who has taught at the Atlanta Institute of Music. I've also studied the strategies for success and motivation from other disciplines and adapted them to musicianship. I'm now applying this training to my mission: to be the best player I can be, to enjoy the journey to becoming such a player, and to help others achieve their musical goals.

Practicing

Here are a few notes about how to approach practicing with the best frame of mind. First, don't hurt yourself, especially when you're just starting. You may be 100% motivated to learn, but you won't learn anything if you damage your hand from overplaying. It's easy to do that when you start, because your hands simply haven't built up the muscles they need to play yet. This is more of a problem with acoustic steel string guitarists than electric guitarists, because steel string guitars are generally harder to play. Give it a little time; the hand strength will come.

You'll want to get some essential tools besides the guitar. Get a metronome, and a journal. The metronome helps you play in time, but does more than just that. It forces you to play music, and not rambling notes and chords. Keeping time with the metronome **makes you push yourself beyond your comfort zone**, so you can grow as a player.

You say you're not a writer. That's okay, but **get a journal** anyway, and use it to write down how well you think you're doing. You don't need to write in it every day. But when you've spent three weeks working on a song or scale or arpeggio exercise, write down how it felt to complete it. Also, write down the things you can't yet do. A year from now, you'll look at what you wrote, and feel great pride at how far you've come.

Good attitude is crucial to your sense of achievement. Putting yourself down because you can't yet make a particular chord shape is not nearly as helpful to you as moving on to another chord shape, or reviewing the chords you do know. The technique will come, trust me. Stay motivated by writing your goals down, and rewriting them regularly. Read how others grew from having no skill, to being *players*.

Play for others, maybe a little before you believe you're ready. Smooth your playing on a song or two, and play them for someone. You'll get a whole new perspective on your playing, and what you need to work on. Besides that, any compliments you get will motivate you in a powerful way.

How to Hold the Guitar

Remember to breathe. It's easy for your body to get tense when you do something as awkward as playing guitar for the first time. This tenseness builds up without your even realizing it. Take a break every so often, and just breathe.

Even if you do everything right, playing might seem uncomfortable at first. **It should not be painful, though.** If you sense any pain at any time, stop immediately. Before long, your desire to play will make **not** holding the guitar feel uncomfortable.

Choose a chair or seat with the right height. You'll know it's the right height because, when you sit, your thigh will be angled just slightly upward. Some players pick any chair and raise their guitar knee by putting their guitar foot on a stool or stack of phone books. The point is to raise the guitar high enough so your hand can get to the frets. It gets real tiring to play by putting your guitar foot on tiptoe all the time. It also gets tiring when you hunch your entire upper body over so you can see the frets.

If you're right-handed, put the guitar on your right knee. Note: classical guitarists would use their left knee. It's tempting to tilt the guitar so you can see the frets, but don't do it. Keep the guitar straight. The neck of the guitar should be angled slightly upward as it extends away from your body.

Now for the fretting hand. Practice making what I call "the claw" with your left hand. This means putting your left thumb halfway between the bottom of the guitar's neck, and the top of the neck. It's tempting to grab the guitar like you were grabbing a hammer, with the thumb wrapping over the top, but you won't be able to hit all the notes that way. To make the claw, keep the thumb at that halfway point on the neck, and crook your wrist as if you were trying to make your finger tips hook over the top of the neck.

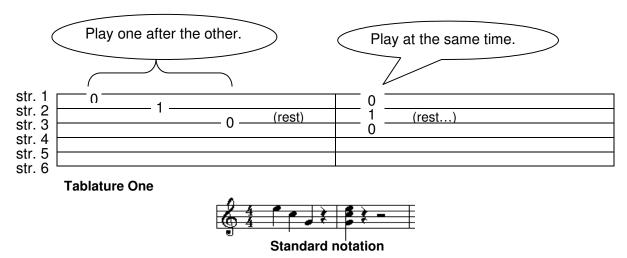
If all of this seems too complicated, go for these simplified instructions: look at pictures of how other guitarists hold their guitar, and do what feels comfortable for you. By the way, some great guitarists, such as Jeff Healy, hold their guitar flat on their lap.

Tablature and Chord Diagrams

Tablature

Tablature is a way of expressing music on paper. A page of tablature tells you what notes to play to make the song happen. Standard music notation is another way of communicating songs on paper. Classical musicians usually have to know this kind of notation. We'll stick to the basics and just describe tablature in this section. You can read an intro to standard notation in the Appendix.

Let's look at a piece of tablature:



(Notice that the standard notation is included here, just in case you're interested in how it matches with the tablature.)

Look at figure Tablature One. Each of the long lines going from left to right represents a guitar string. The top line is the high E string (the thinnest string), the next line down is the B string, and so on. The numbers represent frets that you play, not the fingers you use.

The first group of notes is played one at a time. The second group of notes shows the notes stacked on top of each other, which means you play them at the same time. This group of notes played together is called a *chord*. The first group of notes is called an *arpeggio*. Think of arpeggios as a busted up chord.

The numbers tell you which frets to press. A "0" means you play the string open, or unfretted.

Some tablature, or "tab" for short, also tells you which fingers to use. Keep an eye out for finger indicators in the tabs shown in this book. Knowing which fingers to use is important to prevent confusion.

There's not much else to learning tablature. You can learn more about it through these resources:

Resources

OLGA, the On-Line Guitar Archive. OLGA (<u>www.olga.net/</u>) is a library of files, including those for tab, that shows you how to play songs on guitar.

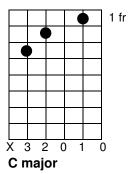
How to Read and Write Tab, www.olga.net/fag/tabbing.php

Newsgroups: rec.music.makers.guitar.tablature and alt.guitar.tab.

Free software: Tablature 2.1 is a set of tools that allows easy publication and playback of bass and guitar tablature. Available at download.com.

Chord Diagrams

Chord diagrams are used to show you where to put your fingers to make chords. Let's take a look at a chord diagram.



The "1 fr" means the first fret. **The numbers at the bottom tell you which fingers to use**, not which frets to play. The vertical lines represent the strings, and the horizontal lines separate the frets. You can probably guess that the circles tell you where to put your fingers. Zero (0) means you don't use a finger; let the string ring open.

Where would you see a figure like this? A lot of sheet music in standard (not tablature) notation will have chord diagrams like this one above the music. So, even though you might not be able to read standard notation, you can still read the chord diagrams, and play along on the song.



Chord diagrams with sheet music

Resources

How to Read Chord Diagrams: www.daddydoodle.com/chordex.html. This site also covers other topics for beginners, such as How to Hold a Guitar Pick, How to String a Guitar and How to Tune a Guitar.

Tuning

Just like the other aspects of learning the guitar, tuning is something you'll get better at the more you do it. The first time you tune, it may be difficult to separate in-tune pitches from those out of tune. Electronic tuners are available to help with this, but all you need to start is a set of pitch pipes, or some other source that can emit the pitch called "Concert A." You can even use your computer to output this pitch, if you have the right software.

Let's tune. Once you have your Concert A source, turn it on or do what you need to do to make it sound. Holding your guitar as though you were playing it, press your finger onto the fifth fret of the first string. (The first string is the thinnest one.) You don't need to press too hard.

str. 1	5
str. 2	
str. 3	
str. 4	
str. 5	
str. 6	

Tuning the First String

With your other hand, pluck the first string. If the note won't sound, move your fretting finger a bit closer to toward the soundhole, while still staying on the fifth fret.

Compare the pitch from your tuner with the note you played. If they sound different, adjust the first string's tuning knob until the notes sound the same. It's best to watch carefully as someone else does this, for the first couple of times. Your ear can trick you when you're just starting, and make you think a certain pitch sounds like another pitch. Singing the pitch will help you here.

Let's tune the second string. Play the note on string 2, fret 5. Then play the string 1 "open," which means without any fretting fingers on it. If the two pitches sound different, adjust the tuning peg for string 2 until the pitches are equal.

str. 1	
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str. 2	5 <i></i>
str. 3	
str. 4	
str. 5	
str. 6	

Tuning the Second String

Let's tune string three. By now, you might think this step is the same as for tuning string 2. The process is similar, but with one important difference. Instead of playing string 3, fret 5, play string 3, fret 4. While that note is still ringing, play string 2 open. Adjust string 3's tuning peg until the pitches match.

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str. 3	<u> </u>
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str. 4	
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str. 5	
ວແ. ວ	
str. 6	
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Tuning the Third String

String 4 returns us to the original procedure: play string 4, fret 5, and adjust the tuning peg until the pitch matches string 3 open.

Continue this procedure for strings 5 and 6. To check your work, play the open string 6 and the open string 1. Although they have different pitches, they're both E notes. If you play both of these strings at the same time and they're tuned properly, they should sound as if you were playing one string.

More help on tuning is available here:

Resources

How to Tune the Guitar: www.daddydoodle.com/chordex.html

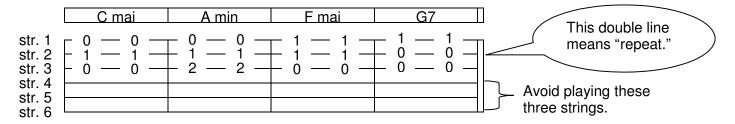
The First Song

The Song

As promised in the introduction, we covered just the basics needed to begin playing a song. Now, let's play the song!

Here's some tablature for a common chord progression that many popular songs are based on. Once you feel a little comfortable with it, you may begin to hear some of these songs pop into your head.

A note on strumming: at this point, do whatever feels natural. However, the song will sound best if you just play the first three strings. Focus on keeping a steady rhythm. You don't even have to use a pick. Your fingers or thumb can strum. If you can't get all the notes to sound this time, don't worry. Practice and desire will work that out.



Here's the standard notation version of this tune:



You can skip this next part if you want. It tells you a bit more about what you were playing. Reading this part isn't as much fun as playing, but it can help you understand how to have more fun playing.

How the Song Works (Basic Music Theory)

What you played is known as a I-vi-IV-V-I progression in the key of C major. Just what does that mean?

There is one major scale, and twelve keys you can play it in, including C major. The major scale has seven different notes in it. You can make a chord from each one of those notes. Each chord is given a Roman numeral based on where it falls in the scale. Here are those numerals for the chords in C major:

	ii	iii	IV	V^7	vi	vii [°]
О	D	Е	F	G	Α	В

The chord built on C is the I chord. The chord built on D is the ii chord. The rest of the chords are named in the same way. The song you played used only four of the seven chords in C major, and that's all it needed to sound good. (See the Appendix for more about the major scale.)

Notice that some of the numerals in the figure are in upper case, and some are lower case. The *quality* of the chord determines the case. Chord quality doesn't mean how good or valuable the chord is, but how it feels. The major scale has four different qualities: major, minor, dominant and half-diminished. The major chords, I and IV, are indicated with upper case letters, the minor chords, ii, iii, and vi, with lower case. In general, major chords sound happy and restful. Minor chords sound sad or ominous or dark, and dominant chords sound bluesy, unstable, and happy in an anxious way. Half-diminished chords sound like an even more anxious version of dominant chords.

The way you mix these different chords and chord qualities gives a song character and flavor. The more you know about how to mix them, and the more songs you can play by heart, the better you will be as a musician.

Resources

<u>www.GuitarNoise.com:</u> simply one of the best sites for beginners. Huge volume of articles, and catchy beginner's songs with precise instructions for playing them.

OLGA song archive: www.olga.net

Basic Chords

Here is a song similar to the first one you played. It shows more chords that you will use often when you first start learning songs. This song is in G major. For another view of the chords in this song, turn to the Appendix and look at the chords for G major.

	G mai	E min	C mai	D7
str. 1	3 - 3 -	0 — 0—	0 — 0 —	2 — 2 — 1 — 1 — 2 — 2 — 2 — 2 — 2 — 2 —
str. 2	- 0 - 0 -	0 — 0—	1 — 1 —	
str. 3	- 0 - 0 -	0 — 0—	— 0 — 0 —	
str. 4	- 0 - 0 -	2 — 2—	— 2 — 2 —	
str. 5	- 2 - 2 -	2 — 2—	— 3 — 3 —	

Here's the standard notation version of this tune:



Practice this song to get familiar with the chords.

Resources

Dan Smith's home page (<u>www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~desmith/guitar</u>) has many basic chords to learn, and explains where to use them.

Cyberfret.com has many basic chords with helpful diagrams.

(www.cyberfret.com/chords/index.php)

Guitar Chords Crash Course (free software). Available at download.com

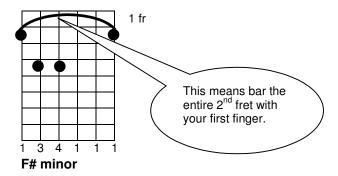
Barre Chords

We're going to use our I-vi-IV-V-I song to introduce some new chords that are a bit different from the chords in C and G major. These new chords introduce you to movable chords, which means you can move chords to different places on the fretboard.

Minor, Root on String 6

These new chords are called barre chords. How do you form barre chords? Before we go into that, keep in mind a couple of points: you may not get all the notes to sound when you first start making these shapes. Your hand may become tired easily. To minimize this, keep your thumb planted dead center in the back of the neck, between the bottom edge of the fretboard and top edge. This will give your hand the strength it needs to make the barre chord shape.

Let's make the shape for the F# minor barre chord, which is in the key of A major. This is what you're aiming for:



Lay your index finger across the second fret, and pluck each note separately to test its sound. Remember, it's okay if not all notes sound at first.

The shape isn't done quite yet. Add these two fingers. Add your third/ring finger, and your fourth finger as shown in the figure. Now strum this chord. Experiment with small adjustments to your hand until all notes sound.

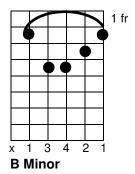
What you just played was a minor barre with the chord's *root* on string 6. The root is the bottom most note of the chord. The F# minor chord lets us play our song in A. Here it is:

	A mai	F# min	D mai	E7]
str. 3 str. 4 str. 5	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2 — 2 — 2 — 2 — 2 — 2 — 4 — 4 — 4 — 4 — 2 — 2 —	2 — 2 — — 0 — 0 — — 0 — 0 —	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
					35 AA 33 11

Here is the standard notation version of this tune:

Minor, Root on String 5

Here's another barre chord. This one's root is on string 5.



This one is formed almost like the F# minor, except you don't need to fret the bottom E string for the B minor. Practice the B minor barre form until you can hear most of the notes.

We can now play a song in D major.

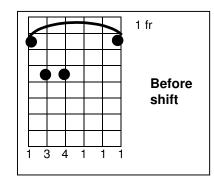
D mai	B min	G mai	A7
str. 1	— 3 — 3 — — 4 — 4 — — 4 — 4 — — 2 — 2 —	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2 — 2 — 0 — 0 — 0 — — 2 — 2 — — 0 — 0 —

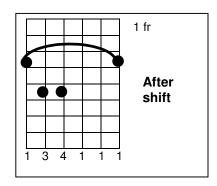
Here is the standard notation version of this



Here's the attractive feature about barre chords: Unlike the G, C and other open position chords you've learned, these barre chords can be played anywhere on the fretboard. Take your time now and try this. **Stop when your hand gets tired.** Make the F# minor shape. Now, slide that entire shape up one fret (away from the tuning pegs). Use this figure to help you work this out:

Figure F# Minor to G Minor

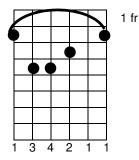




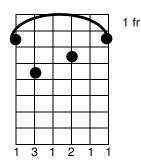
When you've completed the shift, you still have the same chord shape, but now the chord is a G minor chord, not an F# minor chord. If you were to go up one more fret, you'd get an Ab or G# minor chord. If you were to make this same shape with your first finger barred on the eighth fret, you would have a C minor chord.

Let's introduce the remaining basic barre chords.

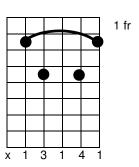
Major, Root on String 6



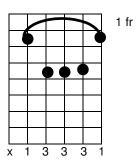
Dominant 7, Root on String 6



Dominant 7, Root on String 5

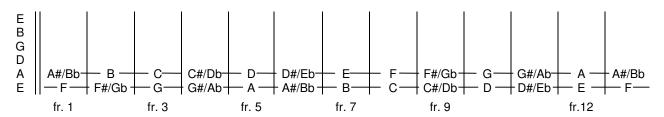


Major, Root on String 5



Bear in mind to take those frequent breaks when you're working on the string 5 major form. It's almost like you have a "mini-barre," with your 3rd finger covering three notes. For extra credit, adjust your third finger so that the note on the first string sounds.

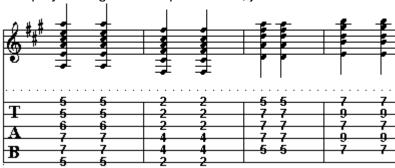
Before we start using barre chords in our song, let's notice the note names on strings 5 and 6.



Notes on Strings 5 and 6

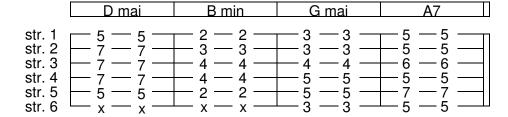
Knowing the notes on strings 5 and 6 will help you figure out where to play barre chords. For example, here's how you locate where to play a B7 chord on string 5: Use the diagram above to find the B on string 5. It's on the second fret. You search the barre chord diagrams for this one: "Dominant 7, root on string 5." You make that chord shape, making sure your first finger barre is at the second fret.

Let's play a song with no open chords, just barre chords. Here it is in A major.



A Major with Barre Chords Only

Let's do one last song to make use of that dominant 7 barre with root on string 6. This tune is in D major.





Now that you know the basic barre chord forms, *you can now play in any key*. For example, if you wanted to play the I-vi-IV-V-I song in B major after playing it in A major, you only need to move each of the chords in A major up two frets. That shows how important barre chords are. Once you can make chord changes among the barre chords smoothly, you'll no longer be trapped into using just the open chord forms presented earlier. In other words, you're significantly closer to being a skilled guitarist.

Resources

Dansm's Guide to Barre Chords

(www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~desmith/guitar/chguide/barre.htm)

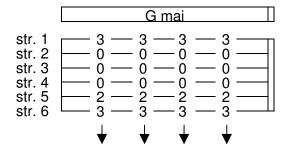
The Right Hand

Strumming

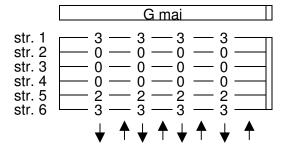
Up until now, we haven't paid attention to the right hand. When you played songs in this book, you worked out for yourself what the right hand was supposed to be doing. We're going to pay closer attention to the right hand in this section, by showing you some different strumming and picking patterns.

When you do these exercises, it might be helpful to hold the pick just at its edge, between your thumb and your forefinger, with your whole hand making a loose fist. You don't need to make the fist tight, or put a lot of pressure on the pick. The pointy end of the pick should be free to wobble up and down a bit.

Here's the most basic strumming pattern. It's a series of all downstrokes, no upstrokes. The downstrokes are shown with a down arrow.



Here's another strumming pattern. It alternates downstrokes with upstrokes. The upstrokes are shown with an up arrow. Note: play the same chords on the upstrokes, even though they're not illustrated in the tablature.



You may see possibilities for mixing up the pattern even more, with different combinations of up and downstrokes. Experiment and have fun.

Resources

Chord Strumming 101 from Cyberfret.com (www.cyberfret.com/techniques/strumming/101/index.php)

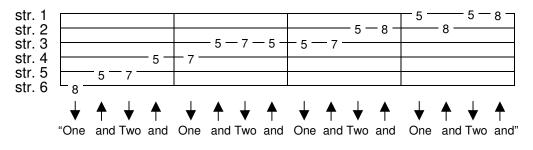
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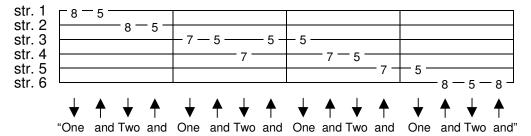
Let's take a break from strumming chords, and learn an important tool for playing single, melodic notes. This will be an important skill when we begin improvising.

We're going to learn a picking technique called alternating picking, and we're going to apply this technique to a scale that's heard in most forms of popular music: the pentatonic scale.

Here's a melodic line to play that uses alternating picking with the pentatonic scale. To play this correctly, follow the up and downstroke markings on the tablature. It will feel difficult at first to continue alternating your strokes when you move from one string to another, but you'll get the hang of it with practice.

Fingering note: play this scale with your first finger on fret 5 and your pinky (finger 4) on fret 8.





The pentatonic scale is based on the major scale, which you can learn more about in the Appendix. It has the same notes as the major scale, except for two of them: the fourth and the seventh.

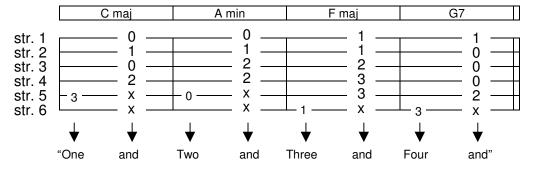
Continue to review this run every so often. It will come in handy when we introduce improvising.

Resources

Guitar Picking Technique from Chris Smith: www.indiana.edu/~smithcj/cjsnet34.html

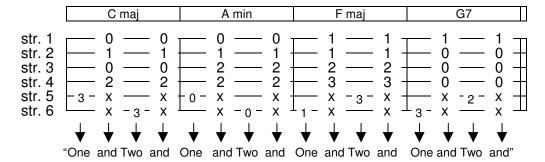
Chords: Bass Note Picking

We have a new version of the I-vi-IV-V-I song that uses Bass Note Picking. Play this song, giving special attention to what's happening on strings 5 and 6. When you play this with feeling, it's almost as if two different instruments are playing.



Bass Picking

Practice smoothing the Bass Picking song out before you try this one, which introduces alternating bass picking.



Alternating Bass Picking

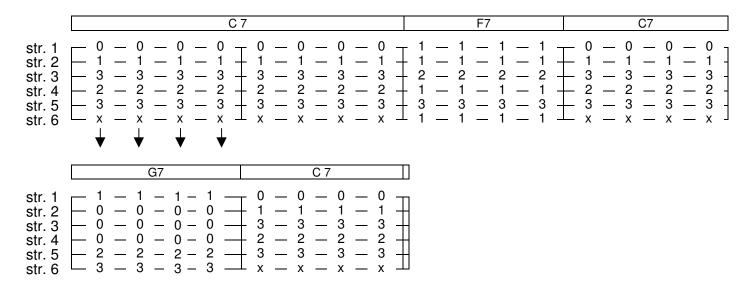
Improvising

There's nothing magical about improvising, except the great feeling you get when you hit the right notes. In this section we show you how to hit those notes.

Here are the steps we're going to approach improvising with:

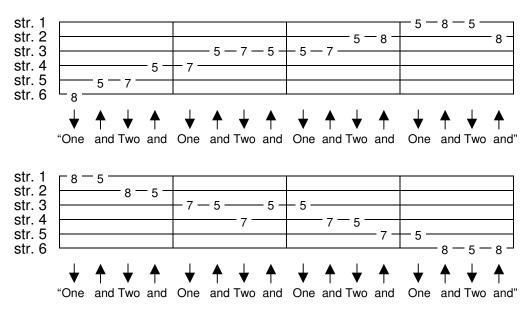
- Record yourself playing chord changes.
- Play back the recording, while you play the pentatonic scale over it.
- Play with the pentatonic scale: pick any notes from the scale you want.
- Change to a minor pentatonic scale to add a blues feeling.

Before you begin doing these steps, you'll want to practice this set of chord changes until you're fairly smooth at it. In fact, using a metronome while you practice would be helpful to you. Here are the chord changes you'll improvise over. Play these changes slowly, with a blues feeling.



Blues Changes

Once you can play this piece with a metronome, it's time for you to become just as comfortable with the pentatonic scale. We'll use the same scale pattern used in the section Alternate Picking. The tablature is included again here for your convenience. Practice the scale until you can play it with a metronome.



Pentatonic Scale

Once you can play the pentatonic scale with confidence, it's time to record the changes and play over them. Using a tape recorder, computer, or some other device that lets you record and play back several minutes of music, record the chord changes.

Now for the fun. Once you're satisfied with the recording, rewind it, or do what you need to do to begin playing it from the beginning. Play the recording, and play the pentatonic scale.

How does it sound? If it sounds a little stiff to you, it's time to play with the scale a bit. Rewind the recording, and begin playing it again. This time, instead of playing a strict up and down pentatonic scale, play whatever pentatonic notes you want.

Continue doing this, finding new ways to play the pentatonic scale. To improvise truly means to *play*. Let yourself have fun. Alternate the melodic patterns you use. Re-record the chord changes with a different rhythm. There are endless ways of getting the music to sound better than before.

When you take a break from your experiments, try this new variation: Play exactly the same pentatonic scale, except move it up the neck by exactly three frets so that your first finger is on the eighth fret instead of the fifth.

In this new position, continue playing over the changes. How does it sound? Welcome to playing the Blues.

Resources

Book: Creativity in Improvisation, by Chris Azzara.

Marc Sabatella's Jazz Improvisation Primer at www.outsideshore.com

Aebersold's play along CDs:

www.jazzbooks.com/playalongs/greatstarts/Default.htm

Closing Note

Dear Fellow Guitarist:

Thank you for reading this ebook. I hope you enjoyed it and learned something from it. Maybe the most important thing is that it has given you fuel to pursue more guitar goals. If that's true, I'd like to hear about it. Also, if there's something you don't see in this book that you'd like to see, let me know that, too. I want to know about any musical successes that this book has helped you achieve. This information gives me fuel to write more, write better, and to become a better guitarist myself.

For more support in achieving your musical goals, read the articles posted on the Maximum Musician web site, at www.MaximumMusician.com. Thank you again for reading Playing Guitar: A Beginner's Guide. Keep playing and learning, and discovering new paths to musical fulfillment.

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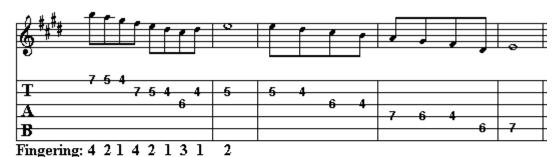
The Major Scale

The major scale is the basic building block of Western music. This section contains tablature to show you where to play the major scale on the guitar.

Like the barre chords, these major scale forms are movable. In other words, you can move them from one place on the fretboard to another, and the pattern stays the same. For example, if you wanted to play a D major scale instead of a C major scale, shift a pattern up two frets, so it's root note is D instead of C. Use the section called Notes on the Fretboard in this Appendix if you're having trouble identifying starting notes for the scale patterns.

Major Scale Pattern 1: E Major

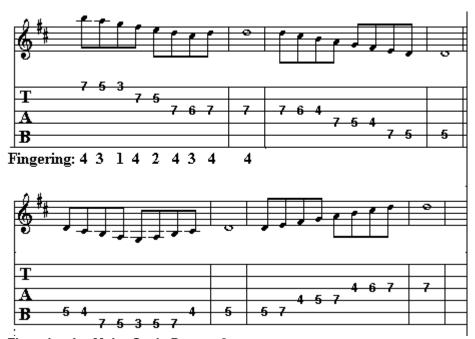
Here's the first pattern for the major scale. Figuring out which finger to use for which note is generally pretty easy once you apply this one guideline: one finger goes to one fret. For example, in the following tab, the pinky will play notes only on the 7th fret, for any string. The third finger will play notes on the sixth fret for any string, and so on. To help you understand this, numbers are placed under the first few bars of each scale pattern, to show you which finger to use.





Major Scale Pattern 2: D Major

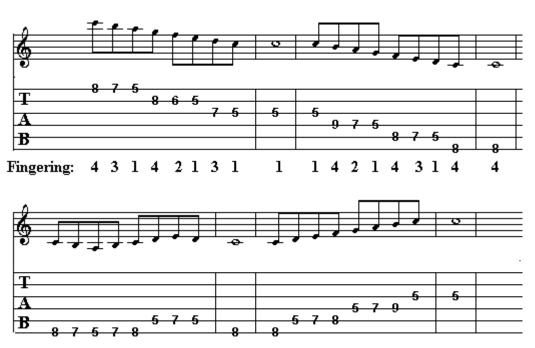
Here's the second pattern for the major scale. Watch out for the first finger stretch to the 3rd fret on the high E string. Don't move your hand when you do this stretch. Merely stretch your finger. It might seem unnatural at first, but you'll grow into it.



Fingering for Major Scale Pattern 2

Major Scale Pattern 3: C Major

AS with the previous scale pattern, this one involves a stretch. This time, the stretch is by the pinky (finger 4) and it's on the D string. As before, stretch your finger, but don't move your hand.



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Fingering for Major Scale Pattern 3

Major Scale Pattern 4: A Major



Major Scale Pattern 5: G Major

This pattern has another stretch -- two, actually. They're both pinky stretches. One is on the D string, and other is on the A string.



Resources

Modern Method for Guitar, volumes 1, 2 and 3 by William Leavitt Scale primer from Cyberfret: www.cyberfret.com/scales
Lesson on Major Scales from Gary Ewer's Easy Music Theory: www.musictheory.halifax.ns.ca/8major_scales.html

Playing by Ear

I was tempted to put this chapter in the main body of the book, except that the major scales are covered in the Appendix, and playing by ear depends on you knowing the major scale. So, before you tackle this chapter, work through at least one major scale form in the Appendix.

In this section you're going to learn to play simple melodies by ear. There's a lot of mystique surrounding this ability, but almost anyone can learn how to do it, just as most everyone can learn how to speak.

First of all, you may want to know how playing by ear helps you. What's the purpose of playing by ear? First and foremost, it just feels good when you can hear a piece of music and play it back. You feel like you are truly connecting with Music itself, and that time slips away. Also, playing by ear helps you correct mistakes and memory problems when you go to play a tune. For example, after playing through a new song a couple of times, your hands might not feel they totally understand the song. But your "ear" may understand it perfectly. When that happens, your playing smooths out the hitches and hesitations your hand has.

Those are just some of the reasons to play by ear. Now, let's figure out what to play. Chances are, you know dozens and dozens of songs already. You know pop tunes from the radio and TV. You know nursery rhymes, and maybe some hymns from church or the synagogue. And you likely also know some tunes for certain holidays. Christmas songs are especially good for learning how to play by ear, because so many people know them so well. I want you to have the freedom to choose any song you want, but I also want to ensure you choose a song with an easy melody. For that reason, I recommend you choose one of the following Christmas songs:

- Silent night
- O Christmas Tree
- Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer
- Jingle Bells
- God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (Comfort and Joy)
- The First Noel
- Joy to the World

Also, Amazing Grace

This list will give you a good start with some simple melodies. Choose one of the songs, and let's learn to play it by ear.

There's a long version and short version to explain how to pick out the melody. I recommend starting with the short version first. It's lacking in the details of how to find the melody, but your determination will supply you with those details. The longer version is the same basic procedure, but contains more detail. If you have a hard time following either version, consult the resources listed at the end of this section.

