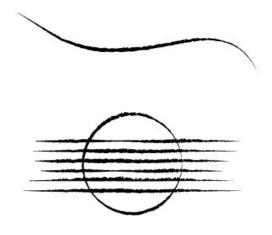
# Beginning Guitar For the Classroom

## A Comprehensive Approach

#### Sixteenth Edition



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#### Forward

This book is intended for the beginning student with no previous guitar experience. The goal is that the student acquires basic proficiency in three distinct areas: popular, classical and ensemble playing.

#### **Popular Style**

Students will learn all the basic chords as well as a variety of extended chords, including bar chords. Chords are always learned in the context of playing popular songs, from a variety of genres, so that there is immediate and relevant application. Playing with the recordings of these songs is not only fun, but it also teaches the students how to listen to and play to a beat. Additionally, students will learn all songs by reading song charts, which contain the chords, strumming rhythms, form and other details of the song. Thus, beginning with Lesson 1, students will begin to develop music-reading proficiency.

The class final for the rock portion of this book is to learn and perform the iconic song, *Stairway to Heaven*. It's makes for an excellent final since it includes a variety of chords and strumming patterns, some with demanding and aggressive rhythms, as well as a variety of fingerstyle patterns. Beginning in Lesson 13, students will learn this song section by section as it correlates to the objective of each lesson. Please note that learning the whole song my not be practical in your classroom setting. However, it is suggested that students learn at least the introduction (rehearsal letters A and B on page 106).

#### **Guitar Ensemble**

There are significant reasons and benefits to including ensemble music in a guitar curriculum. First of all, performing music with other students is a magical experience. Secondly, it brings immediate application to the music-reading process. Thirdly, students learn the practical skill of preparing music for a performance. This means not only learning their own part (the notes and rhythms and technical preparation), but also in the in the context of the whole, students learn how to perform their part so that within the ensemble, there is balance (volume), blend (tone) and continuity in phrasing, dynamics, tempo fluctuations and other expressive devices. Lastly, for my program, learning these skills prepares students for the following years in my program when they will perform in my guitar ensemble.

Ensemble-playing skill begins in chapter 3, when students begin learning to read music in the context of playing duets with the teacher. Like learning chords in the context learning popular songs, learning to read music in the context of playing duets not only gives students a relevant and enjoyable application to acquiring reading skills, but it also teaches students to how to listen, the most important skill in music.

#### **Classical Guitar**

By the second semester, students will have become proficient enough in music reading skills to begin learning classical guitar. Classical guitar technique is presented methodically, beginning with simple arpeggios and ending with three-part studies. All repertoire is taken from standard classical guitar literature.

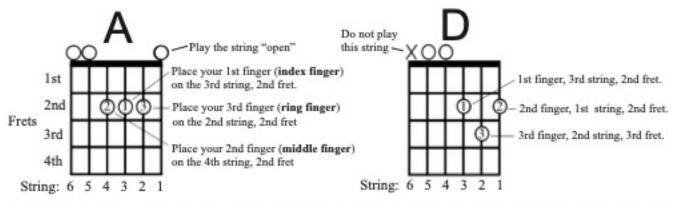
While developing technical skill is obviously an important objective here, the goal is more than that. As important as technique, it is only the physical component of music-making. But music is more than fingers playing notes. What makes music meaningful to both the audience and the player is *how* those notes are played – the expression and emotion within those notes. The function of technique is to give us the physical tools to articulate what we hear in our inner ear. When students are able express what they both understand and feel inside the music, the music becomes *far* more meaningful and personal to them, and subsequently, to their audience.

NOTE: It is highly recommended that teachers utilize the eBook found on TheGuitarClassroom.com.

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# Lesson 1 The A and D Chords



Notice that for both the A and D chord, the index finger is placed on the 3rd string, 2nd fret. Keep this finger down when switching between chords. It serves as a pivot finger, making the switch between the A and D chords much easier.

#### The Beat

Beats exist in all music. They are markers in time that let us know exactly when to strum a chord (or play a note) and how long to let that chord or note ring out. Playing to the same beat enables musicians to be perfectly synchronized.

Music is always organized into groups of beats. Beats can be grouped into any number, but most often they're grouped into four. These groups of beats are called **bars** or **measures**. (see exercise 1 below.)