The Short Version

Sing the melody, and search one of the major scale forms until you hit a correct note. Do this for all the notes in the song.

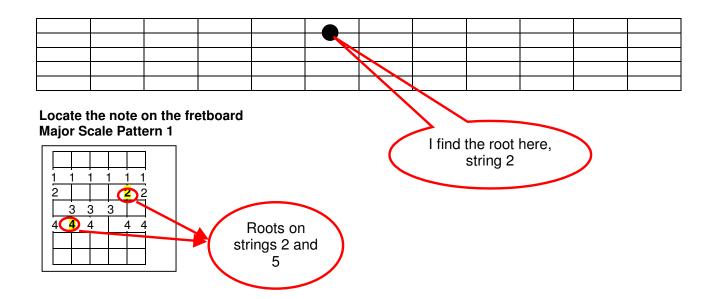
The Long Version

Once you've chosen a song and your guitar is in tune, the next thing to do is sing.

- Sing the song several times to get familiar with it. Sing it slowly.
- Slow down your singing even further. But, make sure you can still detect the melody.
- Choose a note that sounds like the most final or restful or stationary note. This may be a note that sustains for a moment, without other notes to follow it. Here's an example of the most restful note, from Joy to the World. I sing the first phrase slowly: "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come." I hear that last word, "Come," as the most restful note. I choose that as the key.

It's important to correctly identify the key. If you don't, you may not have much success with this procedure. The key note is not necessarily the first or last note of a song, though it is sometimes. Here's another example of a key note: in the Christmas tune "Silent Night," the note that you sing "peace" on - "...sleep in heavenly peace" - is the key note. Sing this tune and notice how that note is the most restful or final.

- Find this key note on the guitar. Keep choosing notes until you find it.
- Match up a major scale form with this note. This means you use the key note to find one of the major scale forms. See the figures below.
- Next, sing the note that comes before the key note.
- Is it higher or lower than the key note? I play notes from the scale pattern until I find it.
- Once I've found it, I now have two notes. I find the third from the last note in the same way. I ask, "Does it sound higher or lower than the second to last note?" I play notes from the scale pattern until I find it.
- Continue this process until you've found all the notes in the melody



There are some variations and details on this process that may make things easier for you. Instead of working backward through the notes, you can work forward through the notes, one after the other. Also, you want to constantly be using your voice to test the notes you find. It's much easier to play by ear when you sing as well as listen. Last, constant repetition of the notes you learn is important. Play what you know over and over.

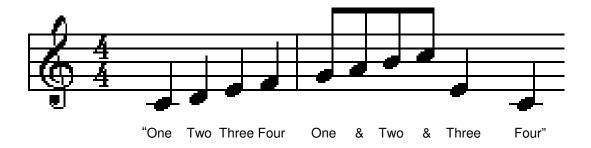
Resources

Playing by Ear, from MaximumMusician.com:
www.maximummusician.com/PlayGuitarByEarIntro.htm
Figuring out songs by ear, by Ron Lukiv. web.cuug.ab.ca/~lukivr/Ear.html

Introduction to Reading Music

You don't need to learn how to read standard music notation to play guitar. In fact, many guitarists can't read music. They rely on other forms of notation, and they also learn songs by ear. If you do want to read music, start on this page. What follows is a crash course in standard notation.

Here's how to count the rhythm of a simple piece:



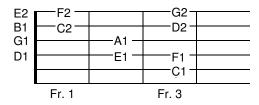
How long does each note last?

One whole note equals 2 half notes equals 4 quarter notes equals 8 eighth notes:



Where are the notes on the guitar?





Frets 1 through 3

Note: For many notes, there is more than one place to play the note. For example C1 is found in these places:

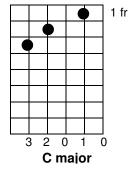
- fret 3, string 5
- fret 8, string 6

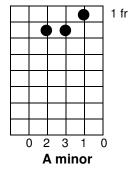
Learn more about reading standard notation at The Introduction to Reading Music, at www.datadragon.com/education/reading, is an effective primer. Learn treble and bass clefs, how to count rhythms, types of rests, and other elements of standard notation.

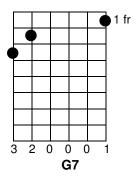
Common open Position Chords

Here are chords for the keys C, E, A, G, D and F. I recommend learning these after you learn the I-vi-IV-V-I song earlier in the book. If you don't, learning these chords by themselves may not make much sense to you.

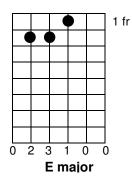
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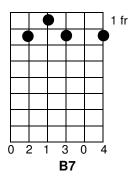




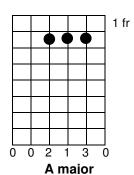


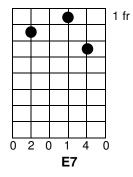
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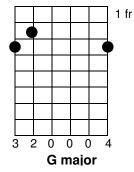


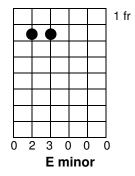
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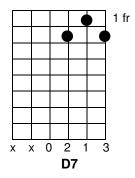




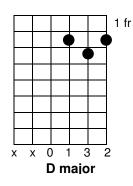
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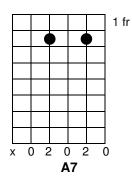




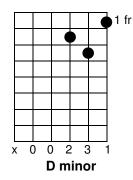


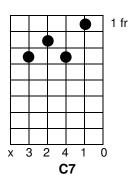
Chords for D Major





Chords for F Major

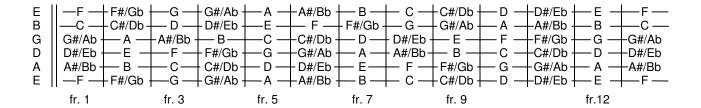




Resources

All About Chords: www.MaximumMusician.com/ChordsIntro.htm GuitarNoise.com on open position chords: www.guitarnoise.com/columns/beginner1.html
Chord dictionary with sound files: hatbox.lib.virginia.edu/text/gtrchord

Notes on the Fretboard



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Congratulations on completing Playing Guitar: a Beginner's Guide. I hope this book has helped you begin to make the sounds you want to make, and has helped you build your skills as a musician and guitarist.

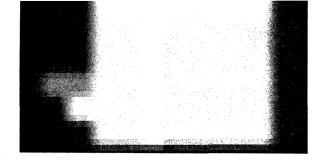
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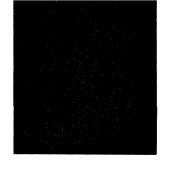
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STRUM AND PICK PATTERNS

This chart contains the suggested strum and pick patterns that are referred to by number at the beginning of each song in this book. The symbols ¬ and v in the strum patterns refer to down and up strokes, respectively. The letters in the pick patterns indicate which right-hand fingers plays which strings.

p = thumb

i = index finger

m = middle finger

a = ring finger

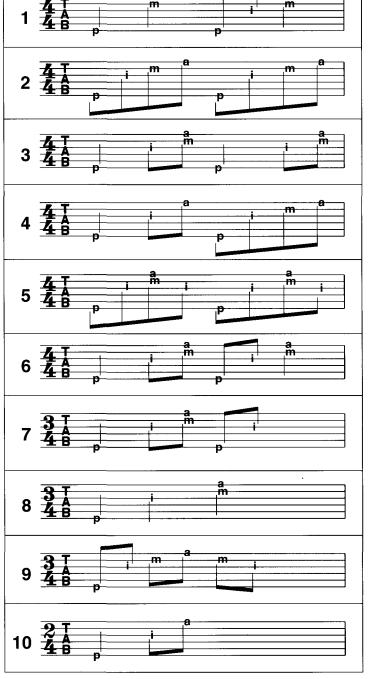
For example; Pick Pattern 2

is played: thumb - index - middle - ring

Strum Patterns

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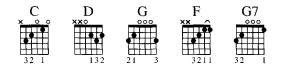
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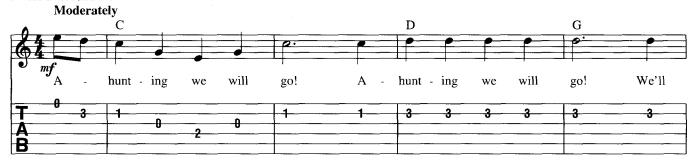
You can use the 3/4 Strum or Pick Patterns in songs written in compound meter (6/8, 9/8, 12/8, etc.). For example, you can accompany a song in 6/8 by playing the 3/4 pattern twice in each measure.

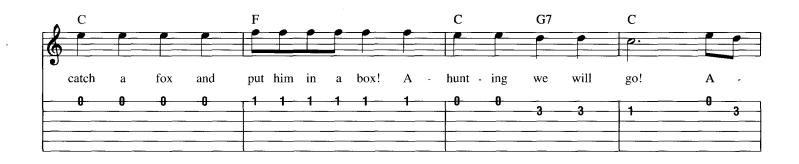
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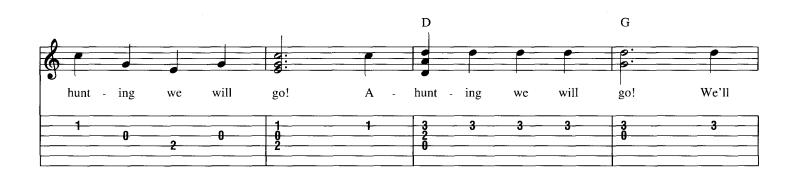
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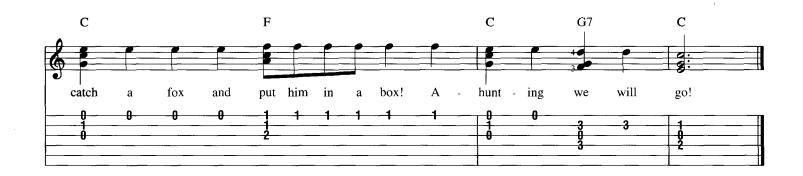


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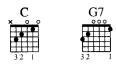






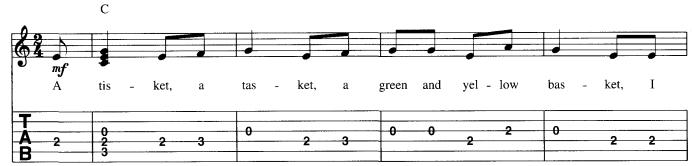
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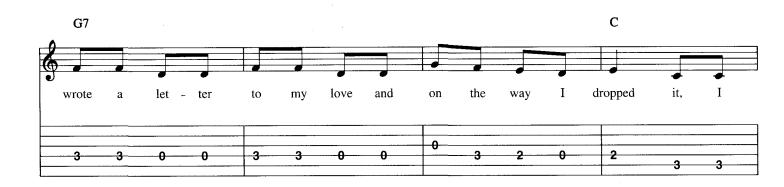
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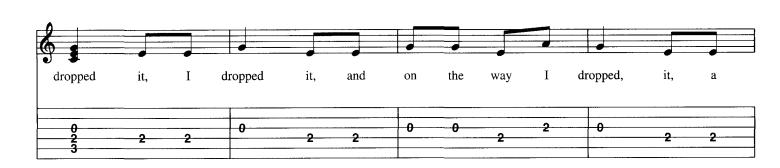


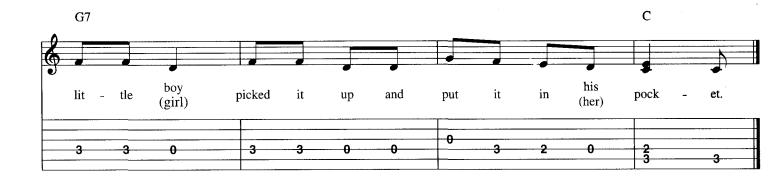
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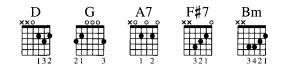




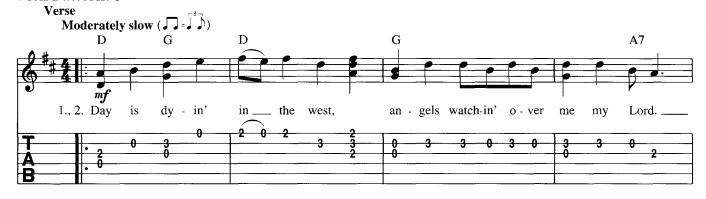


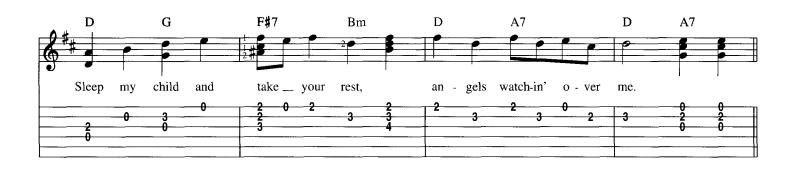
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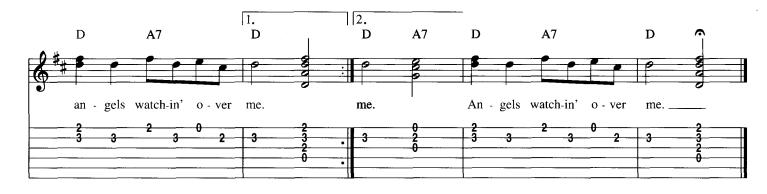


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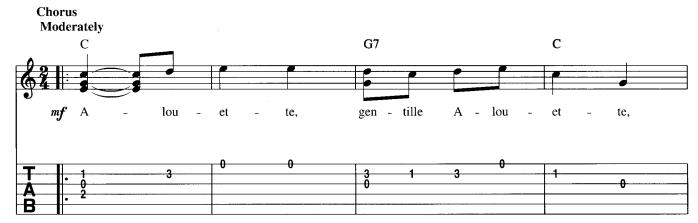


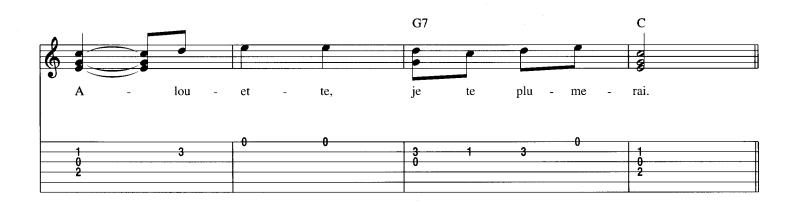
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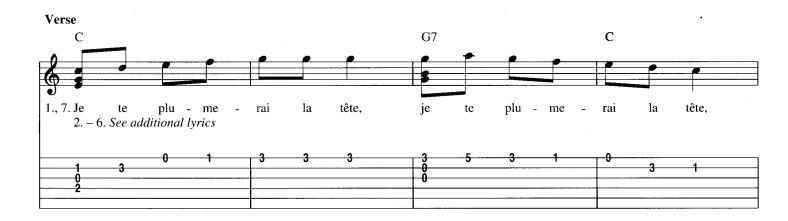
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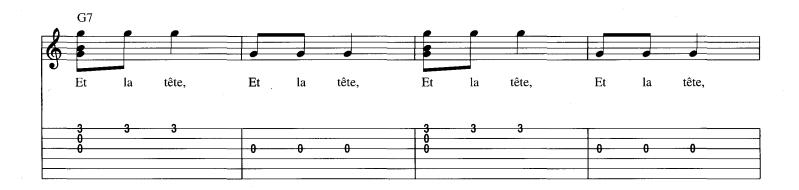


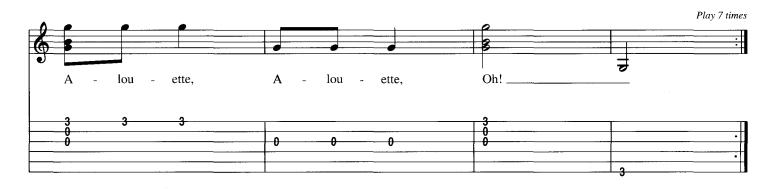


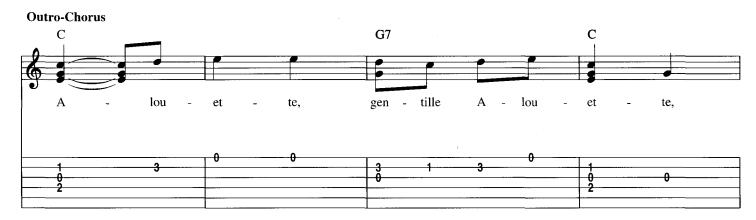


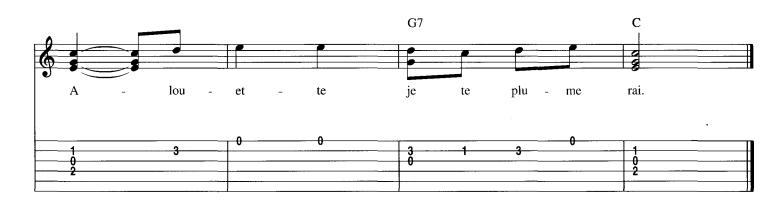










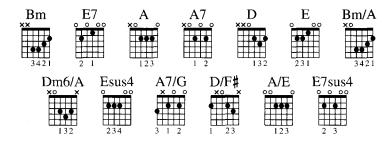


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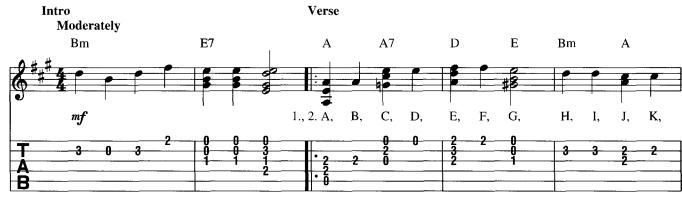
- 2) le bec
- 3) le cou 4) les jambes 5) les pieds 6) les pattes

Alphabet Song

Traditional

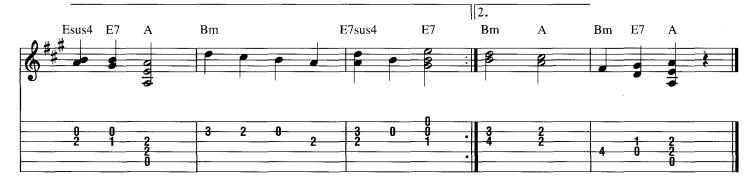


Strum Pattern: 3, 4 Pick Pattern: 3, 4









America, the Beautiful

Words by Katherine Lee Bates Music by Samuel A. Ward

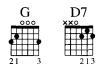


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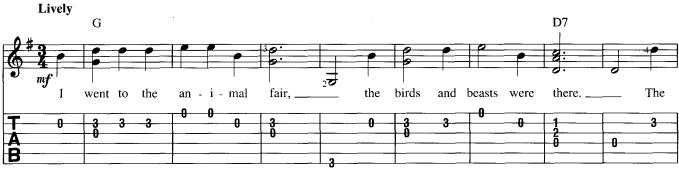
O beautiful for patriot dream
 That sees beyond the years,
 Thine alabaster cities gleam
 Undimmed by human tears.
 America! America!
 God shed His grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood

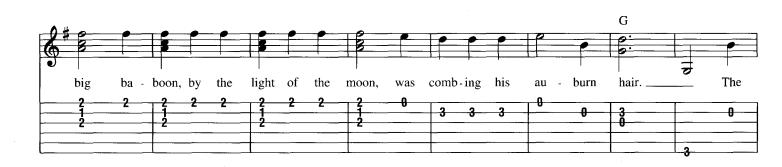
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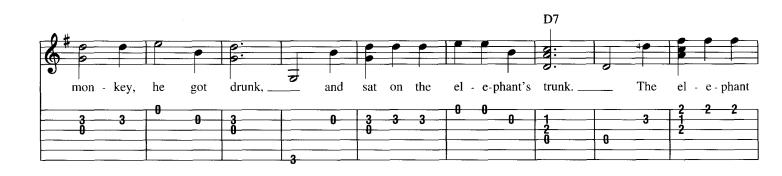
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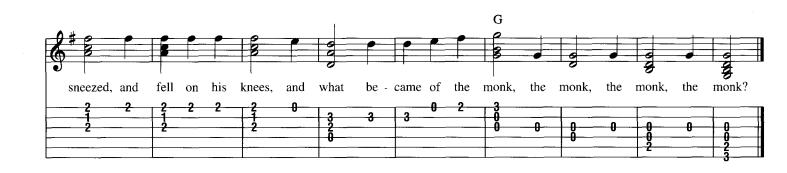


Strum Pattern: 8 Pick Pattern: 8



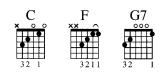




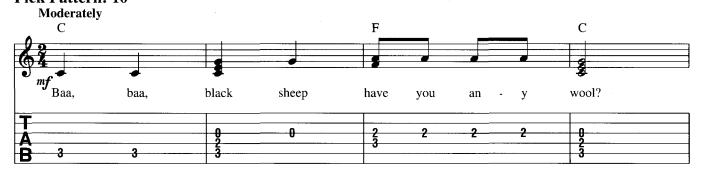


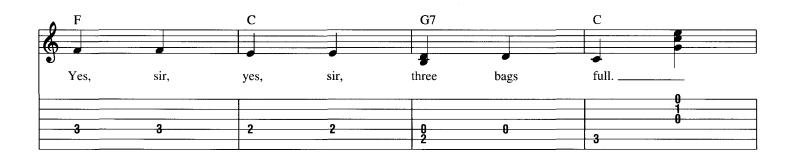
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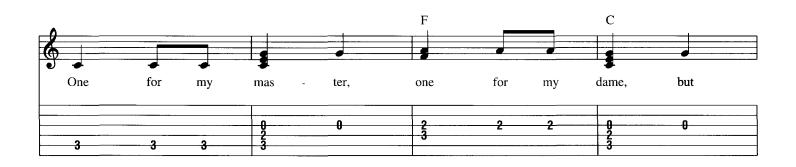
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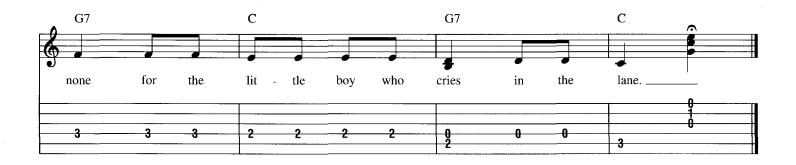


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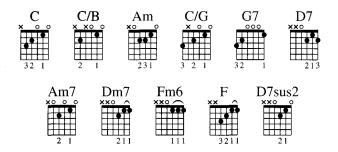




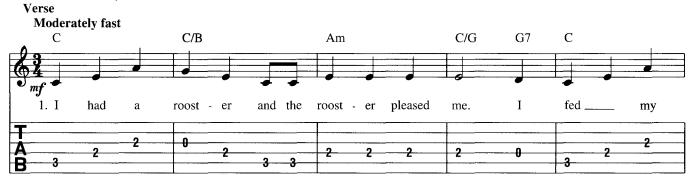


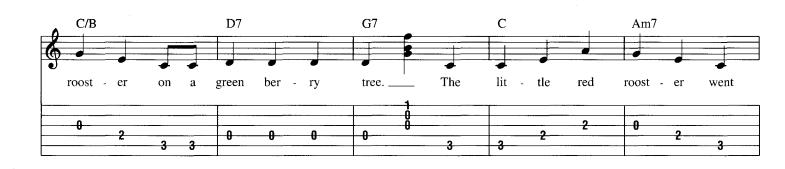
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Traditional

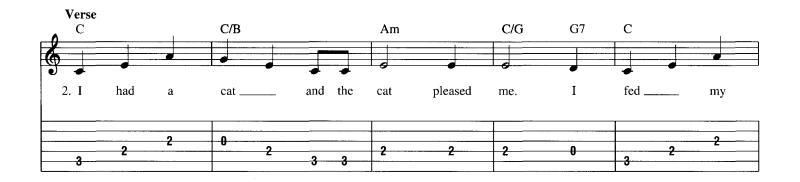


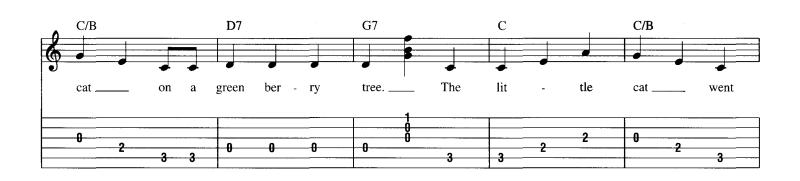
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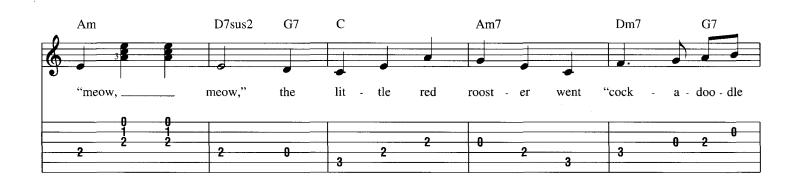


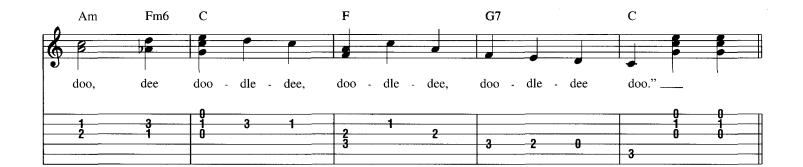


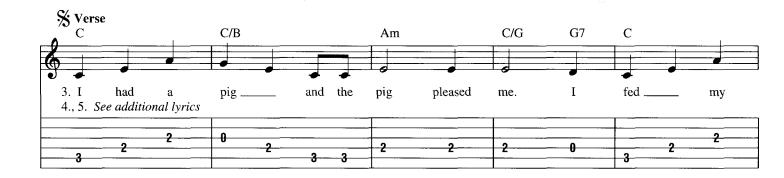


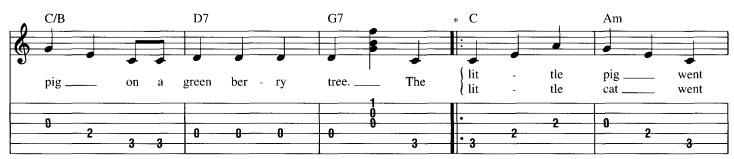




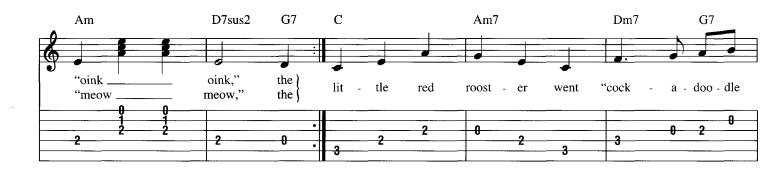


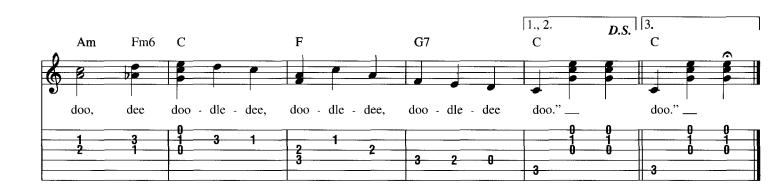






*Verses 4. and 5.: repeat as needed for each animal



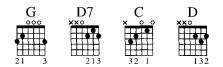


Additional Lyrics

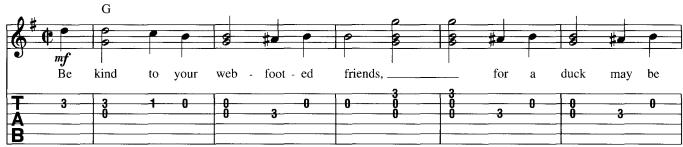
- 4. I had a cow and the cow pleased me.
 I fed my cow on a green berry tree.
 The little cow went "moo, moo."
 The little pig went "oink, oink."
 The little cat went "meow, meow."
 The little red rooster went "cock-a-doodle-doo, Dee doodle-dee, doodle-dee, doodle-dee doo."
- 5. I had a baby and the baby pleased me. I fed my baby on a green berry tree. The little baby went "waah, waah." The little cow went "moo, moo." The little pig went "oink, oink." The little cat went "meow, meow." The little red rooster went "cock-a-doodle-doo, Dee doodle-dee, doodle-dee, doodle-dee doo."

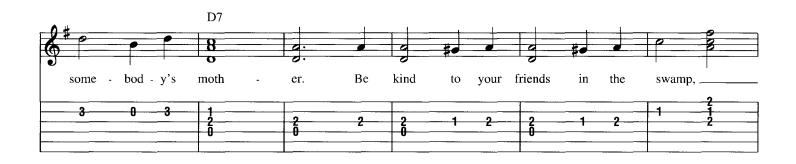
Be Kind to Your Web-Footed Friends

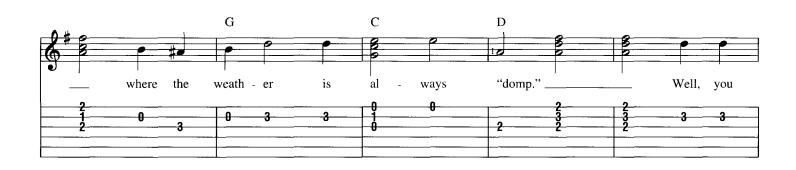
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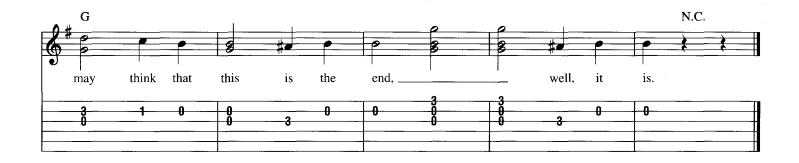


Strum Pattern: 3, 4 Pick Pattern: 1, 3 Moderate March



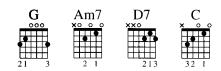




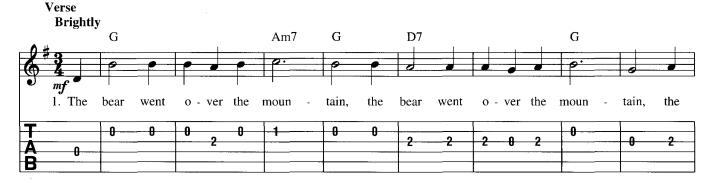


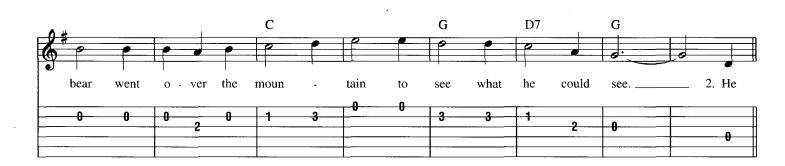
The Bear Went Over the Mountain

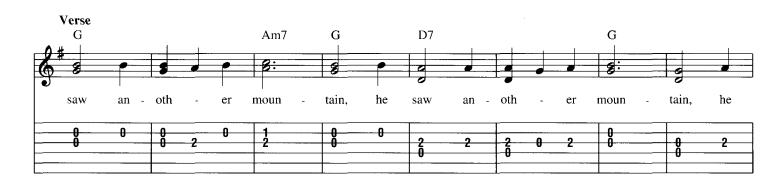
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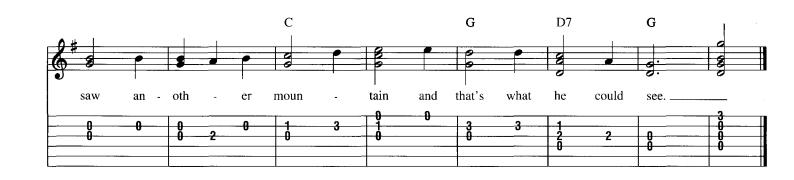


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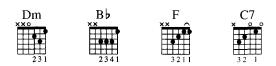




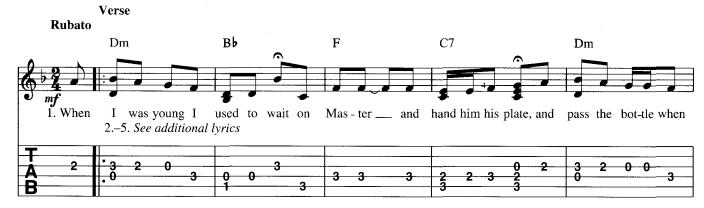
The Bluetail Fly

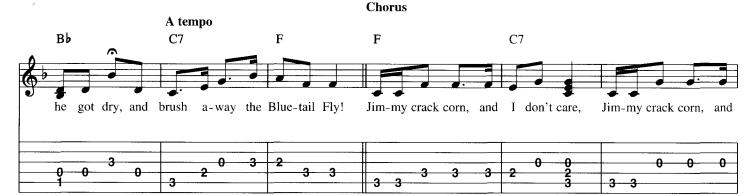
(Jimmy Crack Corn)

Words and Music by Daniel Decatur Emmett



Strum Pattern: 10 Pick Pattern: 10







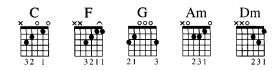
Additional Lyrics

- And when he'd ride in the afternoon,
 I'd follow after with a hickory broom;
 The pony being very shy,
 When bitten by the Bluetail Fly!
- 3. One day while riding round the farm, The flies so numerous they did swarm; One changed to bite him on the thigh, The devil take the Bluetail Fly!

- 4. The pony run, he jump, he kick, He threw my Master in the ditch; He died and the jury wondered why, The verdict was the Bluetail Fly!
- 5. They laid him under a 'simmon tree, His epitaph is there to see: "Beneath this stone Jim forced to lie, A victim of the Bluetail Fly!"

Bingo

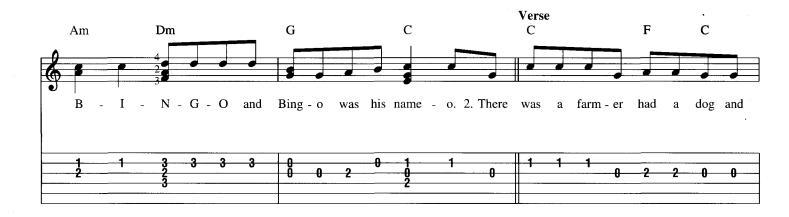
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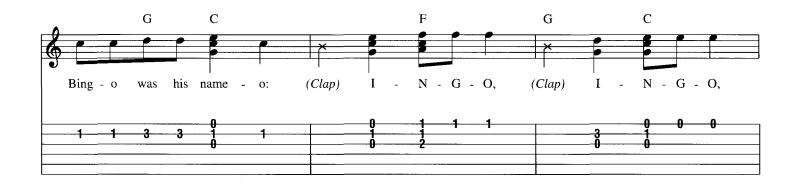


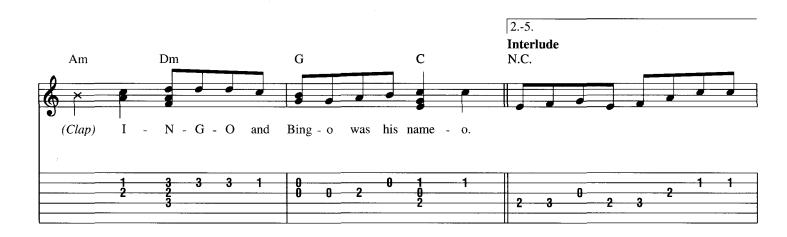
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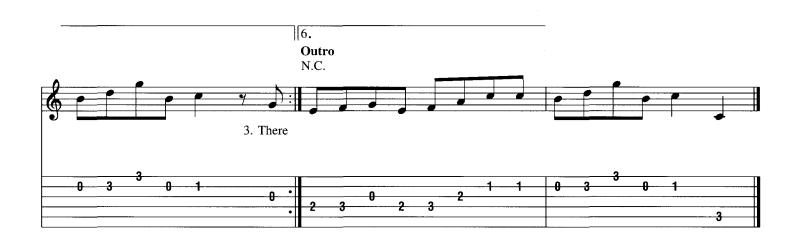










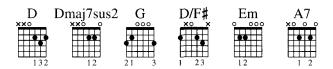


Additional Lyrics

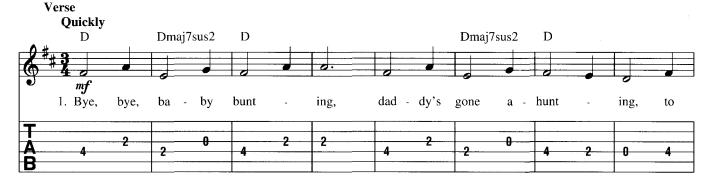
- 3. There was a farmer had a dog and Bingo was his name-o:
 - N-G-O, - N-G-O, - N-G-O
 And Bingo was his name-O:
- 4. There was a farmer had a dog and Bingo was his name-o:
 - G-O, - G-O,
 And Bingo was his name-O:
- 5. There was a farmer had a dog and Bingo was his name-o: - O, - - O, - - O

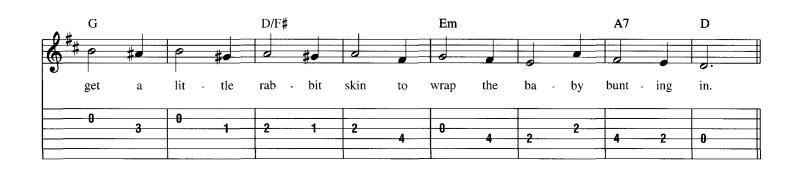
Bye, Baby Bunting

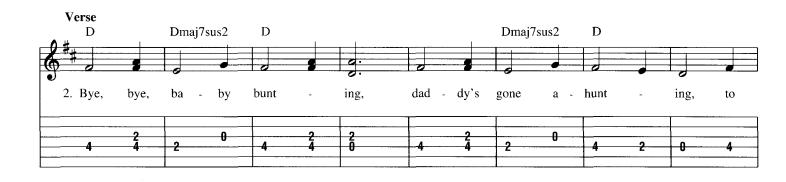
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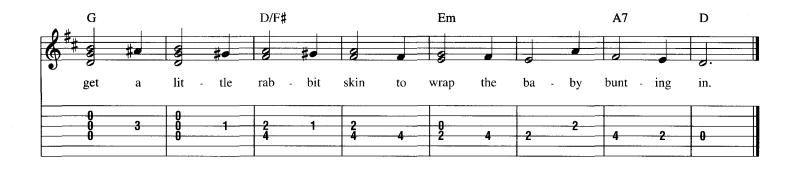


Strum Pattern: 7
Pick Pattern: 7



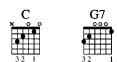






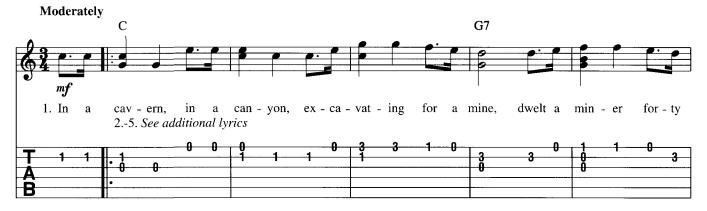
(Oh, My Darling) Clementine

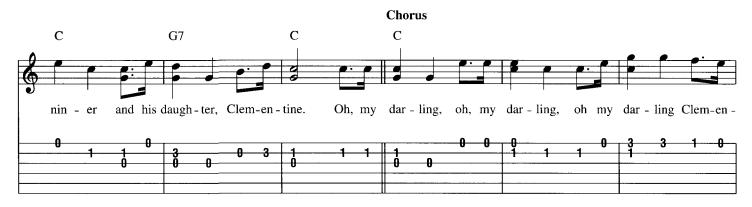
Words and Music by Percy Montrose

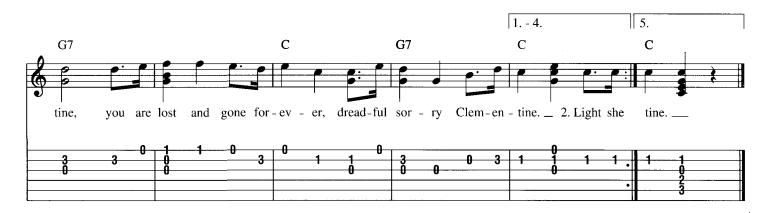


Strum Pattern: 9 Pick Pattern: 7

Verse







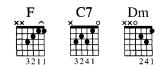
Additional Lyrics

- 2. Light she was and like a fairy
 And her shoes were number nine,
 Herring boxes without topses
 Sandals were for Clementine.
- 3. Drove she ducklings to the water Ev'ry morning just at nine,
 Stubbed her toe upon a splinter Fell into the foaming brine

- 4. Ruby lips above the water Blowing bubbles soft and fine, But alas I was no swimmer So I lost my Clementine.
- 5. There's a churchyard on the hillside Where the flowers grow and twine, There grow roses 'mongst the posies Fertilized by Clementine

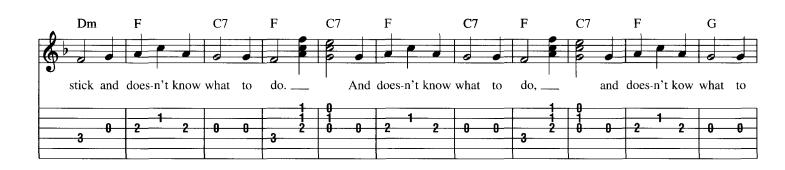
Cock-a-Doodle-Doo

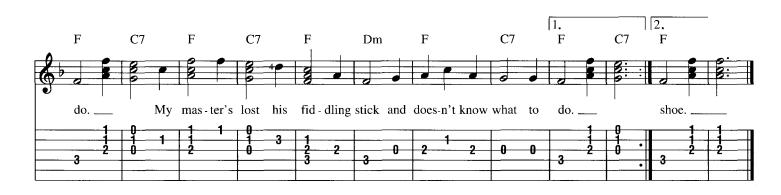
Traditional



Strum Pattern: 7 Pick Pattern: 7





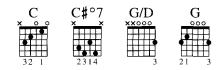


Additional Lyrics

2. Cock-a-doodle doo!
What is my dame to do?
Till master finds his fiddling stick,
She'll dance without her shoe.
She'll dance without her shoe,
She'll dance without her shoe,
Till master finds his fiddling stick,
She'll dance without her shoe.

Do Your Ears Hang Low?

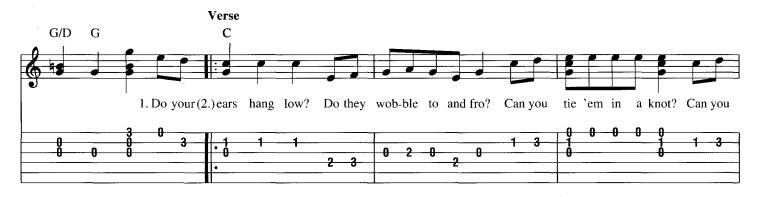
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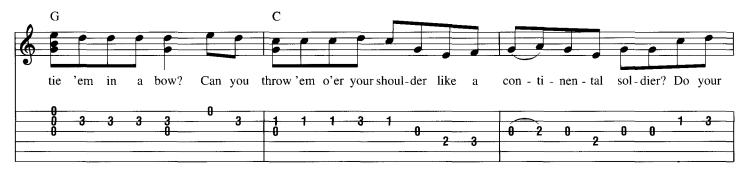


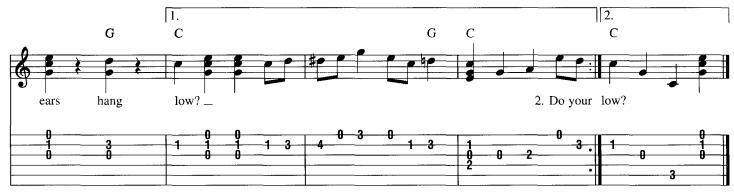
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Intro



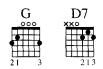




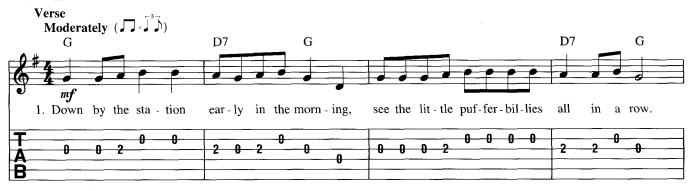


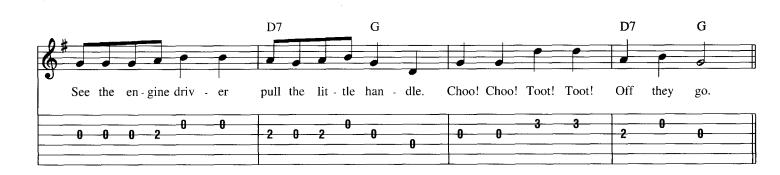
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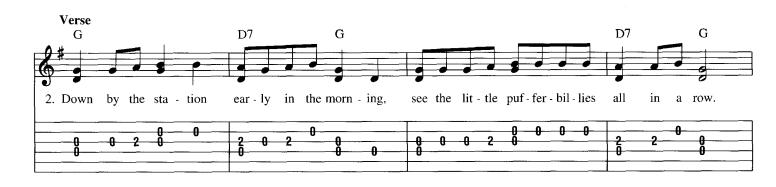
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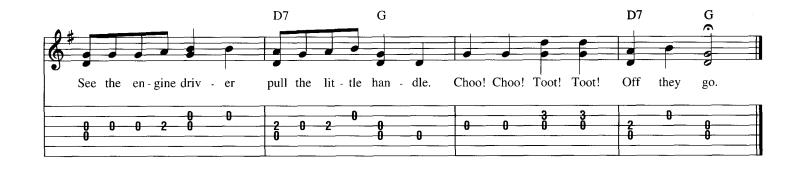


Strum Pattern: 4 Pick Pattern: 3









Dry Bones

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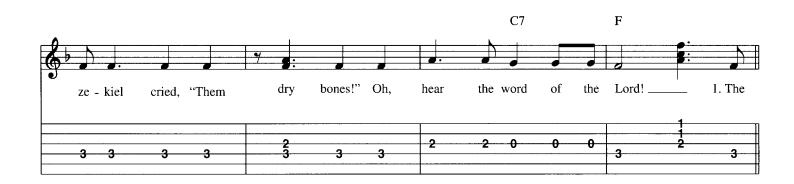
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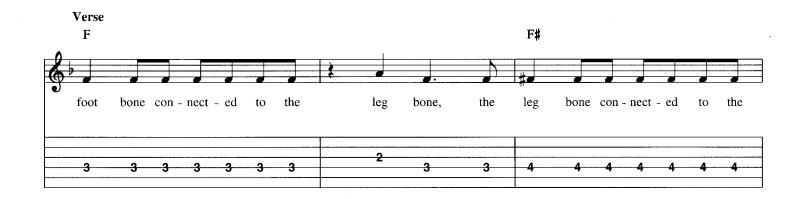
A ...

Bb **

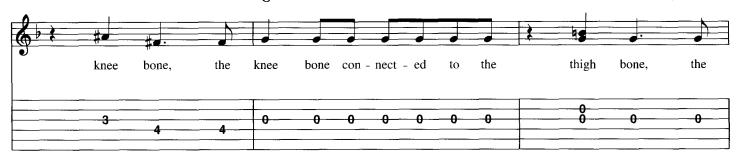
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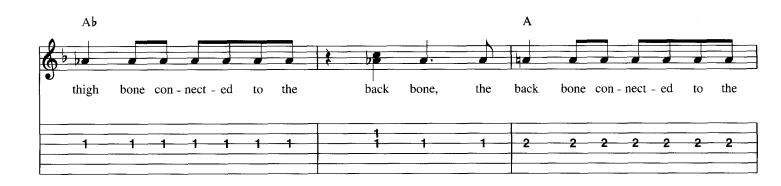
Strum Pattern: 3 Pick Pattern: 3

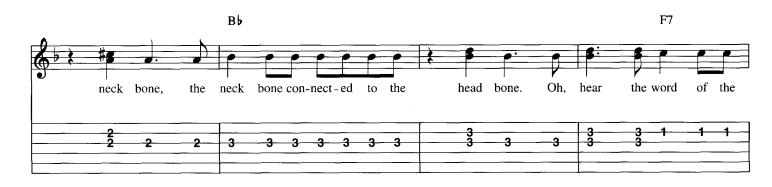


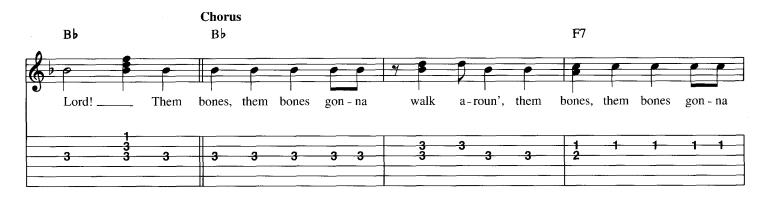


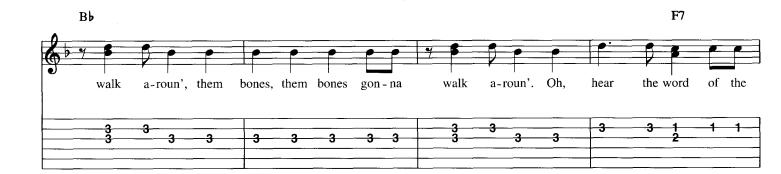


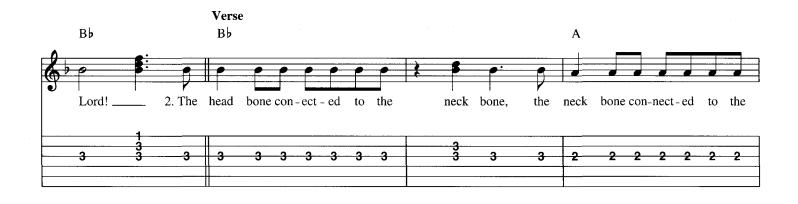


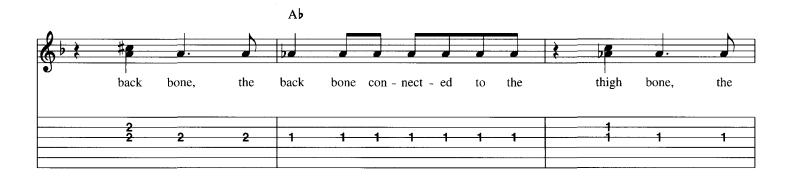


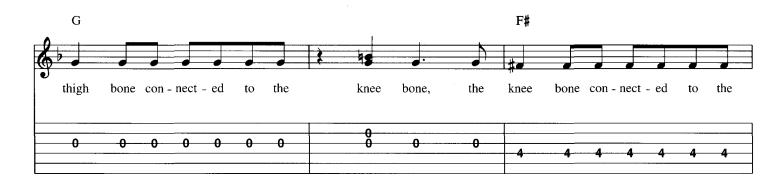


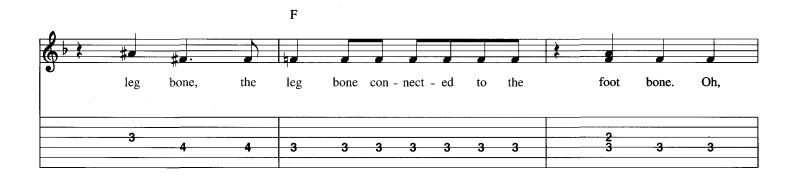


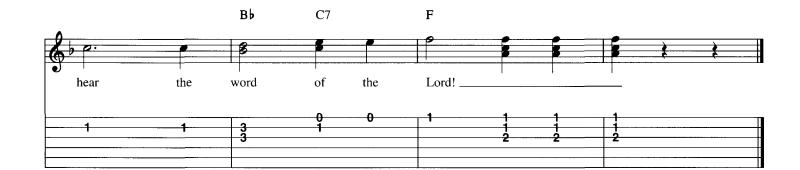






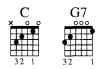






Down in My Heart

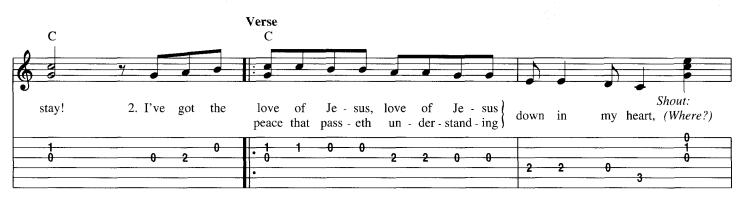
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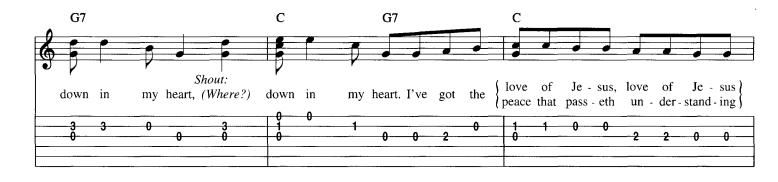


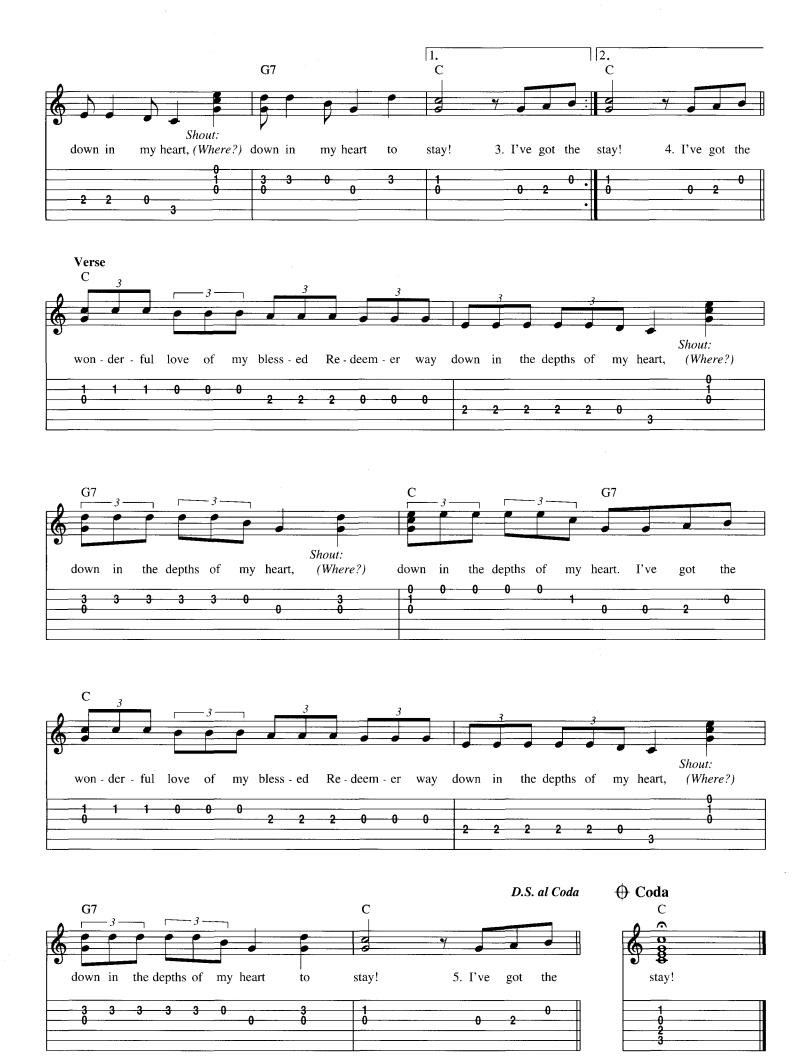
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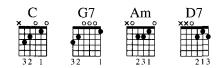






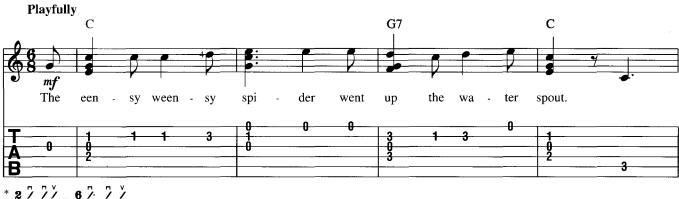
Eensy Weensy Spider

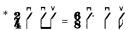
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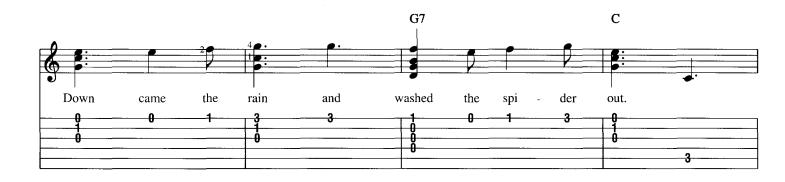


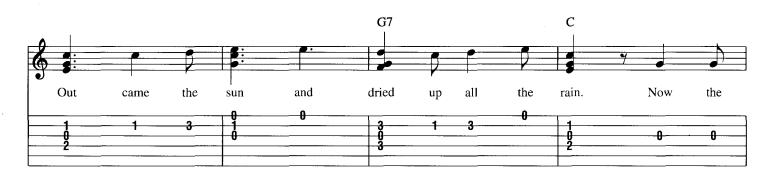
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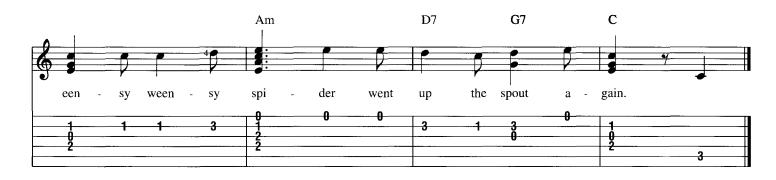






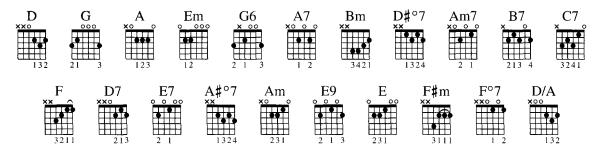




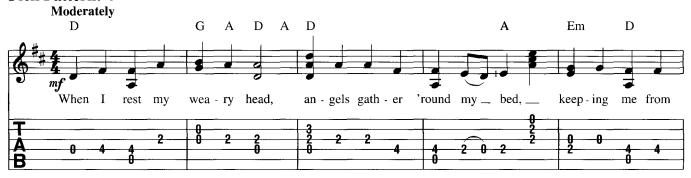


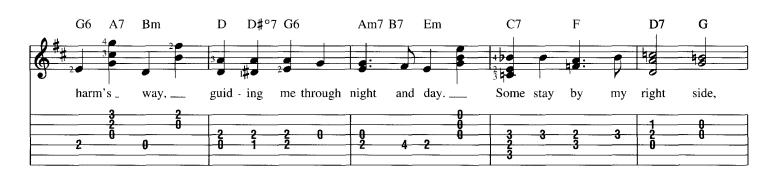
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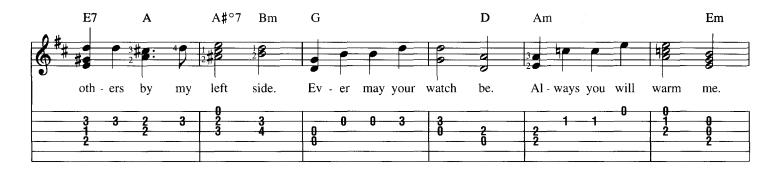
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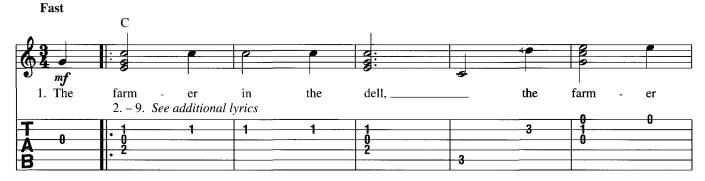


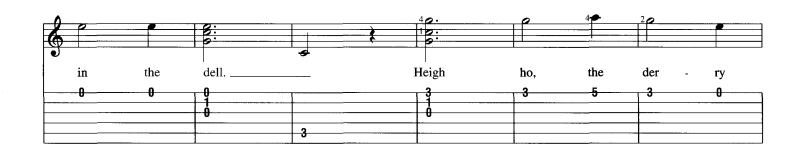
The Farmer in the Dell

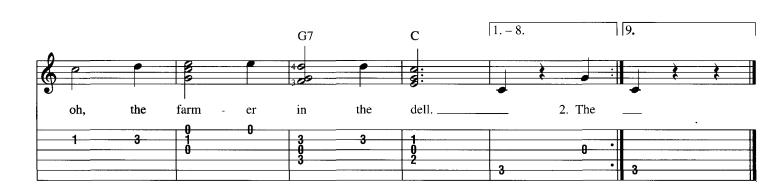
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Strum Pattern: 8 Pick Pattern: 8 Verse







Additional Lyrics

- 2. The farmer takes a wife, The farmer takes a wife, Heigh ho, the derry oh, The farmer takes a wife.
- 3. The wife takes a child, etc.

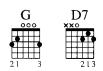
4. The child takes a nurse, etc.

- - 6. The dog takes a cat, etc.

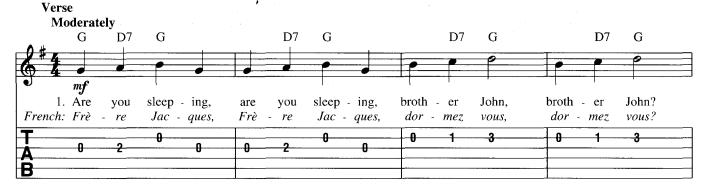
5. The nurse takes a dog, etc.

- 7. The cat takes a rat, etc.
- 8. The rat takes the cheese, etc.
- 9. The cheese stands alone, etc.