This is called a **time signature**. The top number tells you how the beats are organized in each bar; in other words, how many beats are in each bar. The bottom number is the value of the beat, which we'll discuss later.

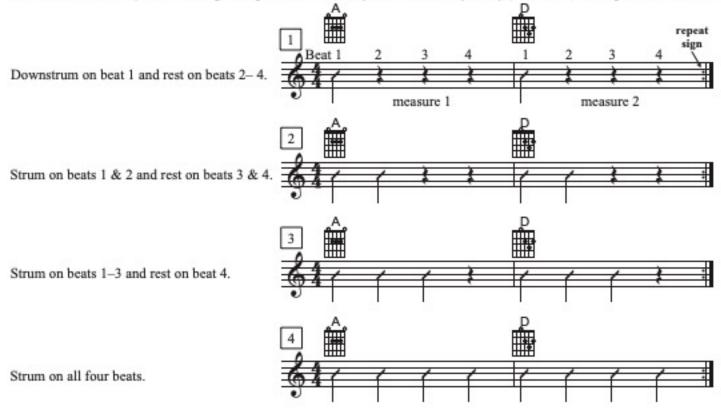
We can strum a chord on a beat or let the beat be silent. This symbol tells you to strum on the beat.



This symbol, called a rest, tells you that the beat should be silent.



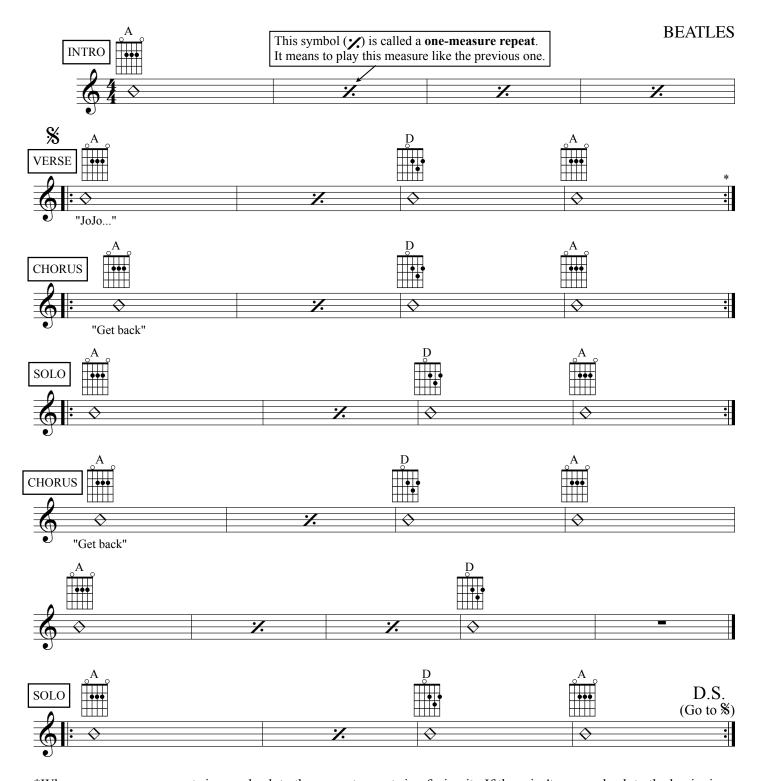
Each exercise below is two measures long and has a 4 time signature, which means that each measure has four beats. At the end of each exercise, you'll see a repeat sign. This means to go back to the beginning (measure 1) and repeat the exercise.



- $\diamondsuit$  = **Whole note**. Strum once and let it ring for 4 beats; in other words, the *whole* measure.
- **- Whole rest**. Silence for the *whole* measure.

**D.S.** is an abbreviation for *Dal Segno*, an Italian term meaning, *go to the sign:* %

# Get Back



<sup>\*</sup>Whenever you see a repeat sign, go back to the nearest repeat sign facing it. If there isn't one, go back to the beginning.

# Lesson 2 Rhythm

In Lesson 1, we learned about the beat. We also learned to read symbols that told us to strum a chord on the beat and let it ring for one beat or for the whole measure. This is called **rhythm**. Rhythm simply tells us *when* to strum those chords and *how long* to let them ring out *based on the beat*. Beats are the reference points.