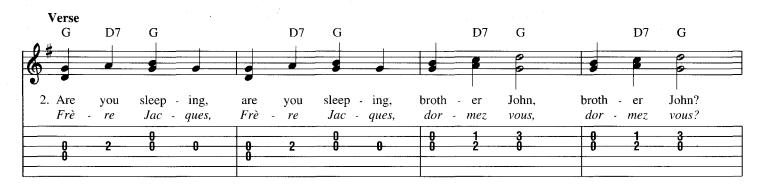
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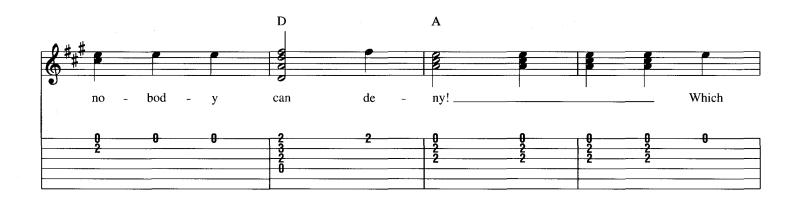


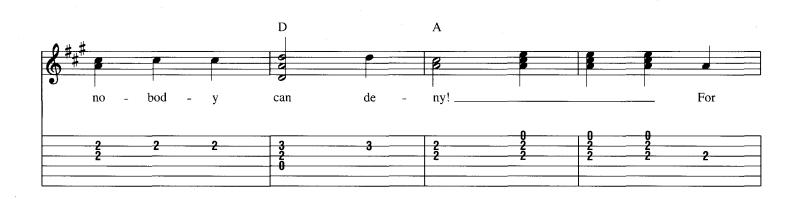


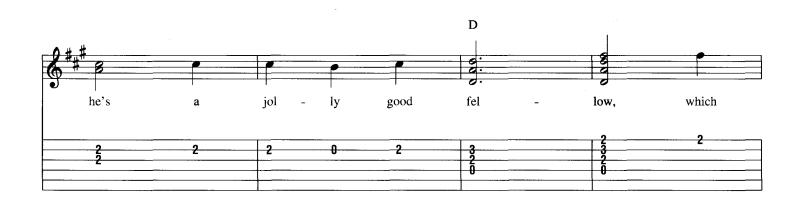


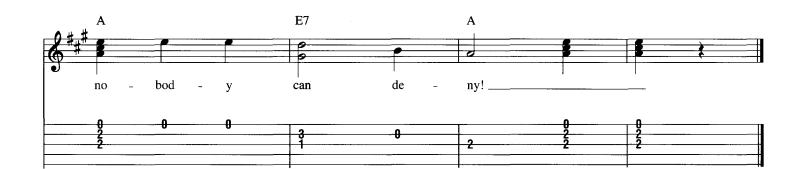
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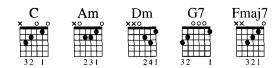




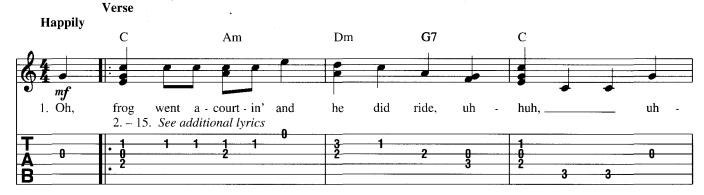


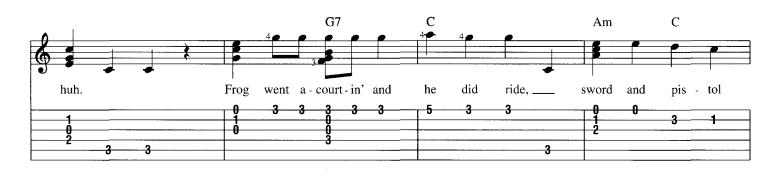
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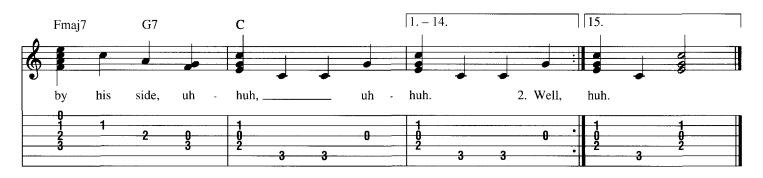
Traditional



Strum Pattern: 4 Pick Pattern: 5







Additional Lyrics

- 2. Well, he rode down to Miss Mousie's door, uh-huh, uh-huh,
 3. He took Miss Mousie on his knee, uh-huh, uh-huh, Well, he rode down to Miss Mousie's door, Where he had often been before, uh-huh, uh-huh.
 - He took Miss Mousie on his knee, Said, "Miss Mousie will you marry me?" Uh-huh, uh-huh.

- 4. "I'll have to ask my Uncle Rat, etc. See what he will say to that." etc.
- 5. "Without my Uncle Rat's consent, I would not marry the President."
- 6. Well, Uncle Rat laughed And shook his fat sides,
- To think his niece would be a bride. 7. Well, Uncle Rat rode off to town,

To buy his niece a wedding gown.

- 8. "Where will the wedding supper be?" "Way down yonder in a hollow tree."
- 9. "What will the wedding supper be?" "A fried mosquito and a roasted flea."
- 10. First to come in were two little ants,
- Fixing around to have a dance. 11. Next to come in was a bumble bee,

Bouncing a fiddle on his knee.

13. Thinks himself a man indeed, Because he chews the tobacco weed.

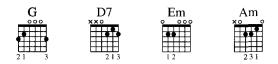
12. Next to come in was a fat sassy lad,

Thinks himself as big as his dad.

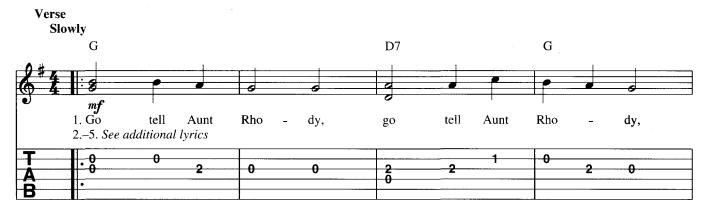
- 14. And next to come in was a big tomcat, He swallowed the frog And the mouse and the rat.
- 15. Next to come in was a big old snake, He chased the party into the lake.

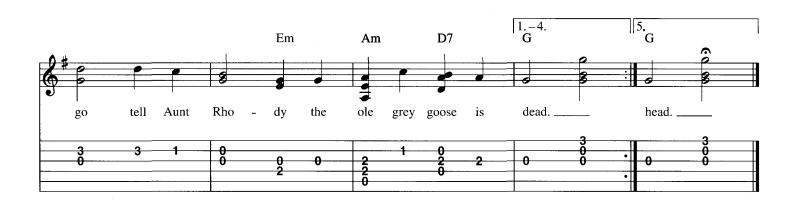
Go Tell Aunt Rhody

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Strum Pattern: 3 Pick Pattern: 3

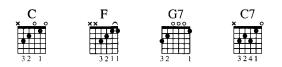




- 2. The one she was saving, The one she was saving, The one she was saving, To make a feather bed.
- 3. The gander is weeping,
 The gander is weeping,
 The gander is weeping,
 Because his wife is dead.
- 4. The goslings are crying,
 The goslings are crying,
 The goslings are crying,
 Because their mama's dead.
- She died in the water,
 She died in the water,
 She died in the water,
 With her heels above her head.

Git Along, Little Dogies

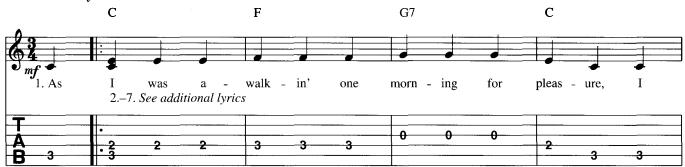
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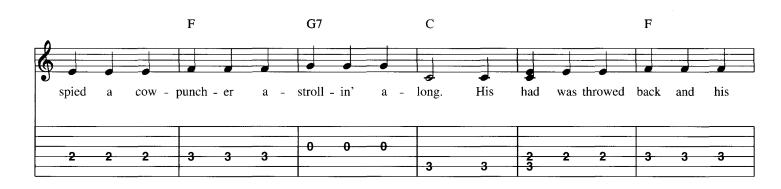


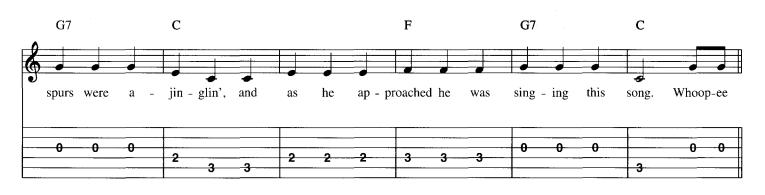
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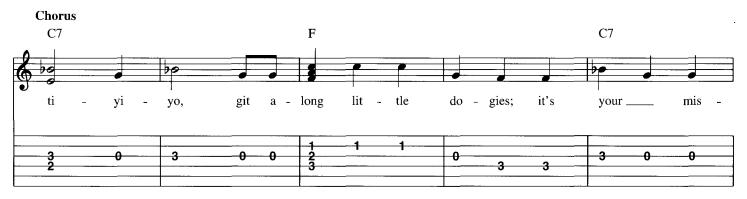
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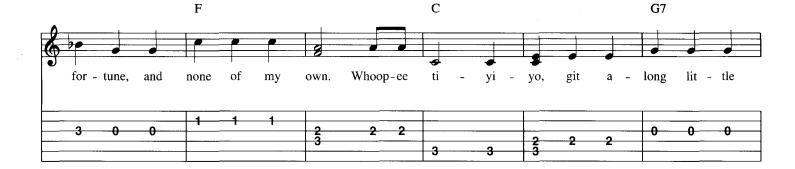
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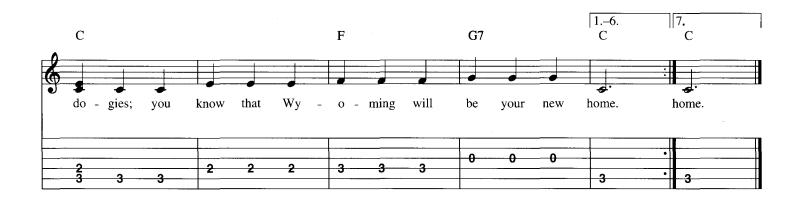








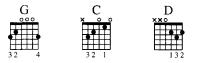




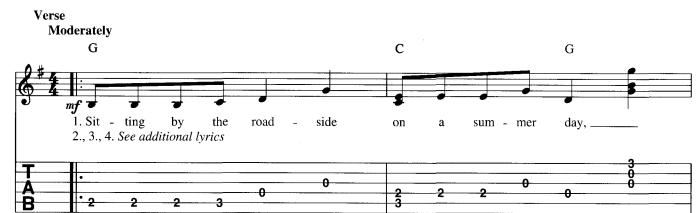
- Early in the springtime we'll round up the dogies, Slap on their brands and bob off their tails; Round up our horses, load up the chuck wagon, Then throw those dogies upon the trail.
- 3. It's whooping and yelling and driving the dogies, Oh, how I wish you would go on. It's whooping and punching and go on, little dogies, For you know Wyoming will be your new home.
- 4. Some of the boys goes up the trails for pleasure, But that's where they git it most awfully wrong; For you haven't any idea the trouble they give us, When we go driving them dogies along.
- When the night comes on and we hold them on the bed-ground,
 These little dogies that roll on so slow;
 Roll up the herd and cut out the strays,
 And roll the little dogies that never rolled before.
- 6. Your mother she was raised way down in Texas, Where the jimson weed and sandburs grow; Now we'll fill you up on prickly pear and cholla, Till you are ready for the trail to Idaho.
- 7. Oh, you'll be soup for Uncle Sam's Injuns, "It's beef, heap beef," I hear them cry. Git along, git along, git along, little dogies, You're going to be beef steers by and by.

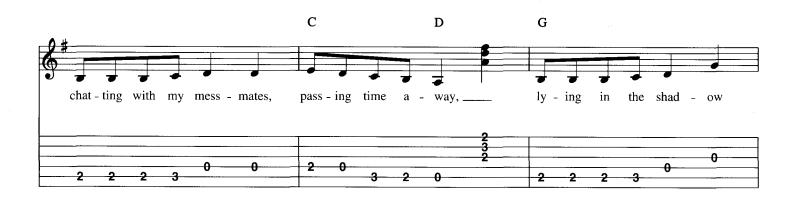
Goober Peas

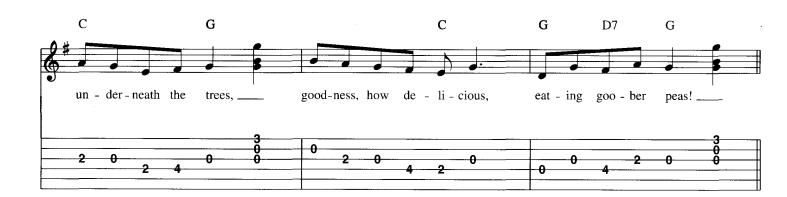
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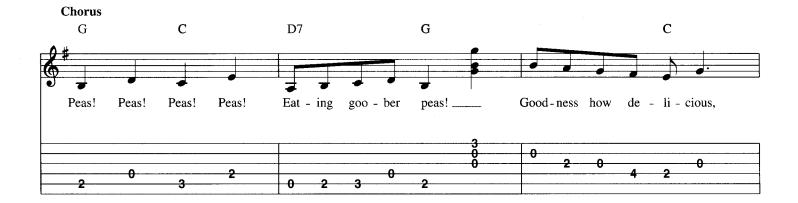


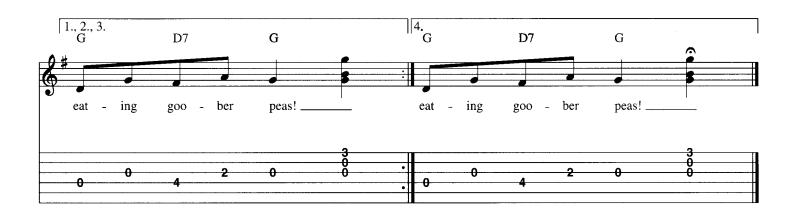
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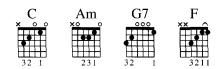




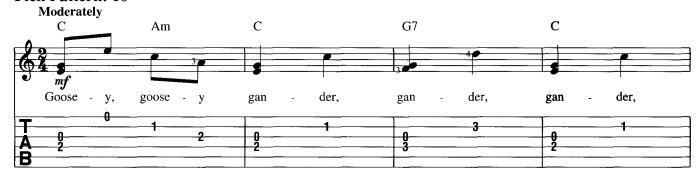
- 2. When a horseman passes, the soldiers have a rule, To cry out at their loudest, "Mister, here's your mule!" But another pleasure enchantinger than these, Is wearing out your grinders, eating goober peas!
- 3. Just before the battle the Gen'ral hears a row,
 He says, "The Yanks are coming, I hear their rifles now."
 He turns around in wonder, and what do you think he sees?
 The Georgia Militia—eating goober peas!
- 4. I think my song has lasted almost long enough, The subject's interesting, but rhymes are mighty rough, I wish this war was over, when free from rags and fleas, We'd kiss our wives and sweethearts and gobble goober peas!

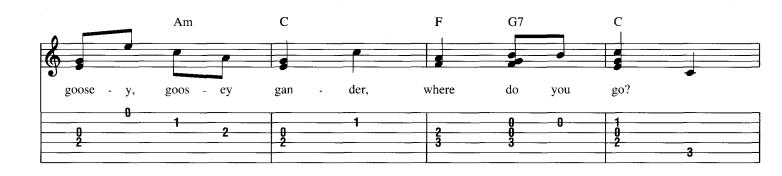
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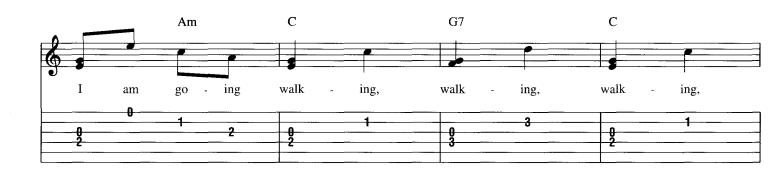
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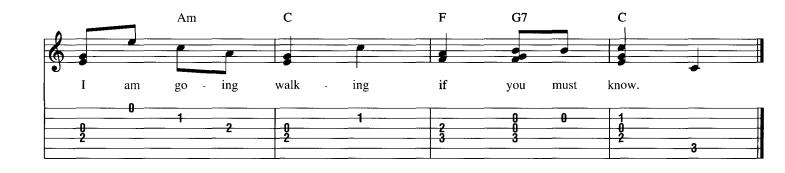


Strum Pattern: 10 Pick Pattern: 10









Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here

Words by D.A. Esrom

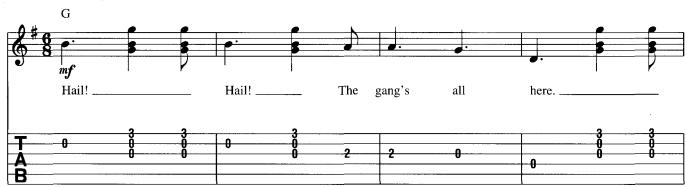
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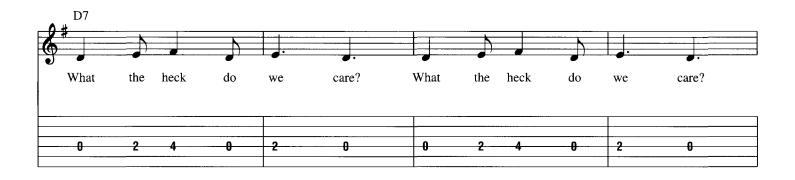


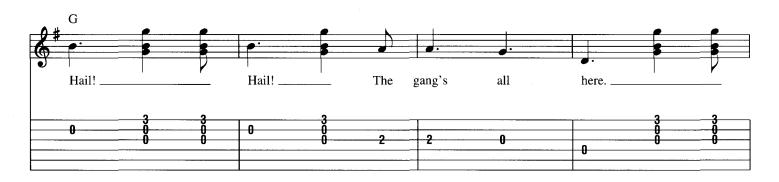


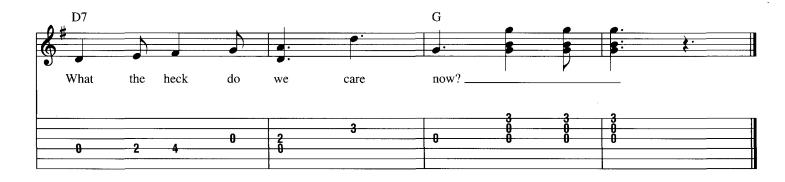
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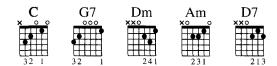




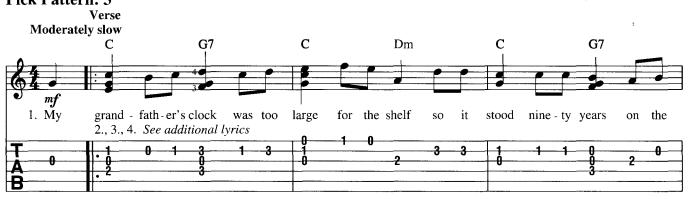


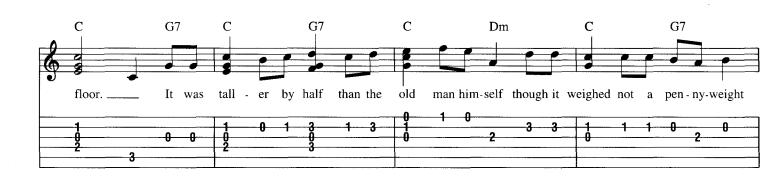
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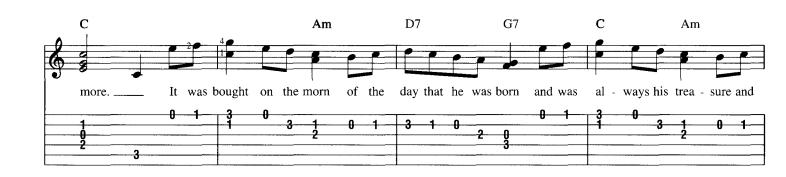
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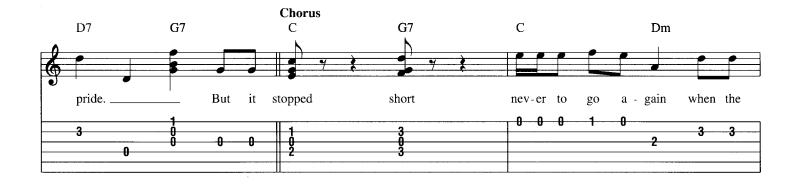


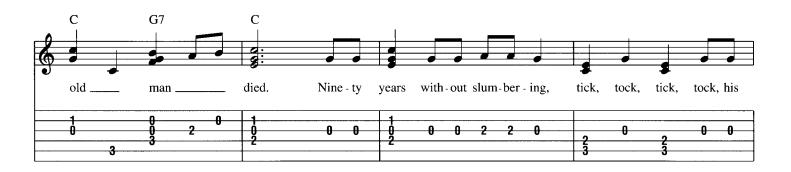


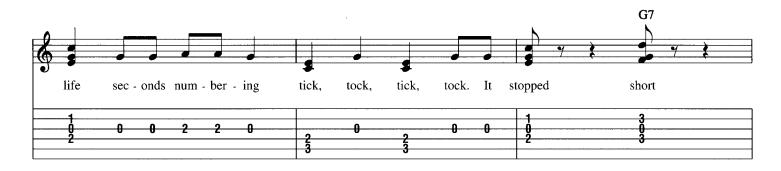


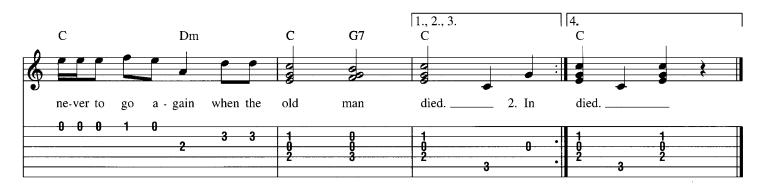








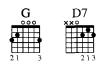




- In watching its pendulum swing to and fro,
 Many hours had he spent while a boy;
 And in childhood and manhood the clock seemed to know,
 And to share both his grief and his joy.
 For it struck twenty-four when he entered at the door,
 With a blooming and beautiful bride.
- 3. My grandfather said that of those he could hire,
 Not a servant so faithful he found;
 For it wasted no time, and had but one desire,
 At the close of each week to be wound.
 And it kept in its place, not a frown upon its face,
 And its hands never hung by its side.
- 4. It rang an alarm in the dead of the night, An alarm that for years had been dumb; And we knew that his spirit was pluming its flight, That his hour of departure had come. Still the clock kept the time, with a soft and muffled chime, As we silently stood by his side.

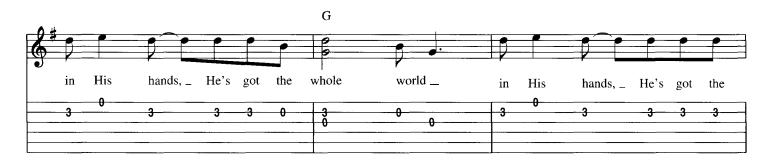
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

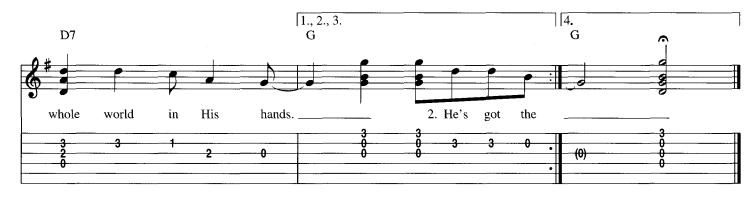
Traditional Spiritual



Strum Pattern: 3, 4 Pick Pattern: 1, 3

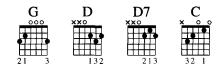




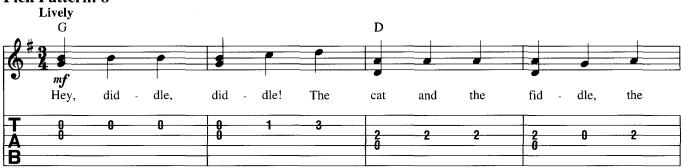


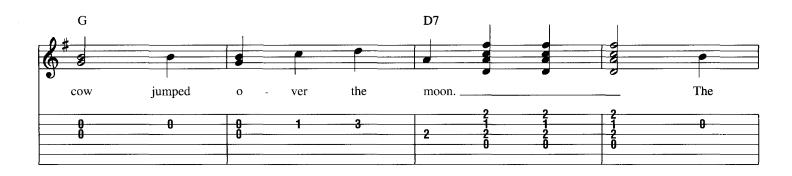
- 2. He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.
- 3. He's got the tiny little baby in His hands, He's got the tiny little baby in His hands, He's got the tiny little baby in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.
- 4. He's got you and me, brother, in his hands, He's got you and me, sister, in his hands, He's got you and me, brother, in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands.

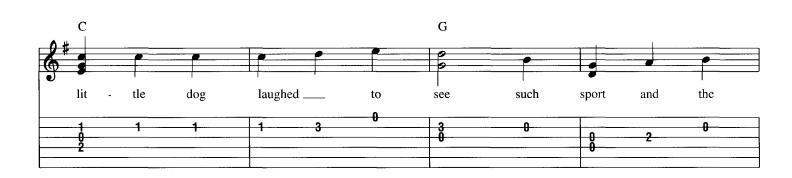
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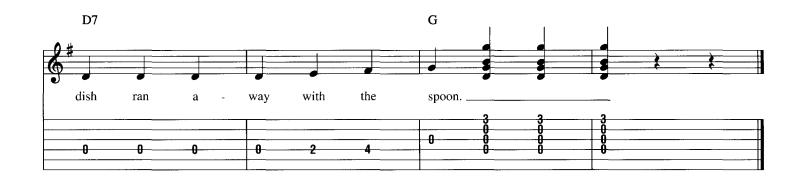




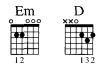


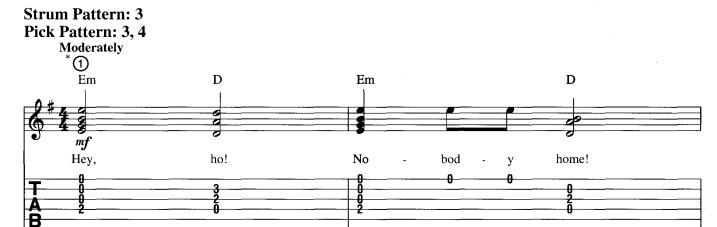




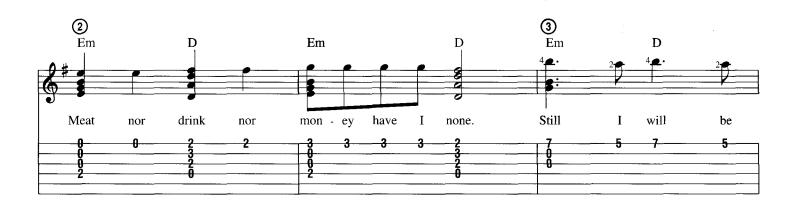


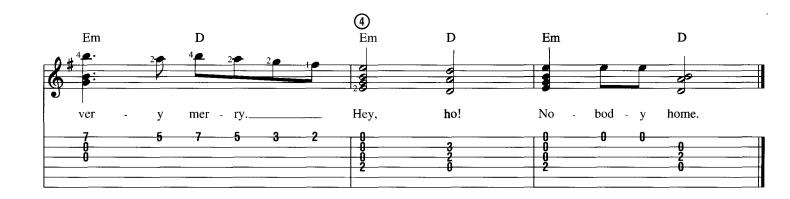
Hey, Ho! Nobody Home





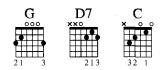
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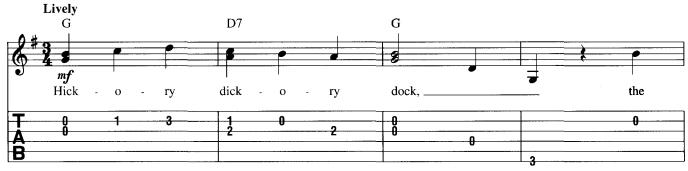
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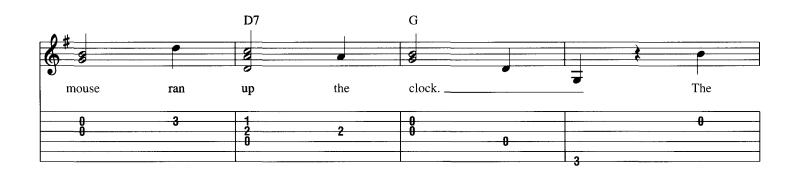
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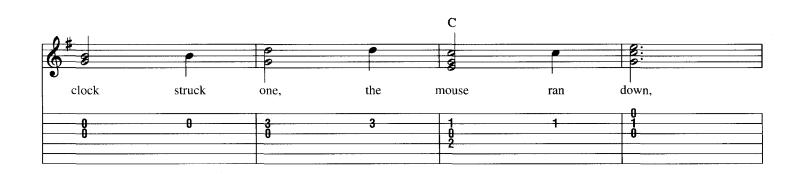


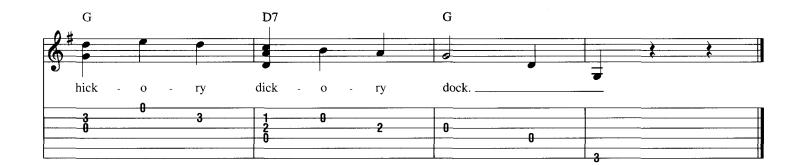
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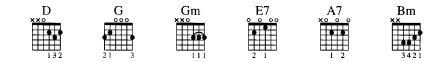




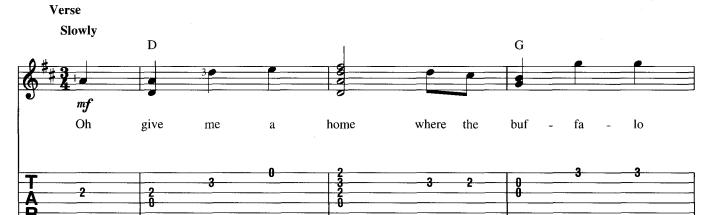


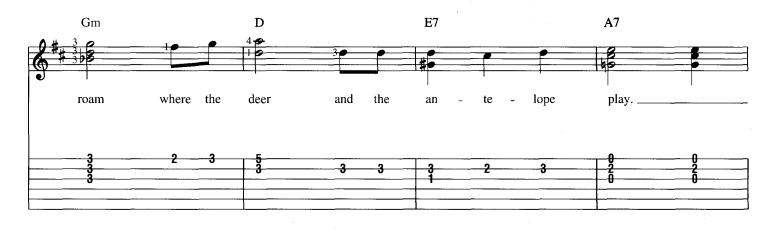
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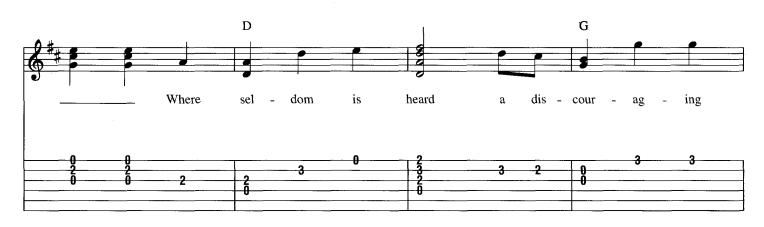
Lyrics by Dr. Brewster Higley Music by Dan Kelly



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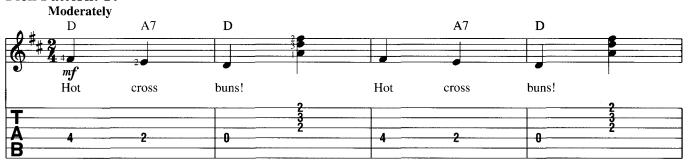


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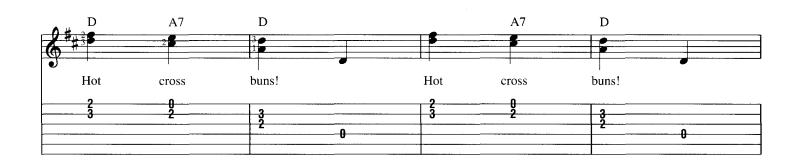
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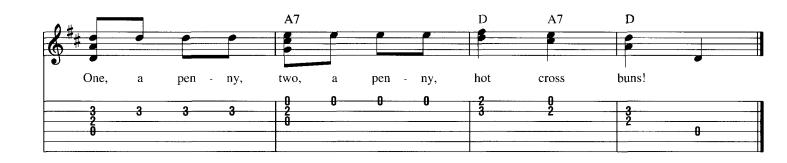


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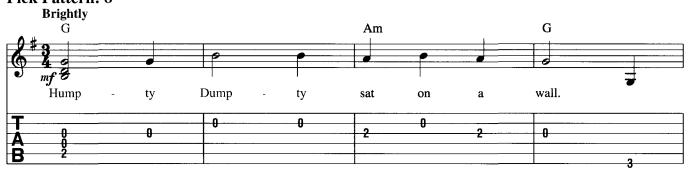


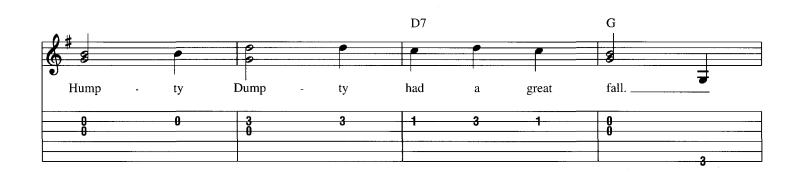


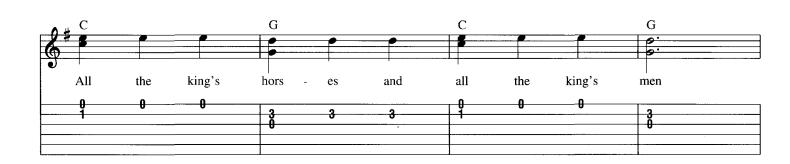
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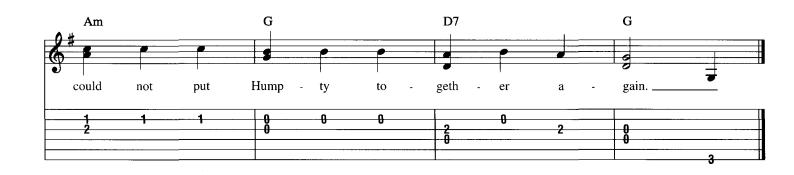






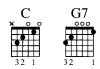






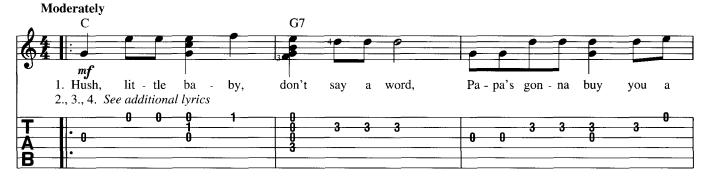
Hush, Little Baby

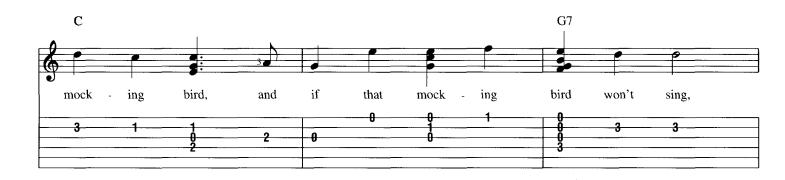
Carolina Folk Lullaby

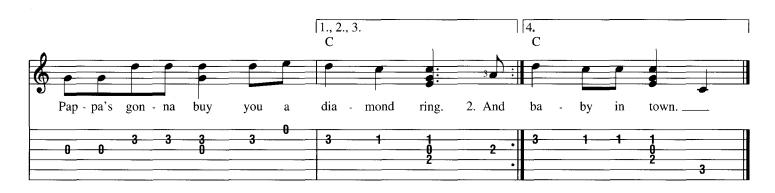


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Verse



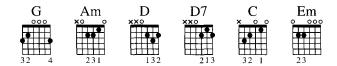




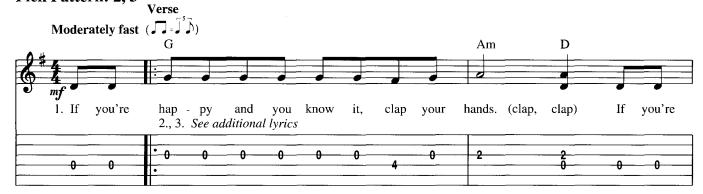
- And if that diamond ring is brass,
 Papa's gonna buy you a looking glass.
 And if that looking glass gets broke,
 Papa's gonna buy you a billy goat.
- 3. And if that billy goat don't pull,
 Papa's gonna buy you a cart and bull.
 And if that cart and bull turn over,
 Papa's gonna buy you a dog named Rover.
- 4. And if that dog named Rover don't bark, Papa's gonna buy you a horse and cart. And if that horse and cart fall down, You'll still be the sweetest little baby in town.

If You're Happy and You Know It

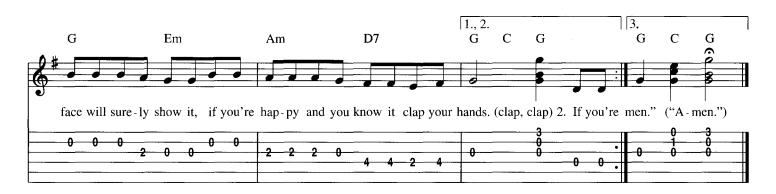
Words and Music by L. Smith



Strum Pattern: 1, 4 Pick Pattern: 2, 5







- 2. If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet. (stomp, stomp) If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet. (stomp, stomp) If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it. If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet. (stomp, stomp)
- 3. If you're happy and you know it, say "Amen." ("Amen.")
 If you're happy and you know it, say "Amen." ("Amen.")
 If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it.
 If you're happy and you know it, say "Amen." ("Amen.")

I've Been Working on the Railroad

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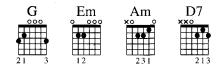


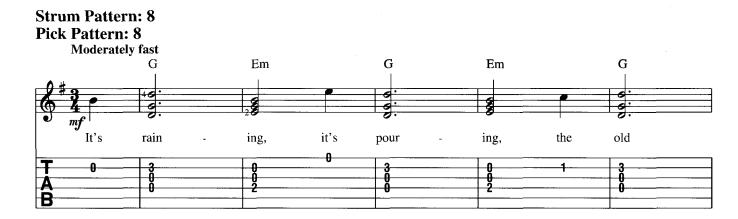
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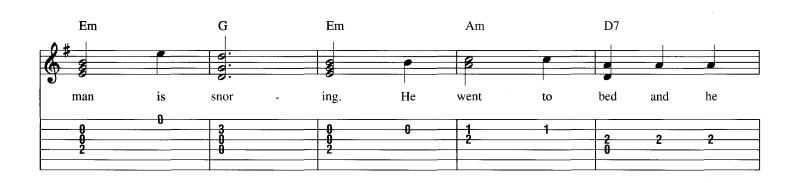
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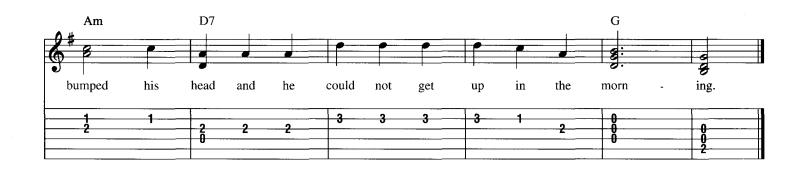


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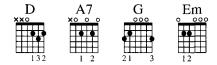




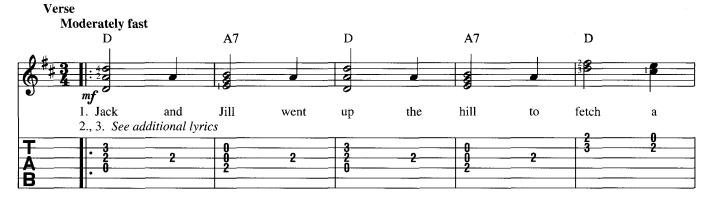


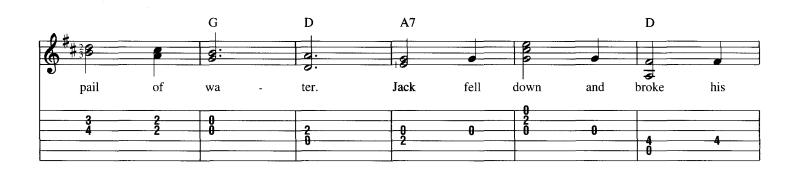
Jack and Jill

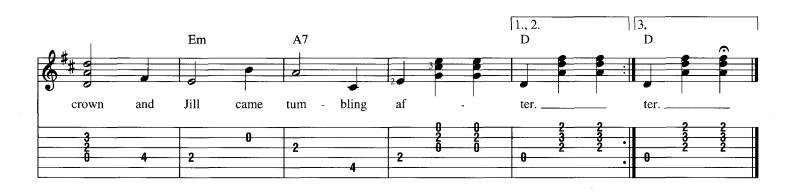
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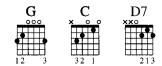




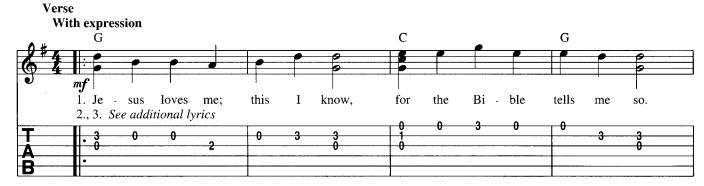
- Up Jack got and home did trot, As fast as he could caper.
 Went to bed to mend his head With vinegar and brown paper.
- Jill came in and she did grin
 To see his paper plaster.
 Mother vexed, did whip her next
 For causing Jack's disaster.

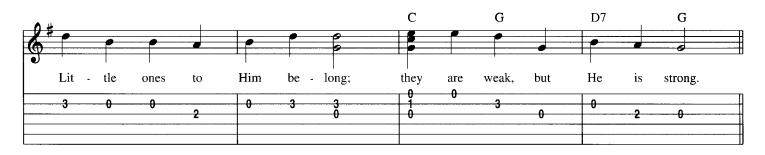
Jesus Loves Me

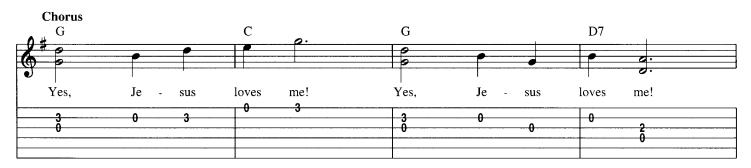
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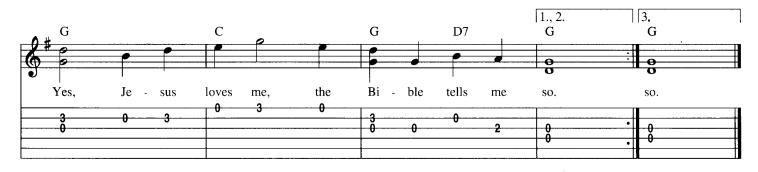


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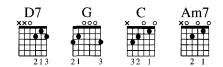




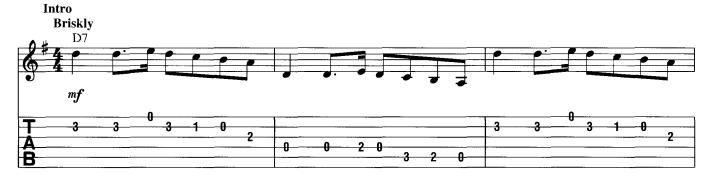
- 2. Jesus, take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly Thine. Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee.
- 3. Jesus loves me; He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.

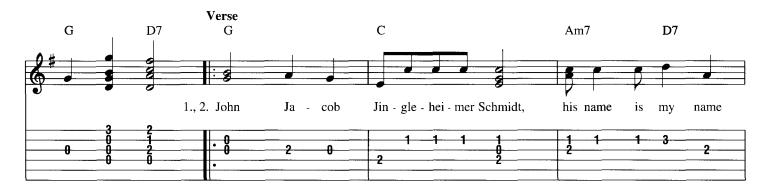
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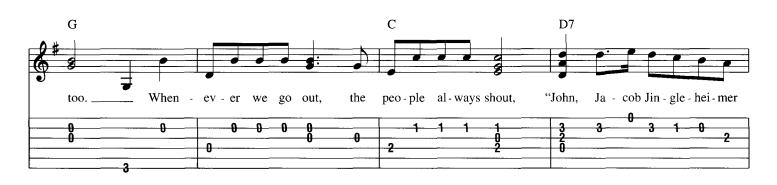
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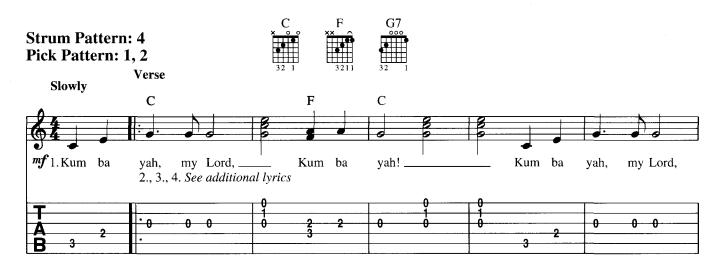


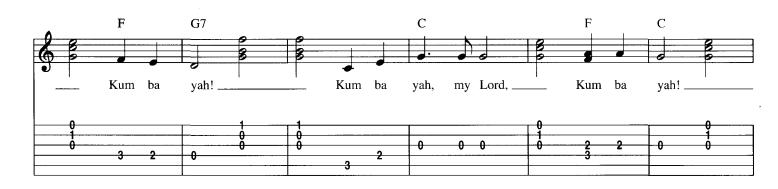


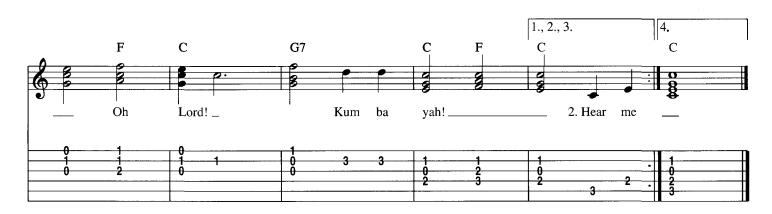


Kum Ba Yah

Traditional Spiritual



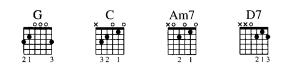




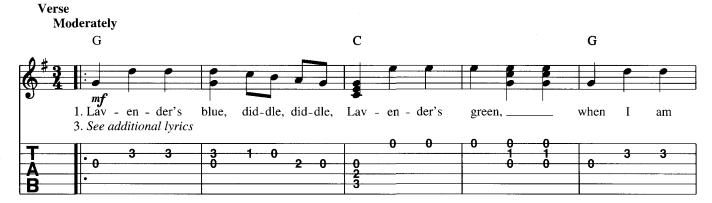
- 2. Hear me crying, Lord, Kum ba yah! Hear me crying, Lord, Kum ba yah! Hear me crying, Lord, Kum ba yah! Oh Lord! Kum ba yah!
- 3. Hear me praying, Lord, Kum ba yah! Hear me praying, Lord, Kum ba yah! Hear me praying, Lord, Kum ba yah! O Lord! Kum ba yah!
- 4. Oh I need you, Lord, Kum ba yah! Oh I need you, Lord, Kum ba yah! Oh I need you, Lord, Kum ba yah!

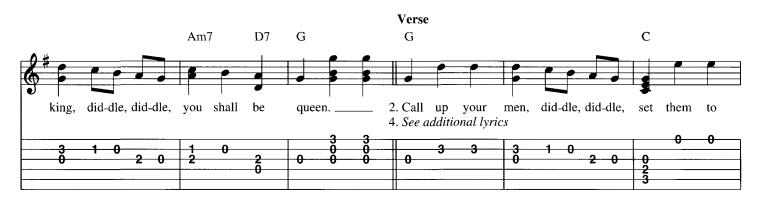
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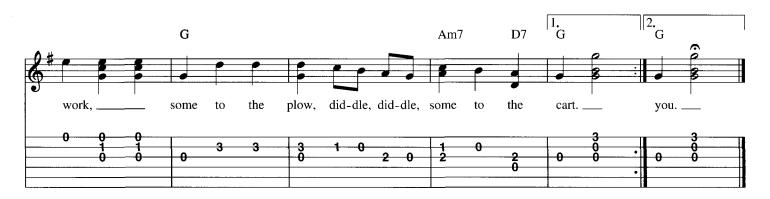
English Folk Song



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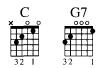


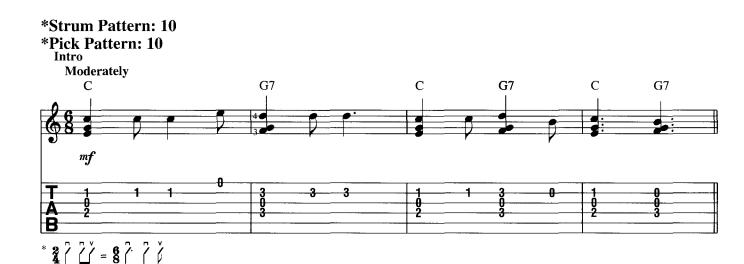


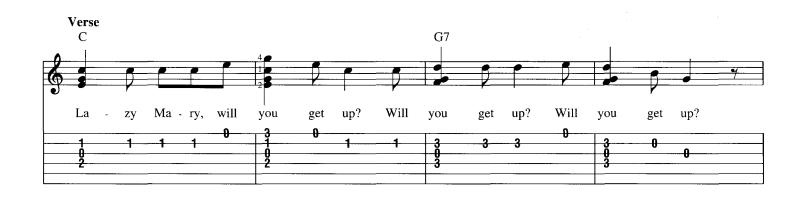


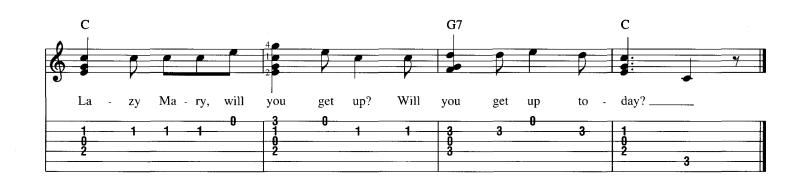
- Some to make hay, diddle, diddle, Some to cut corn, While you and I, diddle, diddle, Keep ourselves warm.
- Lavender's green, diddle, diddle, Lavender's blue, If you love me, diddle, diddle, I will love you.

Lazy Mary, Will You Get Up?



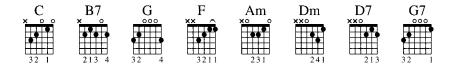






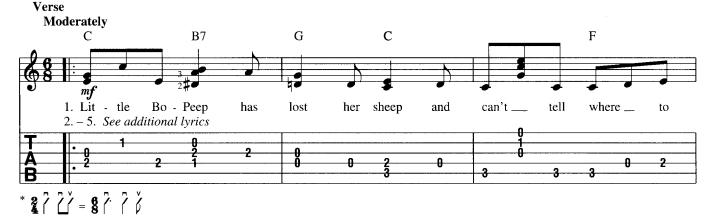
Little Bo-Peep

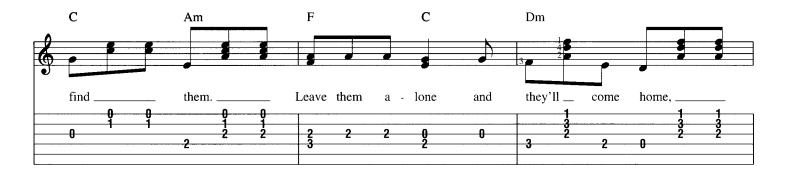
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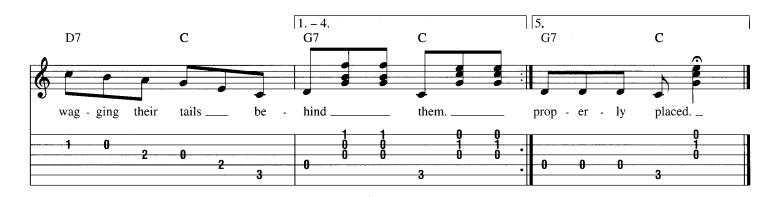


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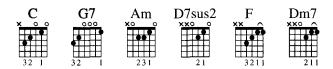




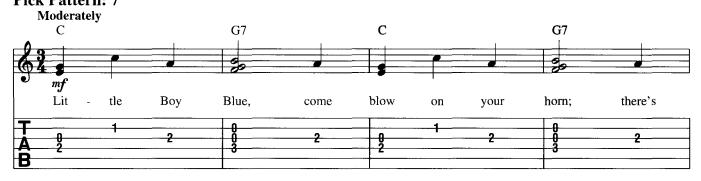


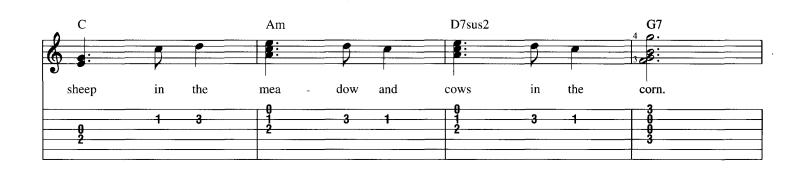
- Little Bo Peep fell fast asleep,
 And dreamt she heard them bleating.
 But when she awoke, she found it a joke,
 For still they all were fleeting.
- Then up she took her little crook,
 Determined for to find them.
 She found them indeed, but it made her heart bleed,
 For they'd left all their tails behind them!
- It happened one day, as Bo Peep did stray Unto a meadow hard by.
 There she espied their tails, side by side, All hung on a tree to dry.
- She heaved a sigh and wiped her eye,
 And over the hillocks she raced.
 And tried what she could, as a shepherdess should,
 That each tail should be properly placed.

Little Boy Blue

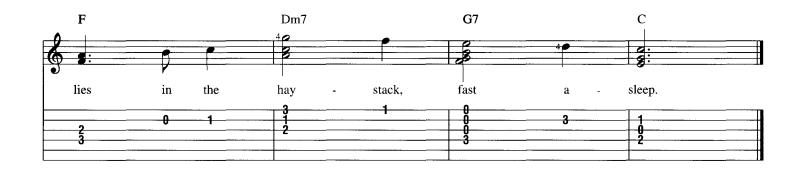






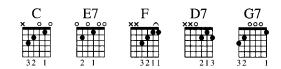




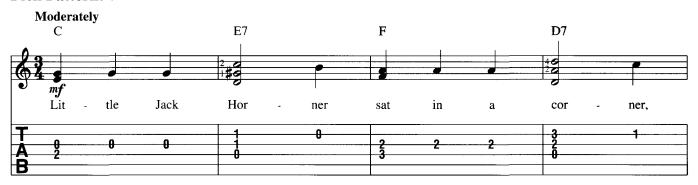


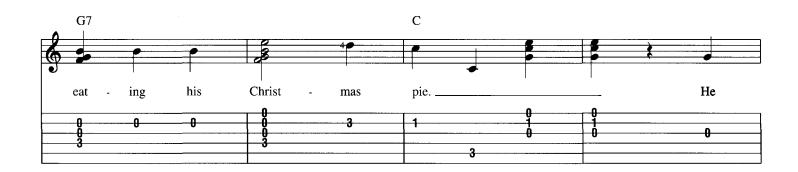
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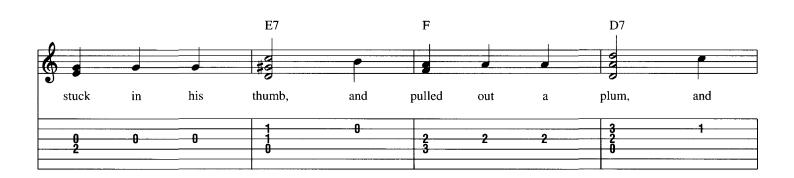
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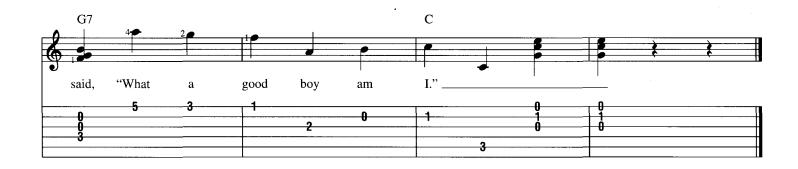


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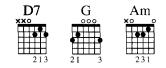


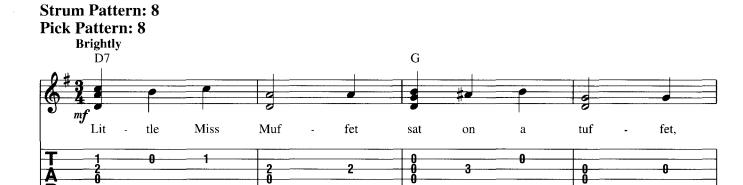


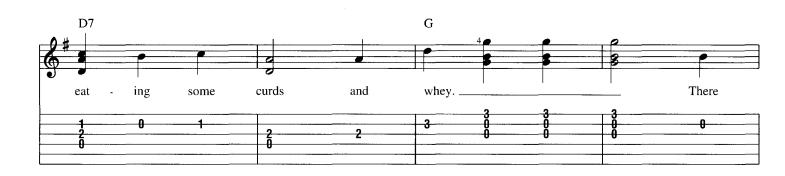


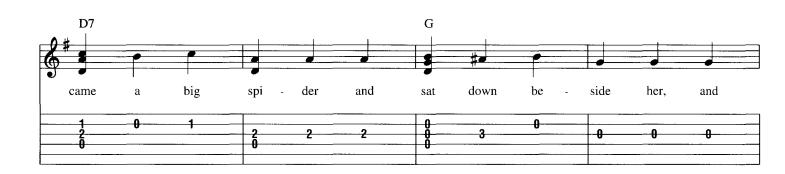


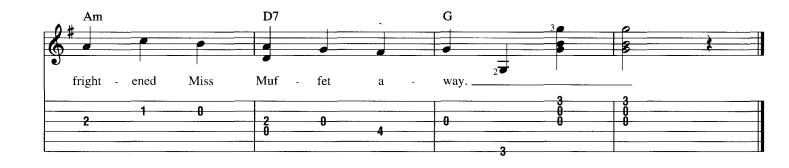
Little Miss Muffet











London Bridge

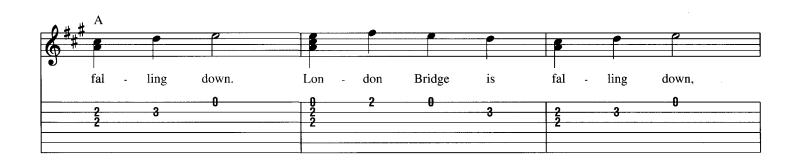
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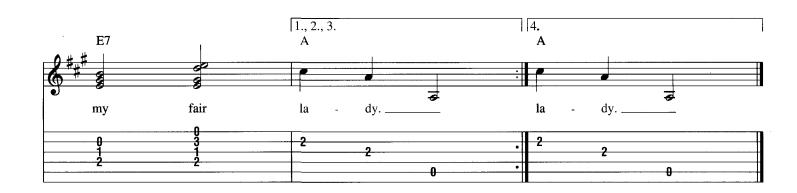


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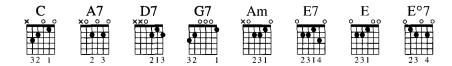




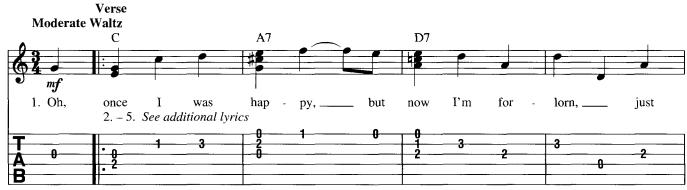
- Build it up with iron bars, Iron bars, iron bars.
 Build it up with iron bars, My fair lady.
- 3. Iron bars will bend and break, Bend and break, bend and break. Iron bars will bend and break, My fair lady.
- Build it up with gold and silver, Gold and silver, gold and silver. Build it up with gold and silver, My fair lady.