Notes or strums that ring for one beat are called a **quarter notes.** Essentially, that's what the bottom number in a  $\frac{4}{4}$  time signaure is telling you. While the top "4" tells you that there are 4 beats in a measure, the bottom "4", an abbreviation for  $(\frac{1}{4})$ , tells you that the quarter note is the value of the beat. In other words, each beat must add up to a quarter note.

Quarter Notes

Note Strum Rest

Eighth Notes

Strum

Rest

Since a quarter note lasts for one beat, then logically, a note lasting only *half* a beat is called an **eighth note**, since half of a quarter is an eighth.

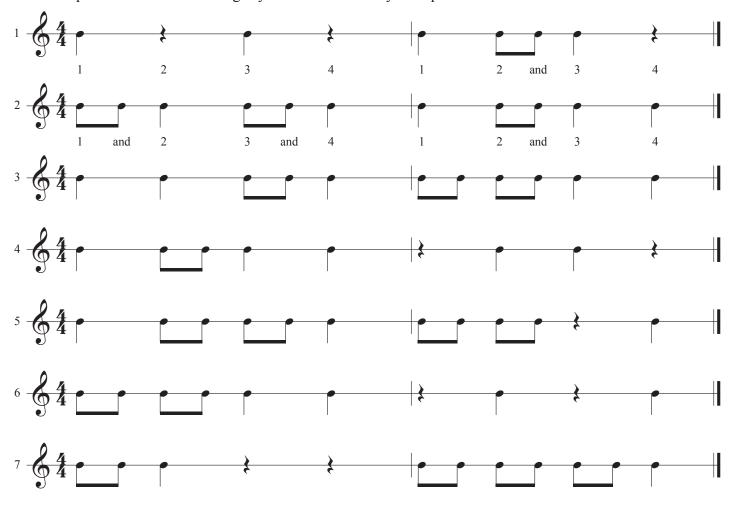
Since eighth notes last for only half a beat, and in  $\frac{4}{4}$ , each beat must add up to a quarter note, we can fit two eighth notes in one beat. Two eighth notes are **beamed** together so that you know they both belong to one beat.



Note

When playing two eighth notes, the first one is played right on the beat and the second one is played exactly at the halfway point between that beat and the next beat. When counting eighth notes, the first one is called by whatever beat it lands on, for example, "one" or "two." The second eighth note is always called "and."

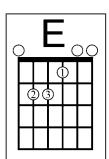
Clap and count the following rhythm exercises. Pat your lap on the rests.

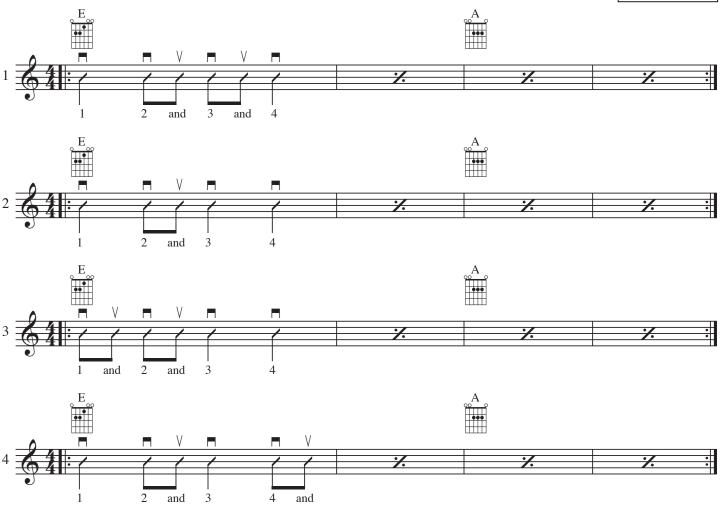


# Strumming Patterns

Strumming patterns are repeated rhythmic patterns we make while strumming. Play the strumming patterns below with a metronome. Make sure you synchronize your downstrum to each click!

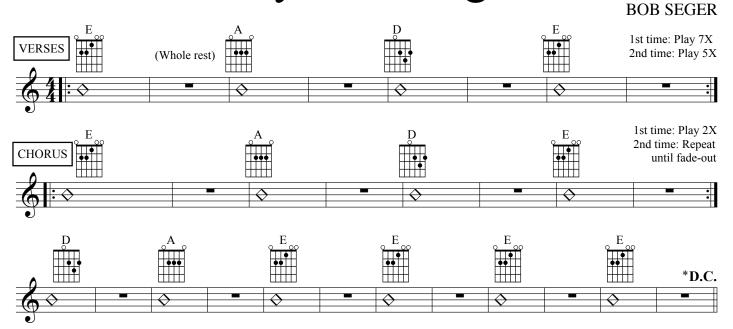
When two 8th notes are on one beat, the first is referred to as the **downbeat**, and the second is referred to as the **upbeat**. With that in mind, strum down ( $\sqcap$ ) on the downbeat, and strum up ( $\lor$ ) on the upbeat. **Downbeats = Downstrums**, **Upbeats = Upstrums**.