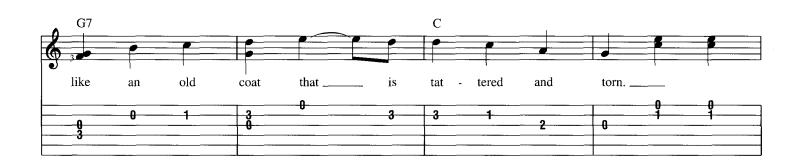
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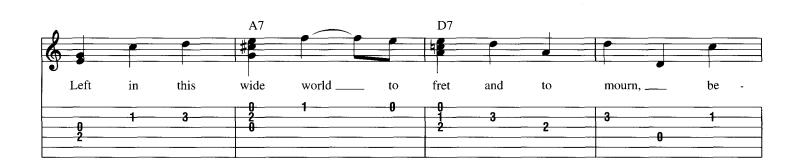
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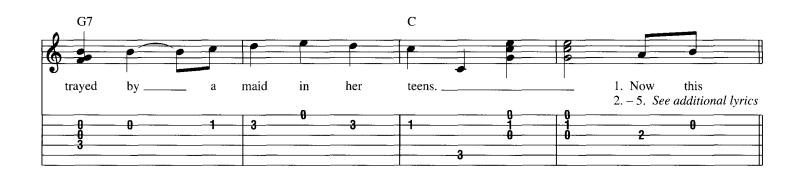


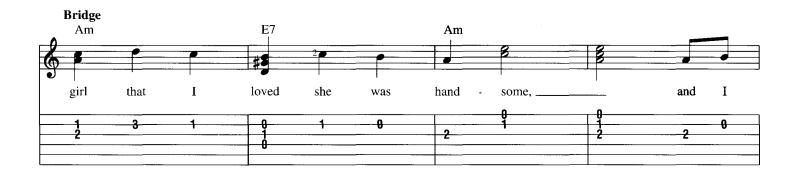


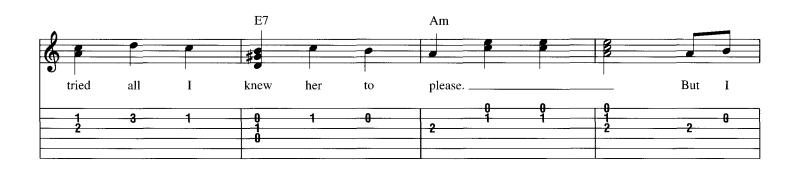


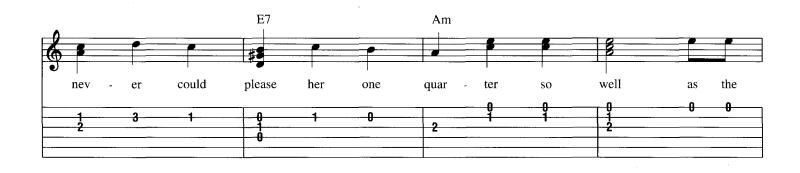


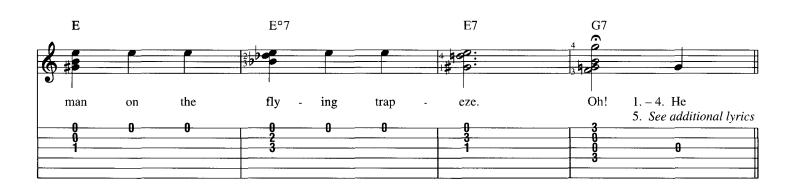




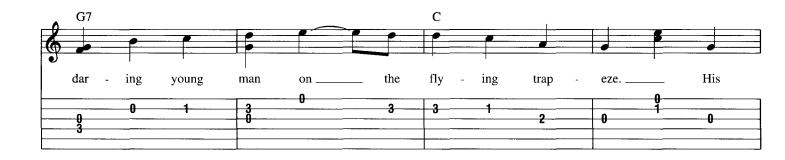


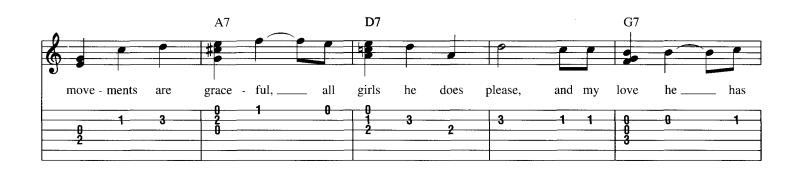


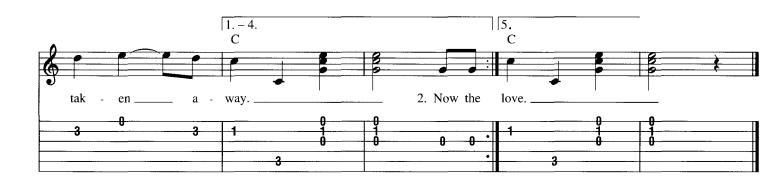












Additional Lyrics

- Now the young man by name was Señor Boni Slang, Tall, big and handsome, as well made as Chang. Where'er he appeared, how the hall loudly rang, With ovations from all people there.
- Bridge 2. He'd smile from the bar on the people below
 And one night he smiled on my love,
 She winked back at him, and she shouted "Bravo!"
 As he hung by his nose from above.
 - 3. Her father and mother were both on my side
 And tried very hard to make her my bride.
 Her father, he sighed, and her mother, she cried
 To see her throw herself away.
- Bridge 3. 'Twas all no avail, she went there ev'ry night
 And threw her bouquets on the stage,
 Which caused him to meet her how he ran me down,
 To tell it would take a whole page.

- 4. One night I as usual went to her dear home, And found there her mother and father alone. I asked for my love, and soon 'twas made known, To my horror, that she'd run away.
- Bridge 4. She packed up her boxes and eloped in the night, With him with the greatest of ease.From two stories high he had lowered her down To the ground on his flying trapeze.
 - 5. Some months after that I went into a hall; To my surprise I found there on the wall A bill in red letters which did my heart gall, That she was appearing with him.
- Bridge 5. He'd taught her gymnastics, and dressed her in tights
 To help him live at ease.
 He'd made her assume a masculine name,
 And now she goes on the trapeze.

Chorus 5. She floats through the air with the greatest of ease; You'd think her a man on the flying trapeze.

She does all the work while he takes his ease,
And that's what's become of my love.

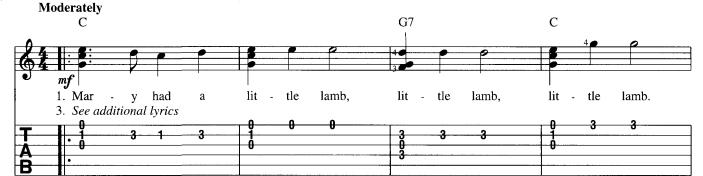
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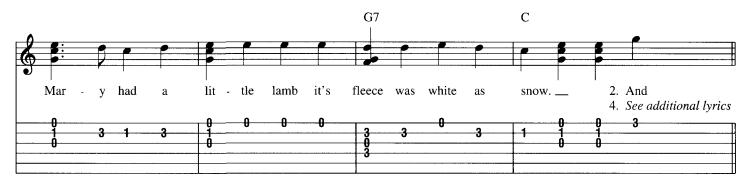
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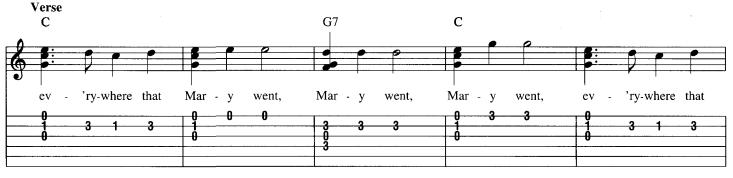


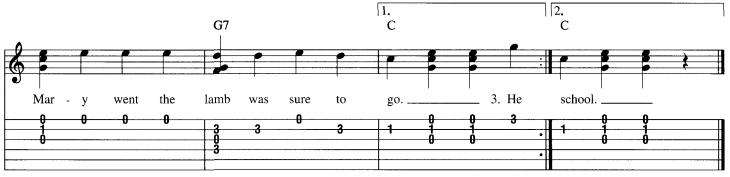
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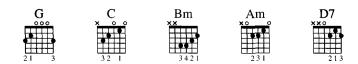




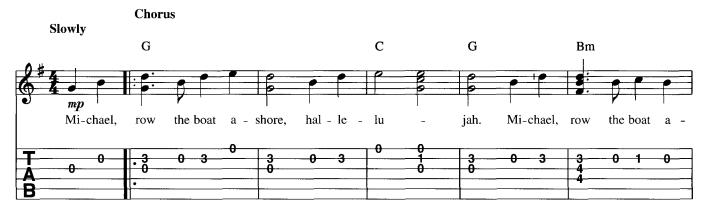
- 3. He followed her to school one day, School one day, school one day. He followed her to school one day, Which was against the rule.
- It made the children laugh and play, Laugh and play, laugh and play.
 It made the children laugh and play, To see a lamb at school.

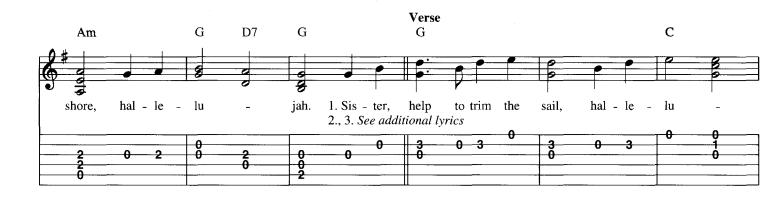
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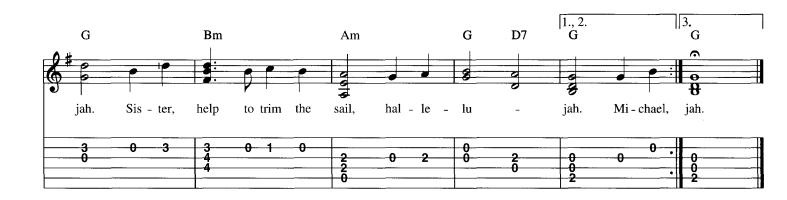
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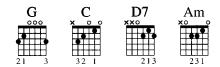




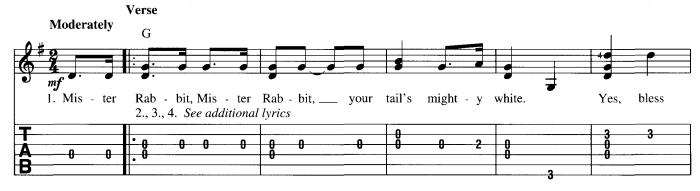
- 2. Jordan River is chilly and cold, hallelujah. Kills the body but not the soul, halleljah.
- 3. Jordan River is deep and wide, hallelujah. Milk and honey on the other side, hallelujah.

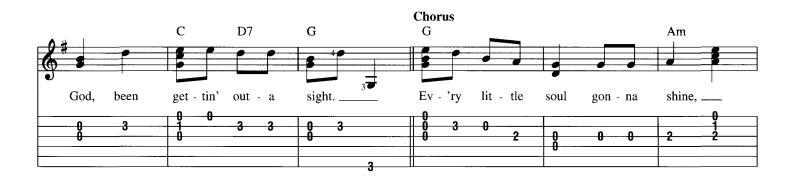
Mister Rabbit

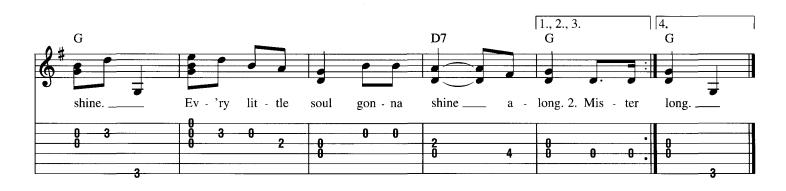
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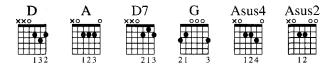




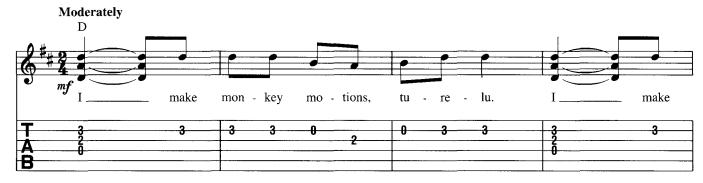
- Mister Rabbit, Mister Rabbit, Your coat's mighty gray.
 Yes, bless God, Been out all day.
- Mister Rabbit, Mister Rabbit, Your ear's mighty long. Yes, bless God, Been put on wrong.
- 4. Mister Rabbit, Mister Rabbit, Your ear's mighty thin. Yes, bless God, Been splittin' the wind.

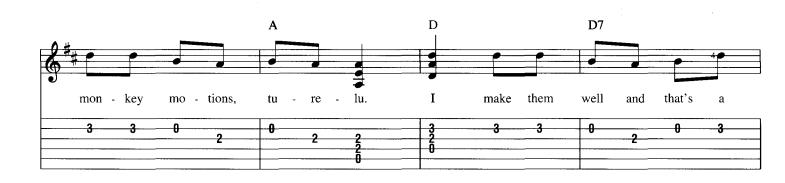
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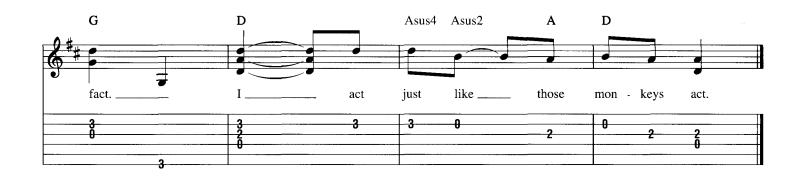
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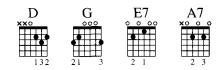




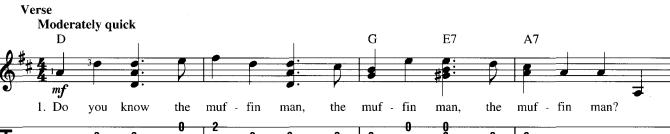


The Muffin Man

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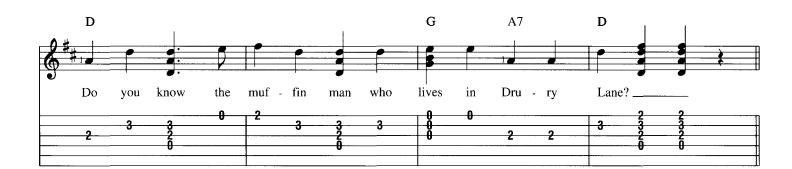


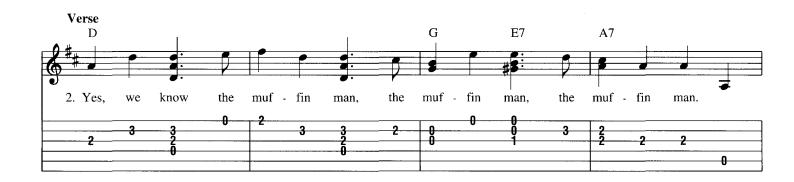
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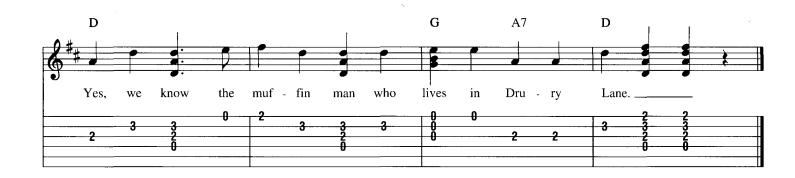


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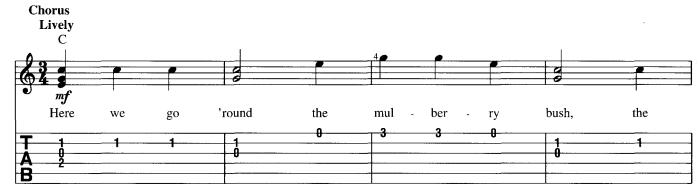


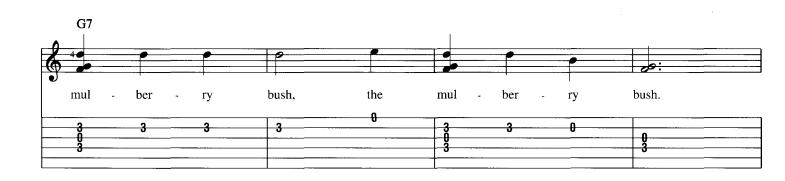


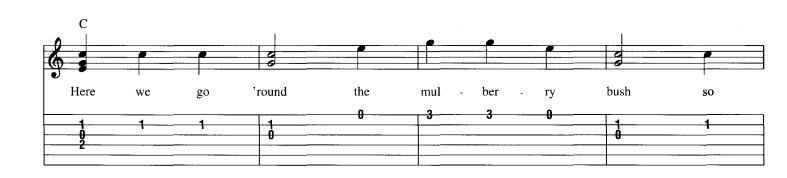
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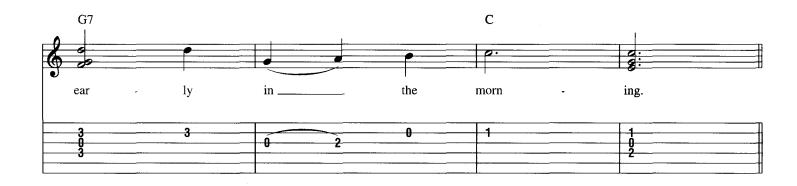


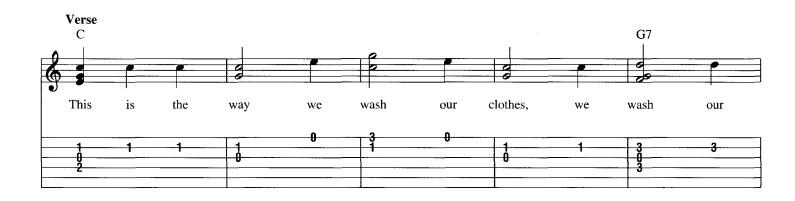


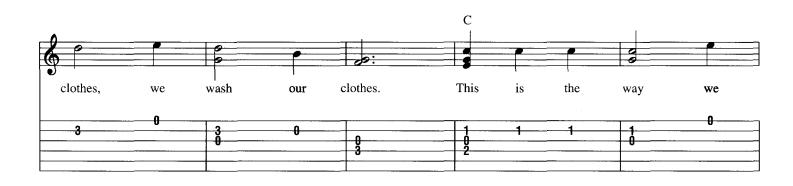


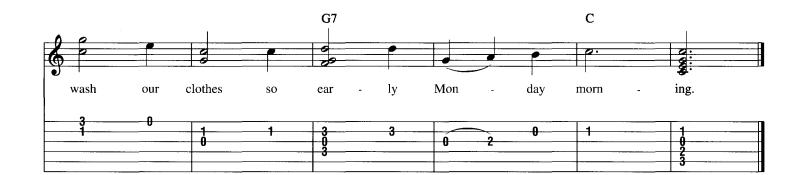






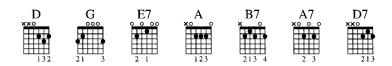




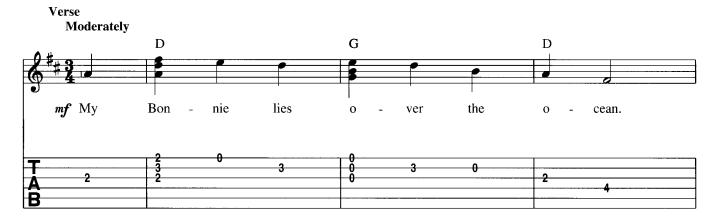


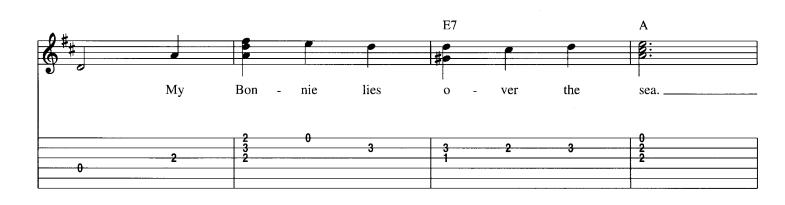
My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean

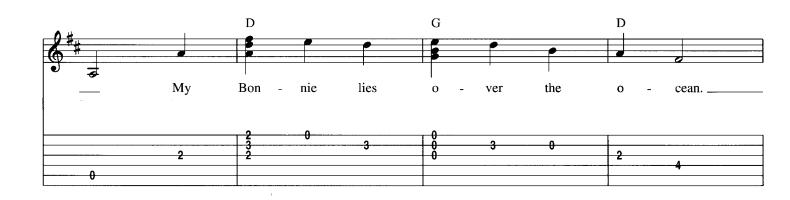
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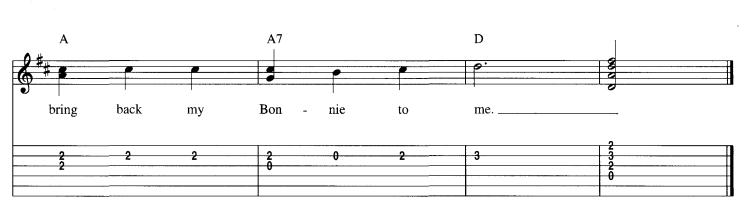
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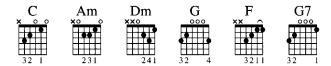






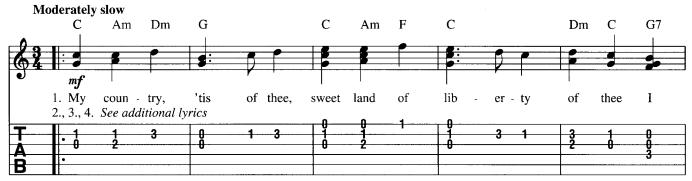
My Country 'Tis of Thee (America)

Words by Samuel Francis Smith Music from Thesaurus Musicus

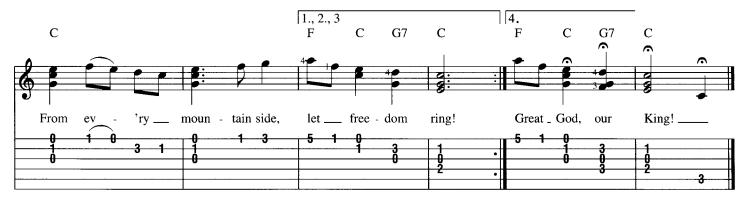


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Pick Pattern: 7





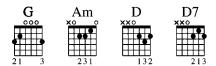


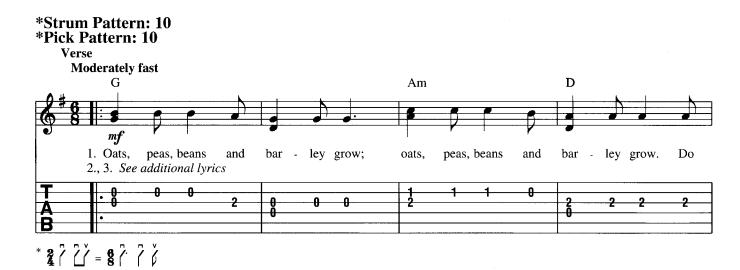


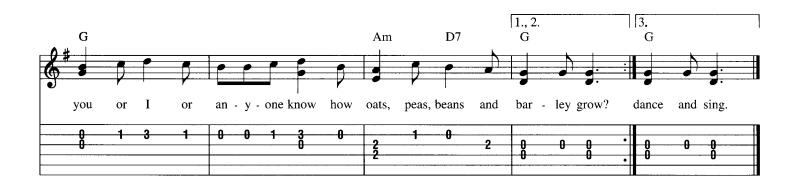
- My native country, thee,
 Land of the noble free,
 Thy name I love.
 I love thy rocks and rills,
 Thy woods and templed hills.
 My heart with rapture thrills
 Like that above.
- Additional Lyrics
- 3. Let music swell the breeze
 And ring from all the trees
 Sweet freedom's song.
 Let mortal tongues awake;
 Let all that breathe partake;
 Let rocks their silence break,
 The sound prolong.
- Our fathers' God, to Thee
 Author of liberty,
 To Thee we sing.
 Long may our land be bright
 With freedom's holy light;
 Protect us by Thy might,
 Great God, our King!

Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley Grow

Traditional



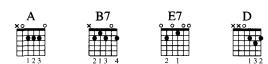




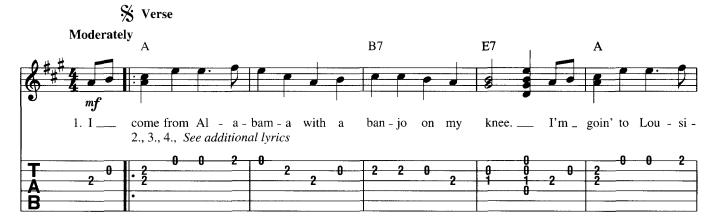
- 2. First the farmer sows his seed,
 Then he stands and takes his ease;
 He stamps his foot and claps his hands,
 And turns around to view the land.
- Waiting for a partner,
 Waiting for a partner,
 Open the ring and take one in
 While we all gaily dance and sing.

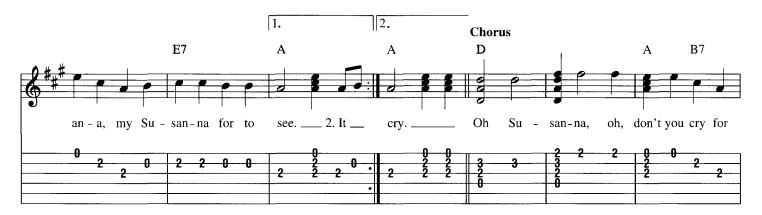
Oh! Susanna

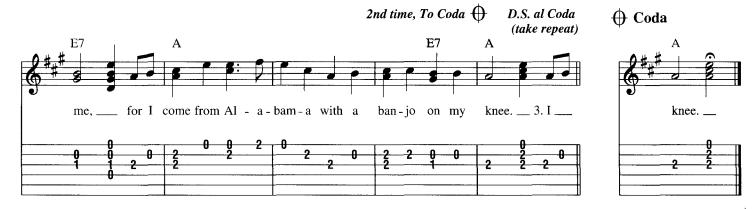
Words and Music by Stephen C. Foster



Strum Pattern: 3 Pick Pattern: 4







Additional Lyrics

2. It rained all night the day I left, The weather it was dry, The sun so hot I froze to death, Susanna don't you cry.

- 3. I had a dream the other night When everything was still, I thought I saw Susanna A-coming down the hill.
- 4. The buckwheat cake was in her mouth The tear was in her eye. Says I, "I'm coming from the South, Susanna, don't you cry."

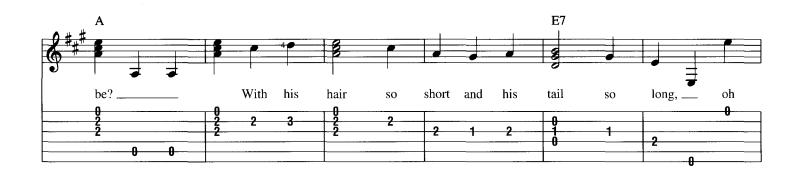
Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone

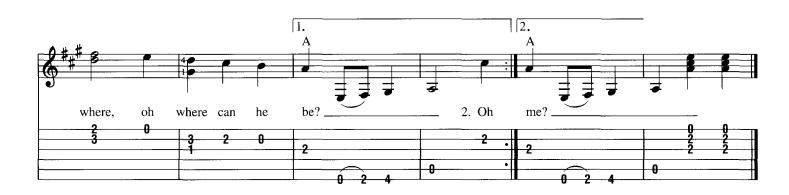
Words by Sep. Winner Traditional Melody



Strum Pattern: 7
Pick Pattern: 8





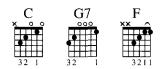


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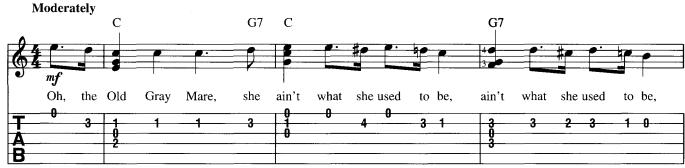
2. Oh where, oh where has my little dog gone? Oh where, oh where can he be? If you see him anywhere, won't you please Bring back my doggie to me?

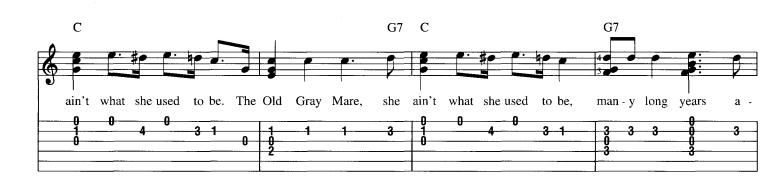
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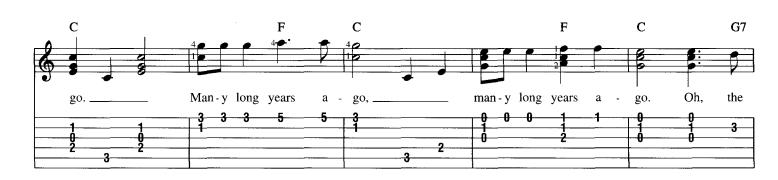
Words and Music by J. Warner

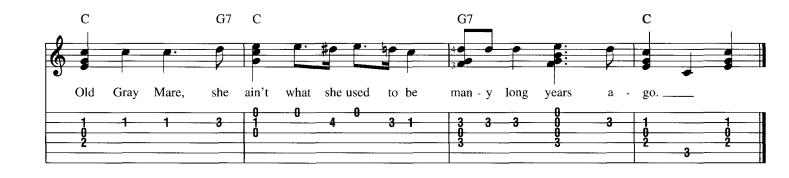




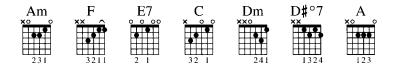




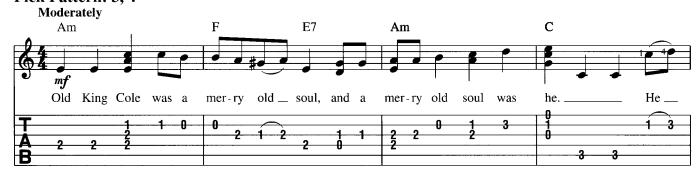


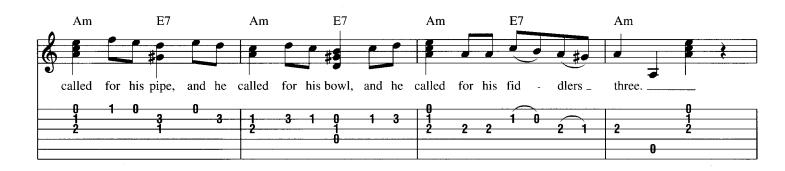


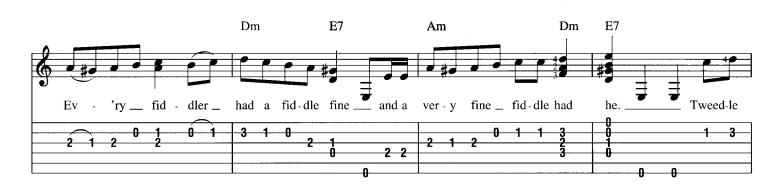
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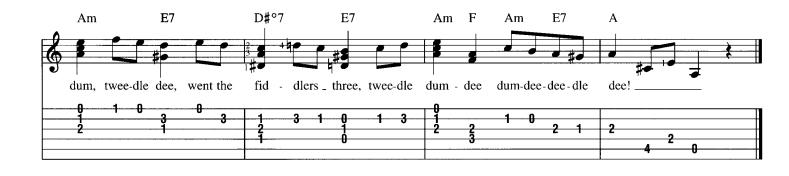






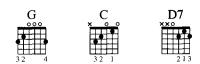




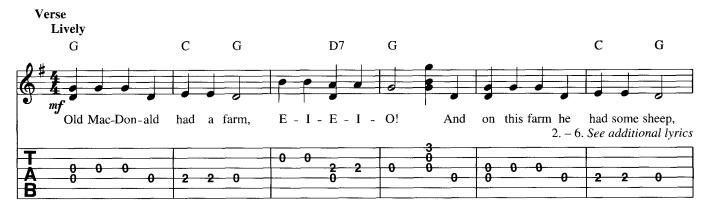


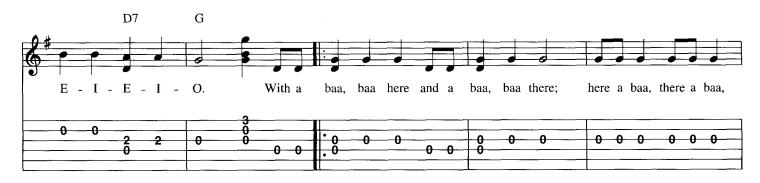
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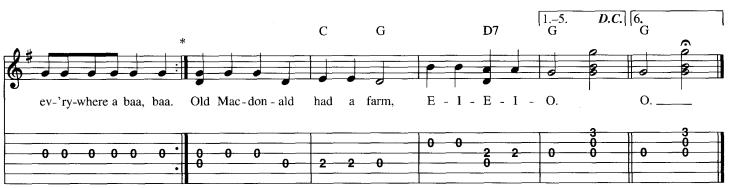
Traditional Children's Song



Strum Pattern: 2 Pick Pattern: 4





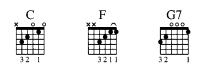


*Repeat as needed for each animal.

- 2. Cows... moo, moo.
- 3. Pigs... oink, oink.
- 4. Ducks... quack, quack.
- 5. Chickens... cluck, cluck.
- 6. Turkeys... gobble, gobble.

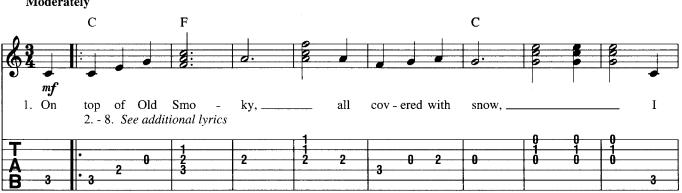
On Top of Old Smoky

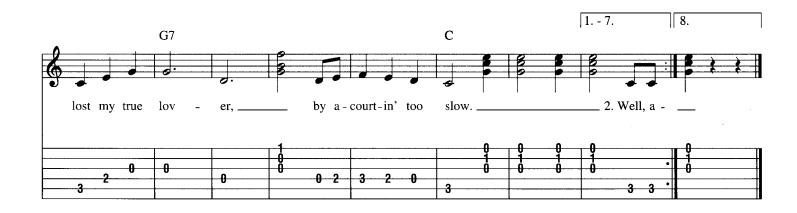
Kentucky Mountain Folksong



Strum Pattern: 8 Pick Pattern: 8

Verse Moderately



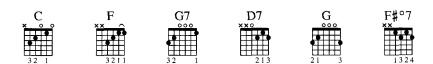


- Well, a-courting's a pleasure, And parting is grief.
 But a false-hearted lover Is worse than a thief.
- They'll hug you and kiss you
 And tell you more lies
 Than the cross-ties on the railroad,
 Or the stars in the skies.
- 3. A thief he will rob you
 And take all you have,
 But a false-hearted lover
 Will send you to your grave.
- They'll tell you they love you,
 Just to give your heart ease.
 But the minute your back's turned,
 They'll court whom they please.
- 8. For the leaves they will wither And the roots they will die.
 And your true love will leave you, And you'll never know why.

- 4. And the grave will decay you And turn you to dust.
 And where is the young man A poor girl can trust?
- So come all you young maidens And listen to me, Never place your affection On a green willow tree.

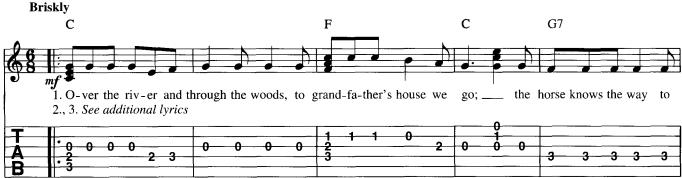
Over the River and Through the Woods

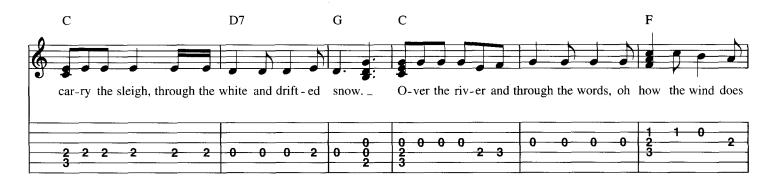
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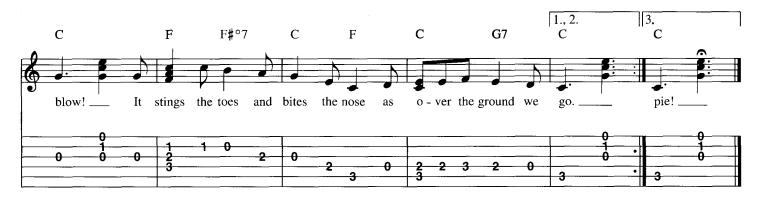


Strum Pattern: 8 Pick Pattern: 8

> Verse Brickly





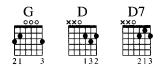


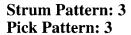
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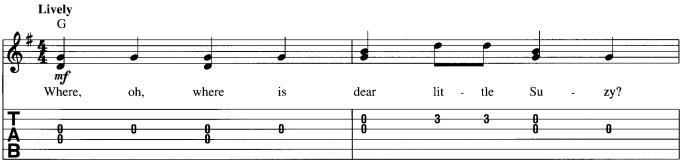
Over the river and through the woods,
 To have a first-rate play;
 Oh hear the bells ring, "Ting-a-ling-ling!"
 Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!
 Over the river and through the woods,
 Trot fast my dapple gray!
 Spring over the gound like a hunting hound!
 For this is Thanksgiving Day.

3. Over the river and through the woods, And straight through the barnyard gate, We seem to go extremely slow; It is so hard to wait! Over the river and through the woods, Now grandmother's cap I spy! Hurrah for the fun! Is the pudding done? Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

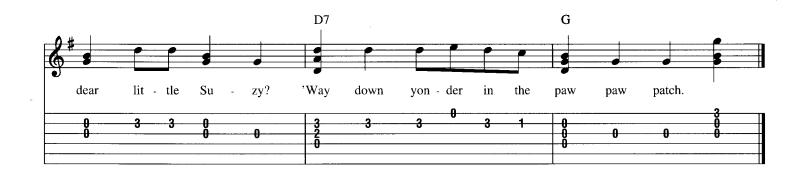
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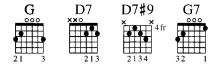




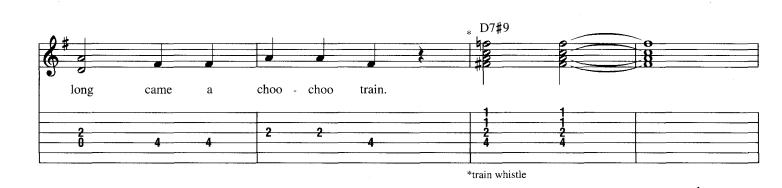


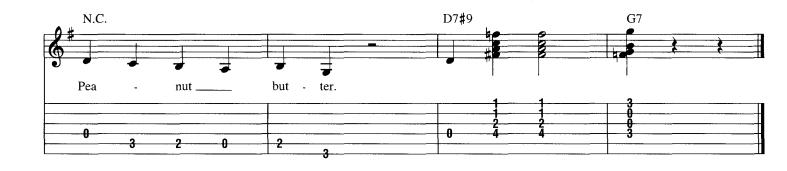


Peanut Sat on a Railroad Track



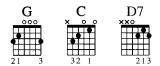




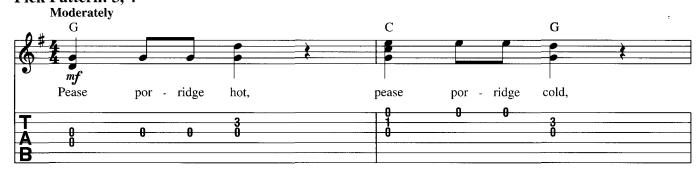


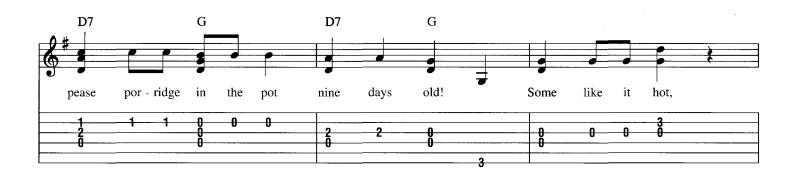
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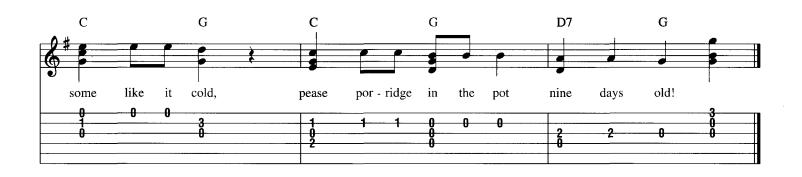
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Strum Pattern: 3, 4 Pick Pattern: 3, 4

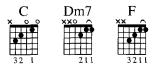




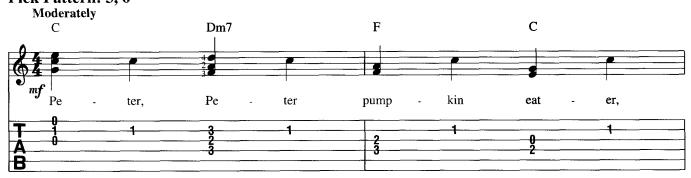


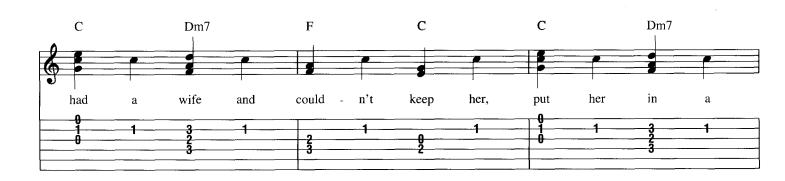
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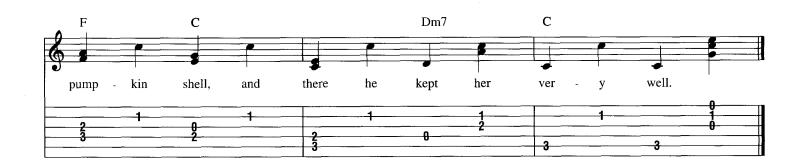
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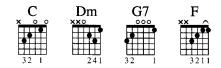
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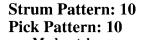


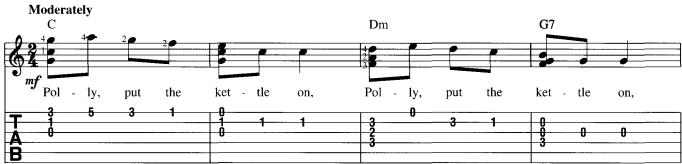




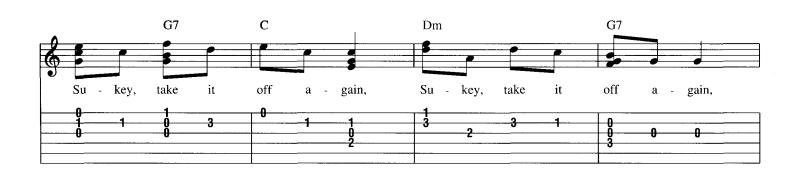
Polly Put the Kettle On









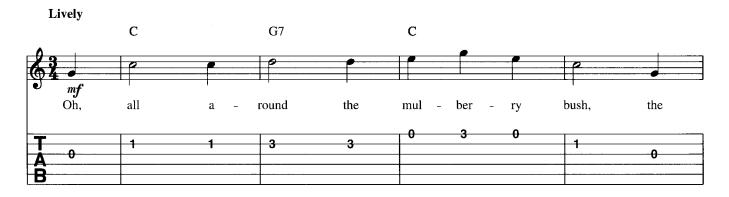


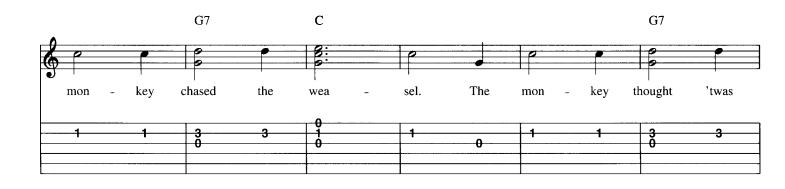


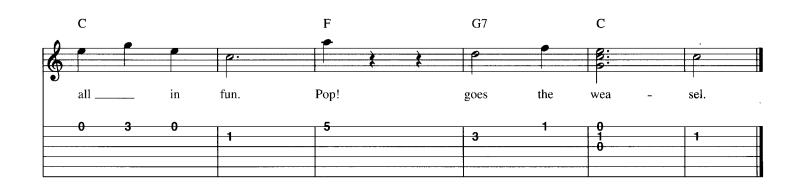
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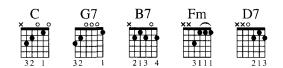
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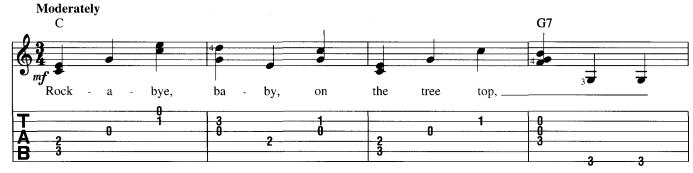


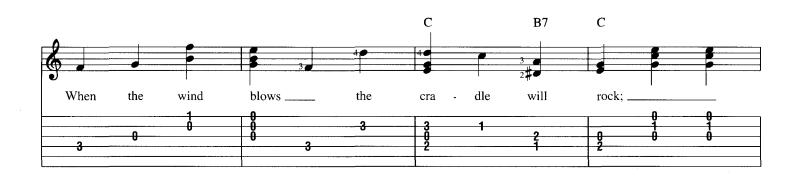


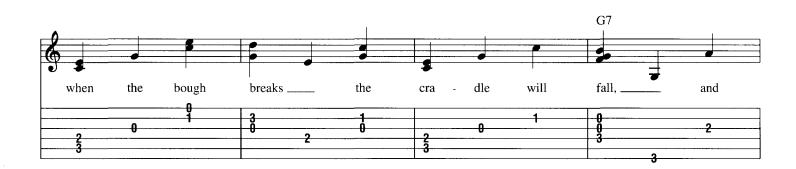
Rock-a-Bye, Baby

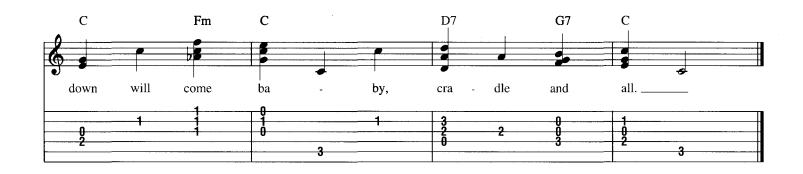




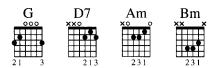




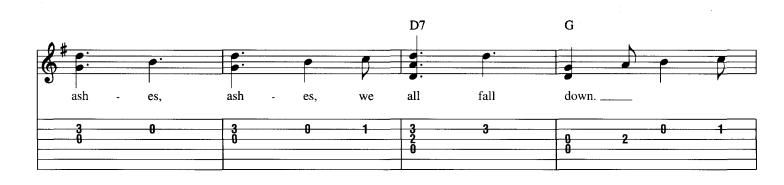


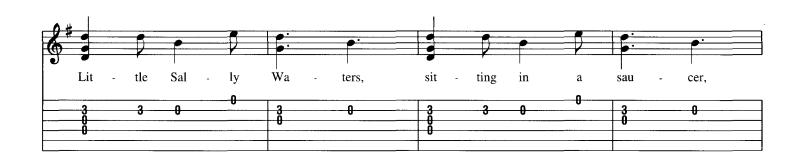


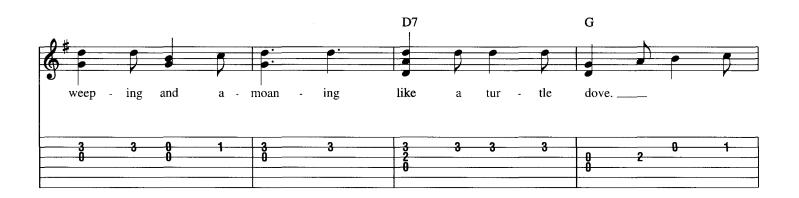
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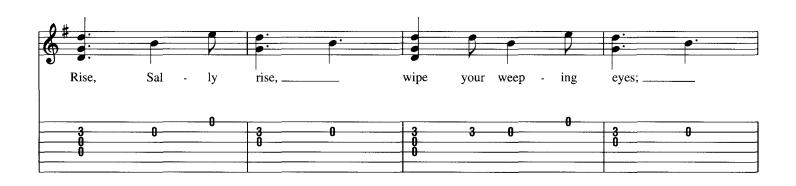


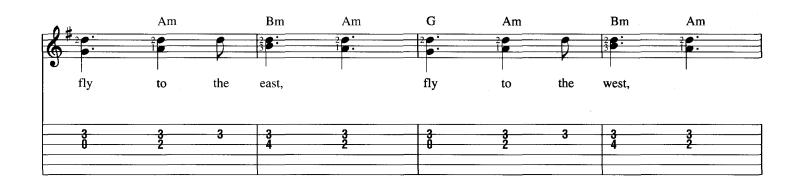


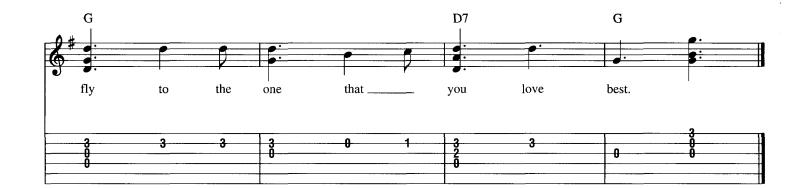






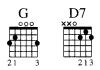






Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Traditional



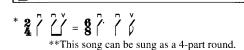
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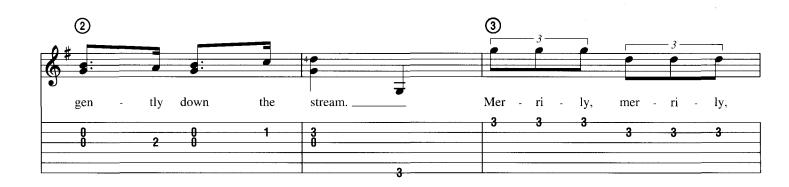
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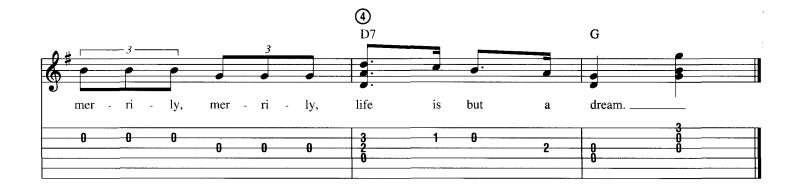
Row, row, row your boat,

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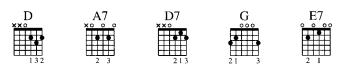




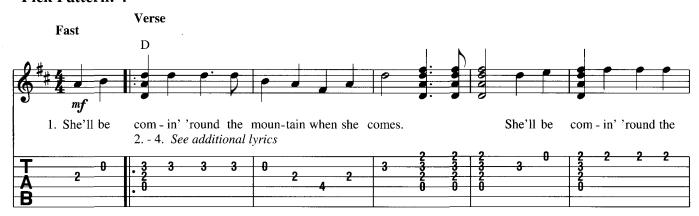


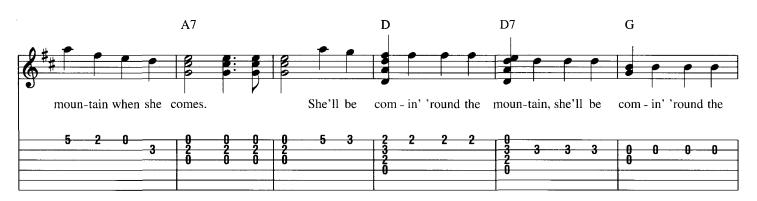
She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain

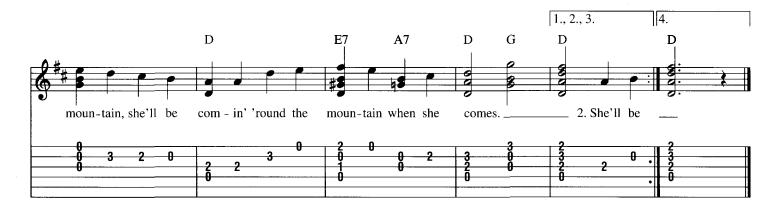
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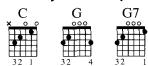
Additional Lyrics

- 2. She'll be drivin' six white horses when she comes.
 - She'll be drivin' six white horses when she comes.
 - She'll be drivin' six white horses,
 - She'll be drivin' six white horses,
 - She'll be drivin' six white horses when she comes.
- 3. Oh, we'll all go out to meet her when she comes.
 - Oh, we'll all go out to meet her when she comes.
 - Oh, we'll all go out to meet her,
 - Oh, we'll all go out to meet her,
 - Yes, we'll all go out to meet her when she comes.
- 4. She'll be wearin' a blue bonnet when she comes.
 - She'll be wearin' a blue bonnet when she comes.
 - She'll be wearin' a blue bonnet,
 - She'll be wearin' a blue bonnet,

She'll be wearin' a blue bonnet when she comes.

Shoo Fly, Don't Bother Me

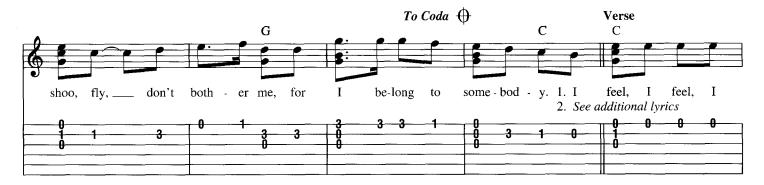
Words by Billy Reeves Music by Frank Campbell

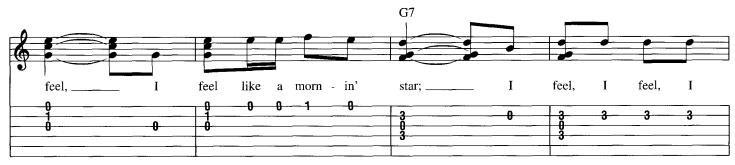


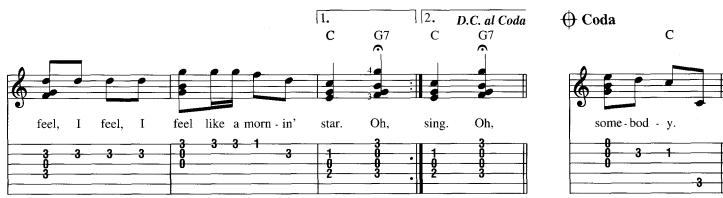
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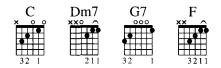


Additional Lyrics

2. I hear, I hear, I hear, I hear all the angels sing; I hear, I hear, I hear, I hear all the angels sing. Oh,

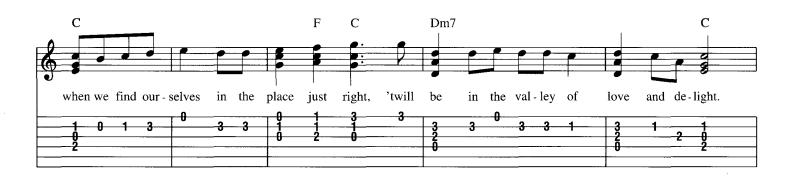
Simple Gifts

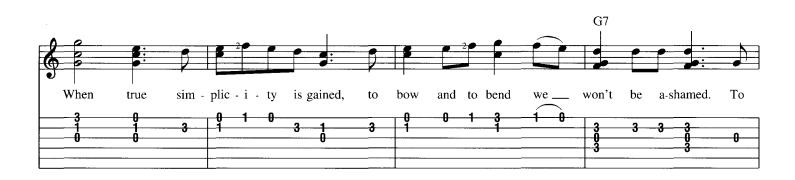
Traditional Shaker Hymn

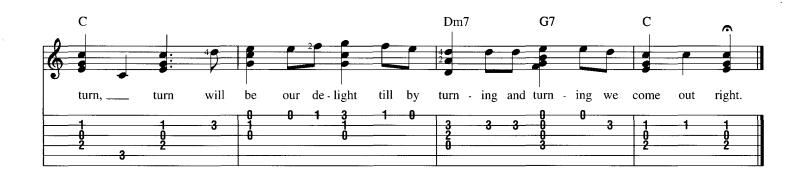


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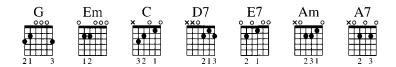




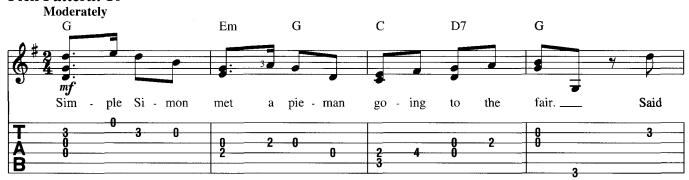




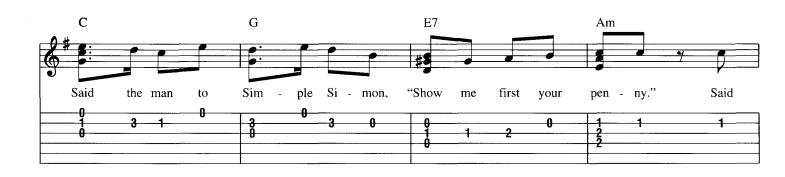
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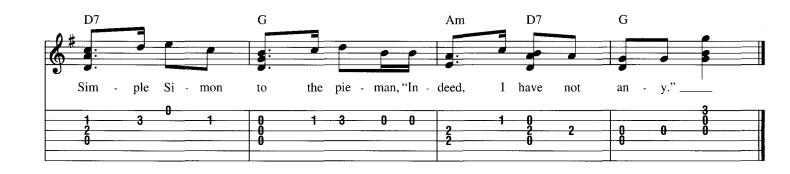






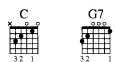






Skip to My Lou

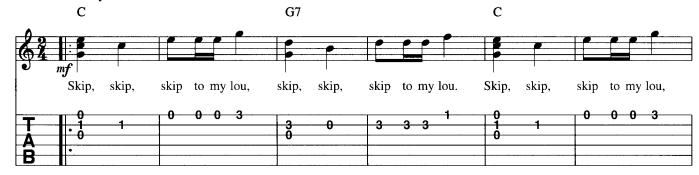
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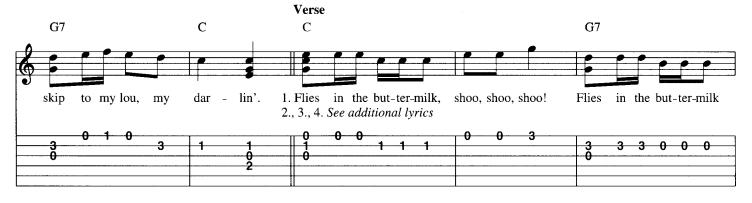


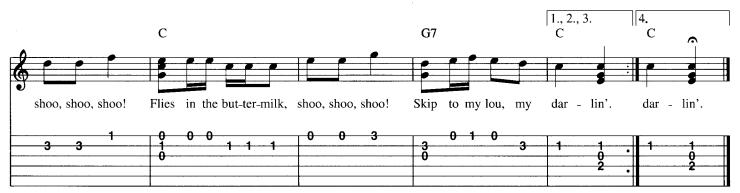
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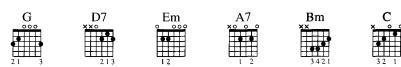
Additional Lyrics

2. Lost my partner, what'll I do? Lost my partner, what'll I do? Lost my partner, what'll I do? Skip to my lou, my darlin'.

- 3. I'll get another one purtier than you, I'll get another one purtier than you, I'll get another one purtier than you, Skip to my lou, my darlin'.
- 4. Can't get a red bird, a blue bird'll do, Can't get a red bird, a blue bird'll do, Can't get a red bird, a blue bird'll do, Skip to my lou, my darlin'.

Sweet Betsy from Pike

American Folksong



Strum Pattern: 7
Pick Pattern: 9



Additional Lyrics

- 2. One evening quite early they camped on the Platte, 'Twas near by the road on a green shady flat Where Betsy, quite tired, lay down to repose
- 3. They stopped at Salt Lake to inquire the way, Where Brigham declared that sweet Bets' should stay. But Betsy got frightened and ran like a deer,

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Words by Jack Norworth Music by Albert von Tilzer











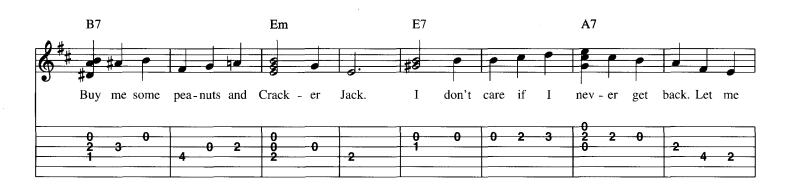


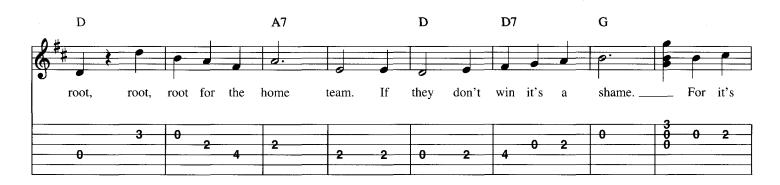


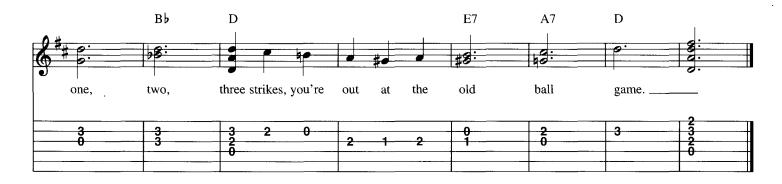


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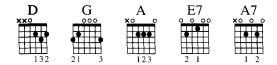




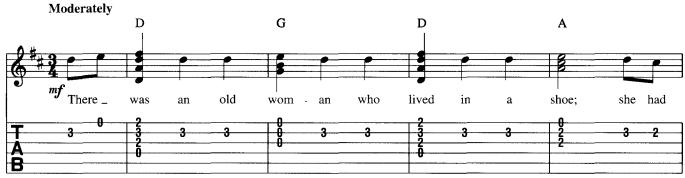


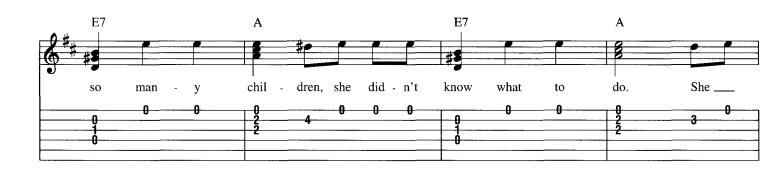


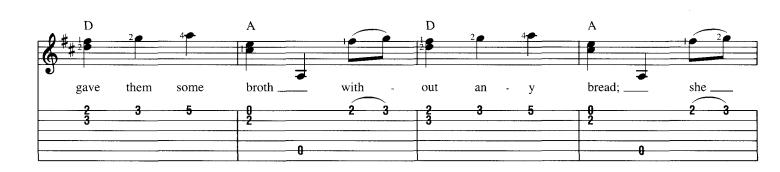
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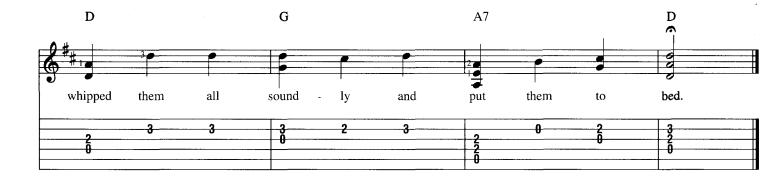






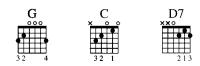




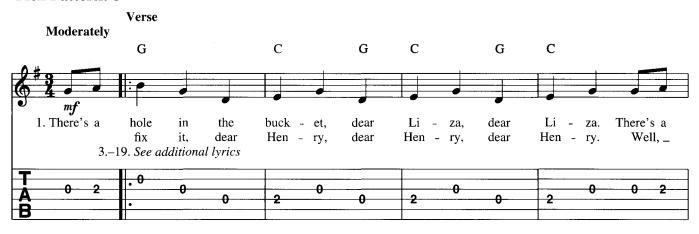


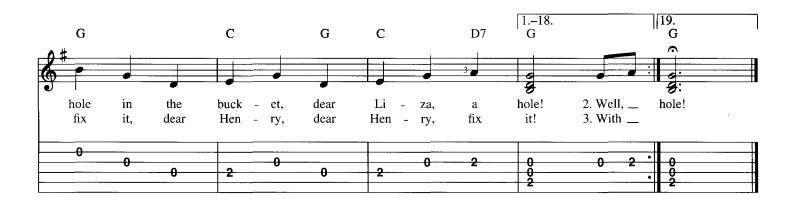
There's a Hole in the Bucket

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Strum Pattern: 8 Pick Pattern: 8



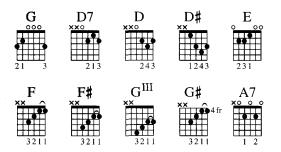


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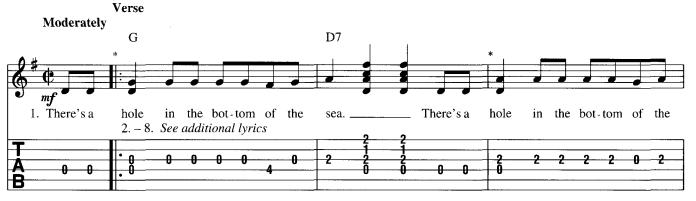
- 3. With what shall I fix it, dear Liza, etc.
- 4. With a straw, dear Henry, etc.
- 5. But the straw is too long, dear Liza, etc.
- 6. Then cut it, dear Henry, etc.
- 7. With what shall I cut it, dear Liza, etc.
- 8. With a knife, dear Henry, etc.
- 9. But the knife is too dull, dear Liza, etc.
- 10. Then sharpen it, dear Henry, etc.
- 11. With what shall I sharpen it, dear Liza, etc.
- 12. With a stone, dear Henry, etc.
- 13. But the stone is too dry, dear Liza, etc.
- 14. Then wet it, dear Henry, etc.
- 15. With what shall I wet it, dear Liza, etc.
- 16. With water, dear Henry, etc.
- 17. In what shall I carry it, dear Liza, etc.
- 18. In a bucket, dear Henry, etc.
- 19. There's a hole in the bucket, dear Liza, etc.

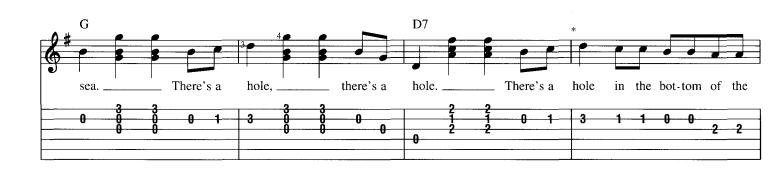
There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea

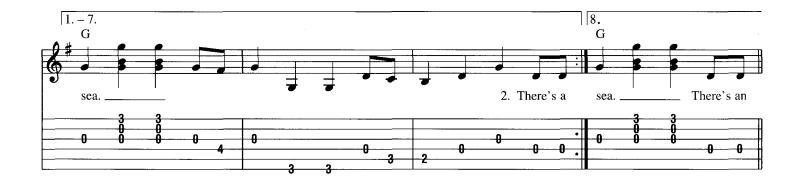
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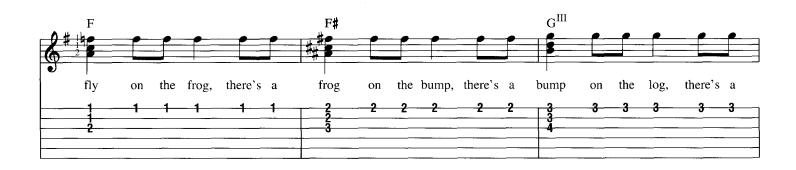
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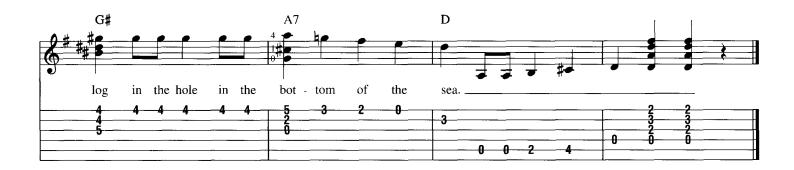












Additional Lyrics

*For each new verse, add 2 extra beats (keep repeating the first 2 beats) to the measures that are marked with an asterisk. Extra beats are boldfaced italic below.

- 2. There's a *log in the* hole in the bottom of the sea. There's a *log in the* hole in the bottom of the sea. There's a log, there's a log.

 There's a *log in the* hole in the bottom of the sea.
- 3. There's a *bump on the log in the* hole in the bottom of the sea. There's a *bump on the log in the* hole in the bottom of the sea. There's a bump, there's a bump.

 There's a *bump on the log in the* hole in the bottom of the sea.
- 4. There's a frog on the bump on the log In the hole in the bottom of the sea. There's a frog on the bump on the log In the hole in the bottom of the sea. There's a frog, there's a frog. There's a frog on the bump on the log In the hole in the bottom of the sea.
- There's a fly on the frog on the bump on the log In the hole in the bottom of the sea.
 There's a fly on the frog on the bump on the log In the hole in the bottom of the sea.
 There's a fly, there's a fly.
 There's a fly on the frog on the bump on the log In the hole in the bottom of the sea.

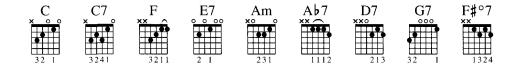
- 6. There's a wing on the fly on the frog
 On the bump on the log in the hole in the bottom of the sea.
 There's a wing on the fly on the frog
 On the bump on the log in the hole in the bottom of the sea.
 There's a wing, there's a wing.
 There's a wing on the fly on the frog
 On the bump on the log in the hole in the bottom of the sea.
- 7. There's a flea on the wing on the fly on the frog
 On the bump on the log in the hole in the bottom of the sea.
 There's a flea on the wing on the fly on the frog
 On the bump on the log in the hole in the bottom of the sea.
 There's a flea, there's a flea.
 There's a flea on the wing on the fly on the frog
 On the bump on the log in the hole in the bottom of the sea.
- 8. There's an eye on the flea on the wing on the fly on the frog On the bump on the log in the hole in the bottom of the sea. There's an eye on the flea on the wing on the fly on the frog On the bump on the log in the hole in the bottom of the sea. There's an eye, there's an eye.

 There's an eye on the flea on the wing on the fly on the frog

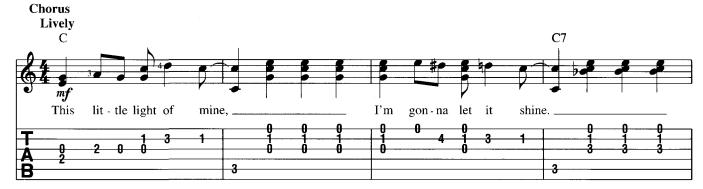
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This Little Light of Mine

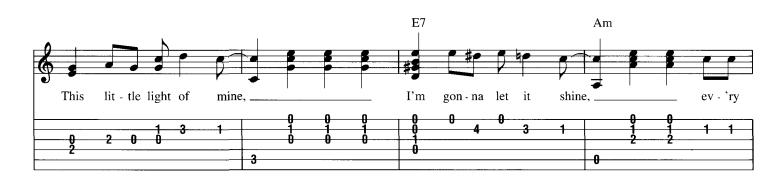
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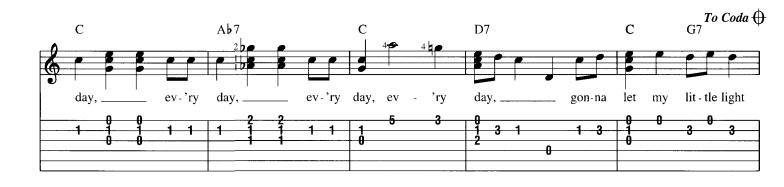


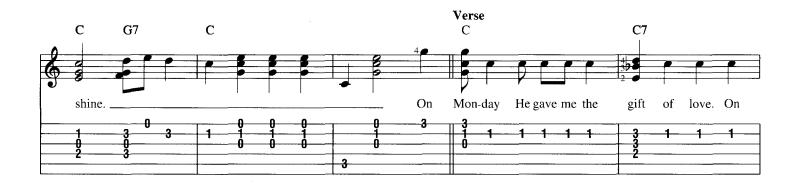
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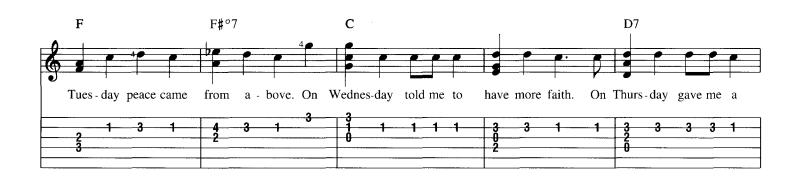


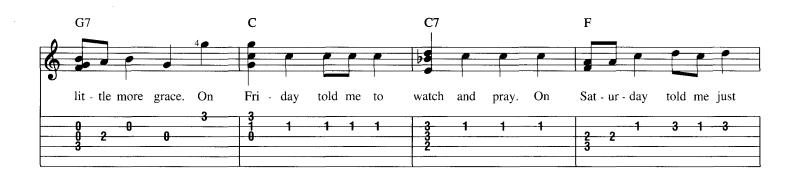


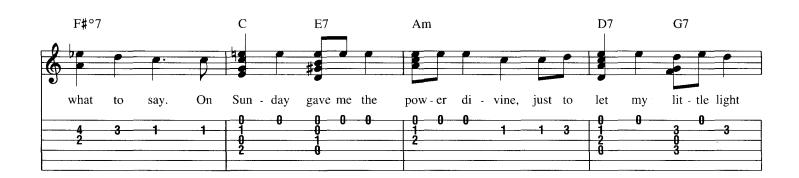


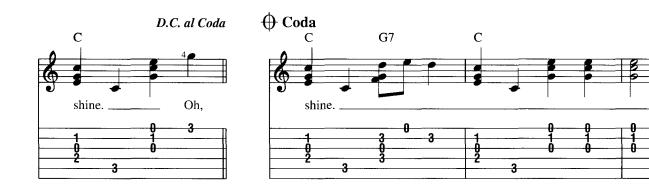






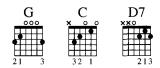




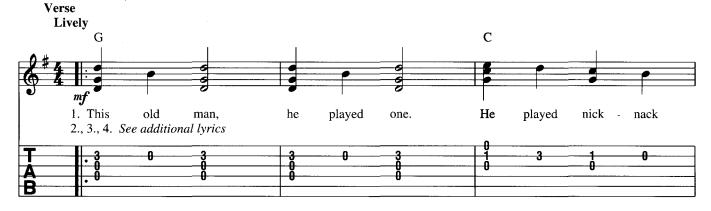


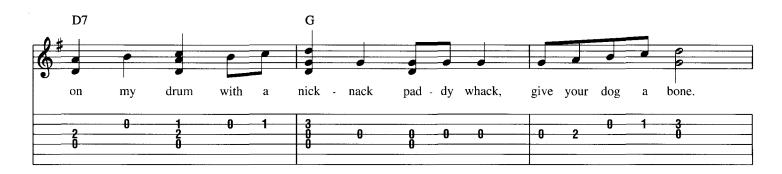
This Old Man

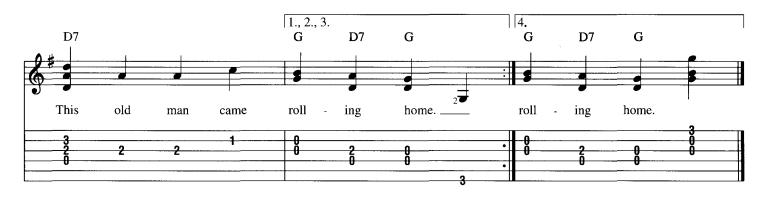
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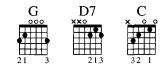
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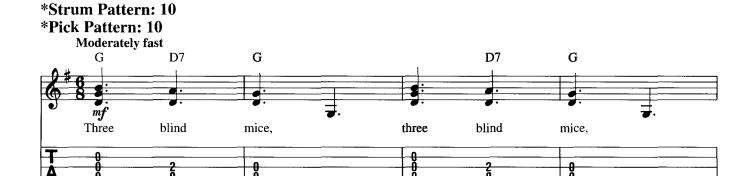
- 2. This old man, he played two.
 He played nicknack on my shoe with a
 Nicknack paddy whack, give your dog a bone.
 This old man came rolling home.
- 3. This old man, he played three.

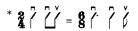
 He played nicknack on my knee with a
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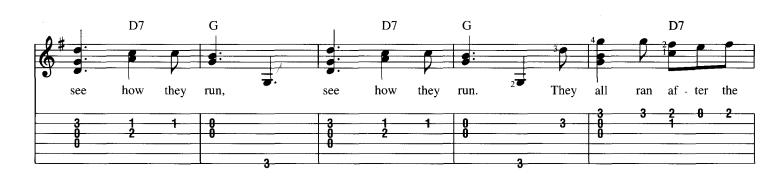
 This old man came rolling home.
- 4. This old man, he played four. He played nicknack on my door with a Nicknack paddy whack, give your dog a bone. This old man came rolling home.

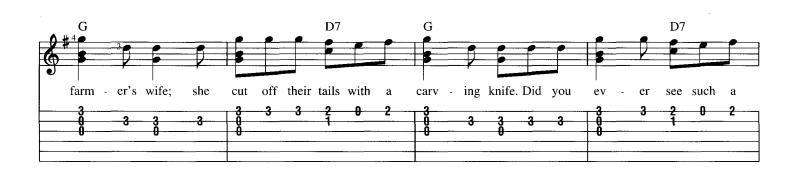
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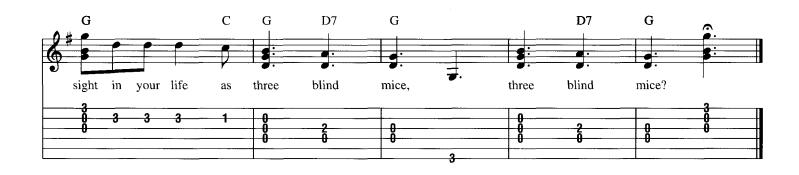




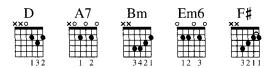


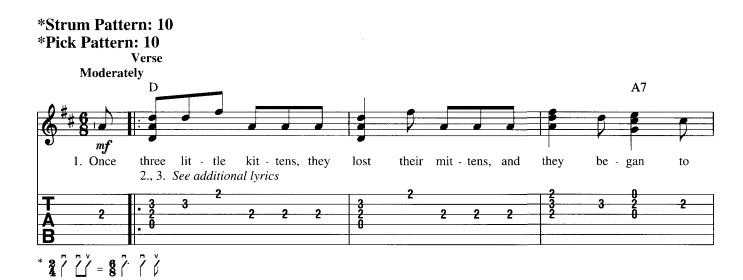


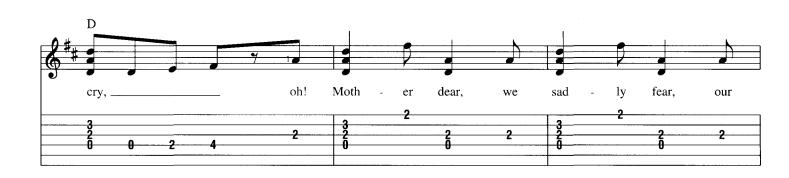


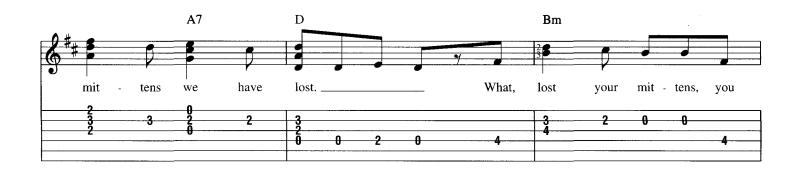


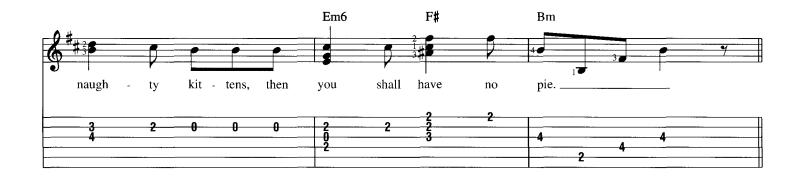
Three Little Kittens

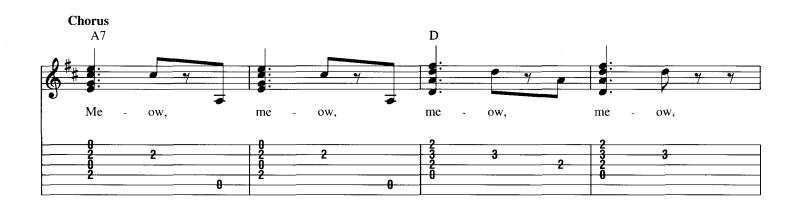


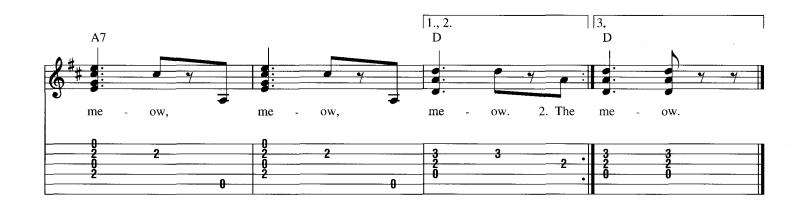










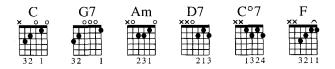


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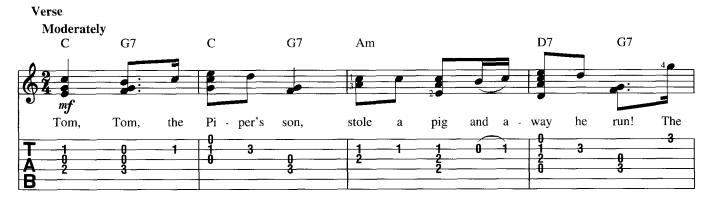
- The three little kittens
 They found their mittens,
 And they began to cry,
 Oh! Mother dear, see here, see here,
 Our mittens we have found.
 What, found your mittens, you darling kittens,
 Then you shall have some pie.
- 3. The three little kittens
 Put on their mittens,
 And soon ate up the pie,
 Oh! Mother dear, we greatly fear,
 Our mittens we have soil'd.
 What, soil'd your mittens, you naughty kittens,
 Then they began to cry.

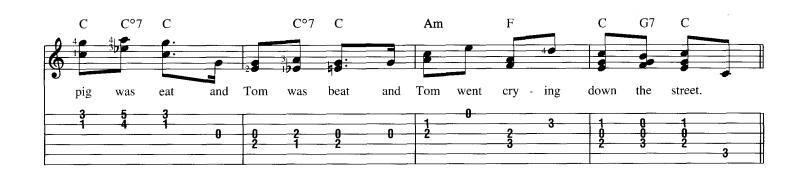
Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son

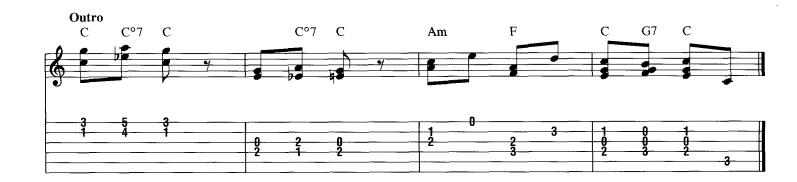
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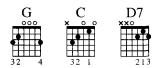
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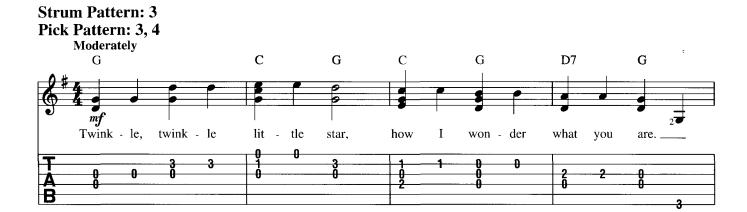


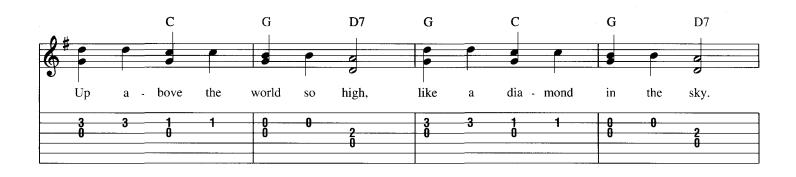


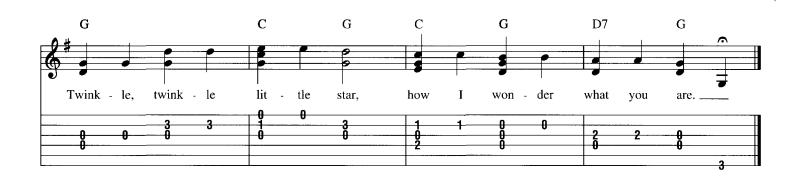


Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star







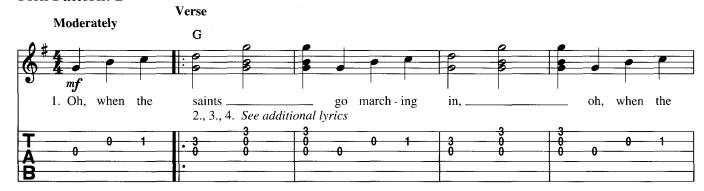


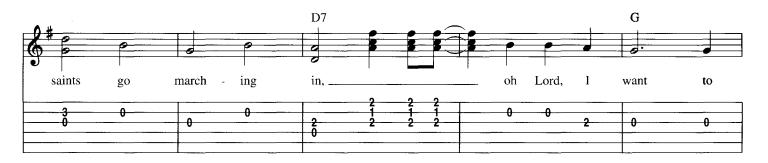
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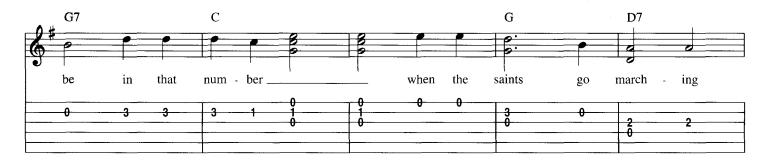
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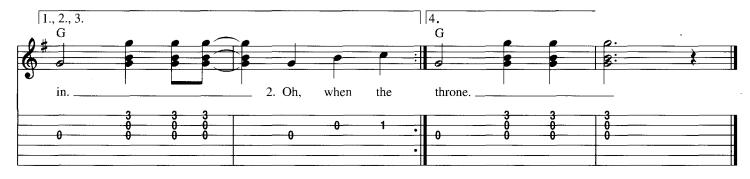


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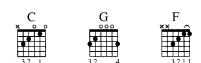


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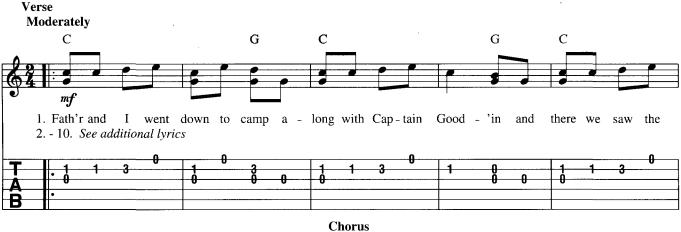
- Oh, when the sun refuse to shine,
 Oh, when the sun refuse to shine,
 Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,
 When the sun refuse to shine.
- 3. Oh, when they crown Him Lord of all, Oh, when they crown Him Lord of all, Oh Lord, I want to be in that number, When they crown Him Lord of all.
- 4. Oh, when they gather 'round the throne, Oh, when they gather 'round the throne, Oh Lord, I want to be in that number, When they gather 'round the throne.

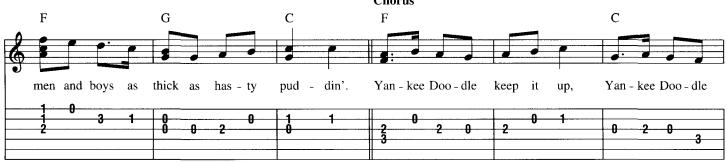
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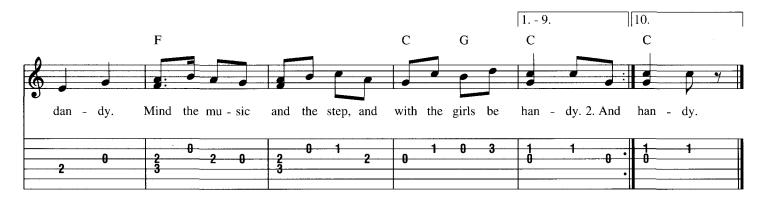
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Strum Pattern: 10 Pick Pattern: 10





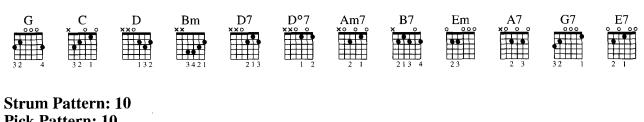


Additional Lyrics

- And there we see a thousand men As rich as Squire David.
 And what they wasted ev'ry day I wish it could be saved.
- 3. And there was Captain Washington Upon a slapping stallion A-giving orders to his men, I guess there was a million.
- 4. And then the feathers on his hat,
 They looked so very fine, ah!
 I wanted peskily to get
 To give to my Jemima.
- And there I see a swamping gun, Large as a log of maple, Upon a mighty little cart, A load for father's cattle.
- And ev'ry time they fired it off, It took a horn of powder. It made a noise like father's gun, Only a nation louder.
- 7. An' there I see a little keg,
 Its head all made of leather.
 They knocked upon't with little sticks
 To call the folks together.
- And Cap'n Davis had a gun,
 He kind o'clapt his hand on't
 And stuck a crooked stabbing-iron
 Upon the little end on't.
- The troopers, too, would gallop up And fire right in our faces.
 It scared me almost half to death To see them run such races.
- 10. It scared me so I hooked it off Nor stopped, as I remember, Nor turned about till I got home, Locked up in mother's chamber.

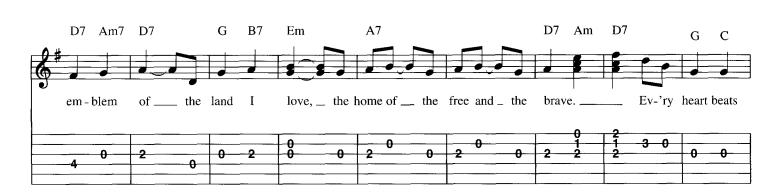
You're a Grand Old Flag

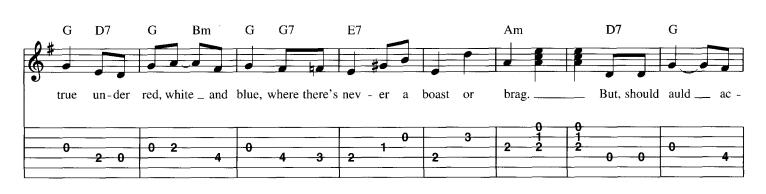
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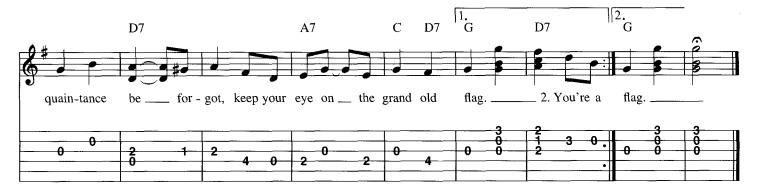


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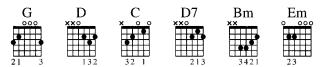




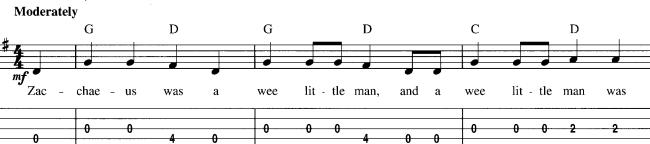


Zacchaeus

Traditional



Strum Pattern: 3, 4 Pick Pattern: 3, 5



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