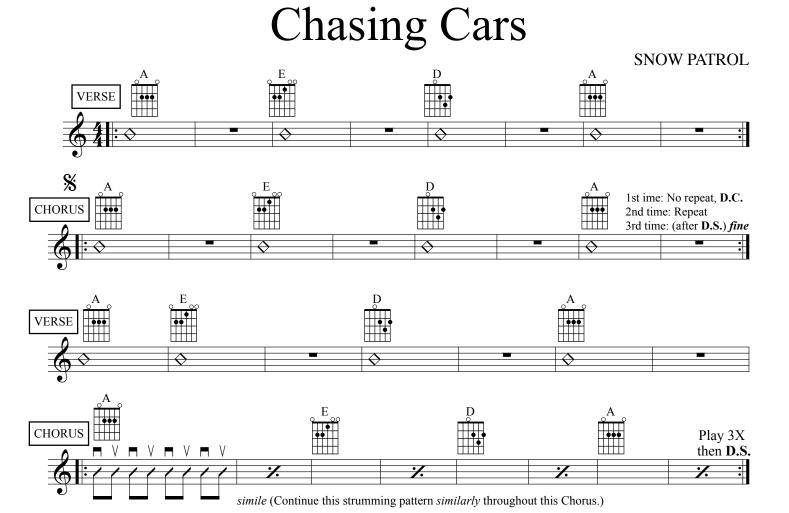




# Hollywood Nights



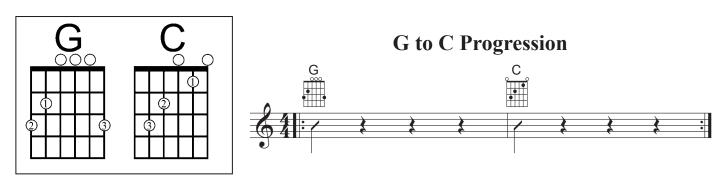
\*D.C. is an abreviation for Da Capo, an Italian term meaning, go back to the head (beginning) of the music.



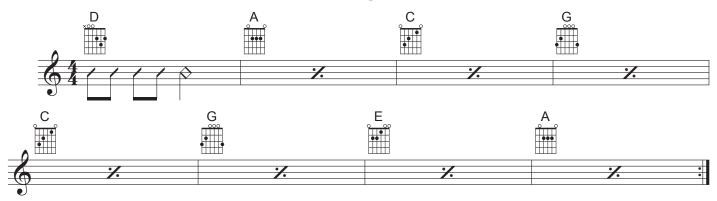
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Blind Melon INTRO VERSE E CHORUS E VERSE E ... CHORUS

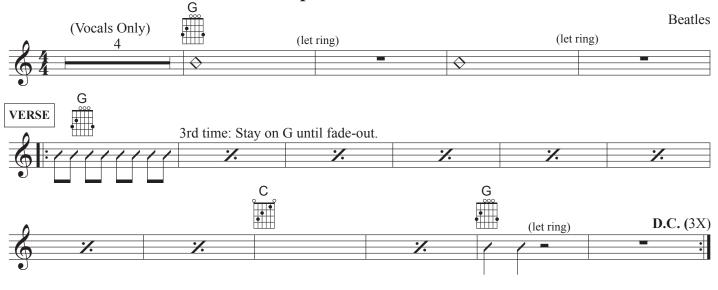
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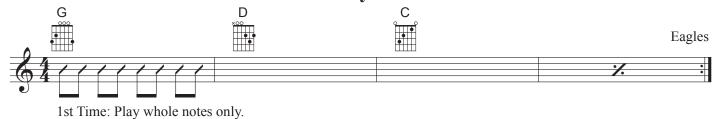
#### **Chord Progression No. 2**







#### **Already Gone**



#### **Reading Music**

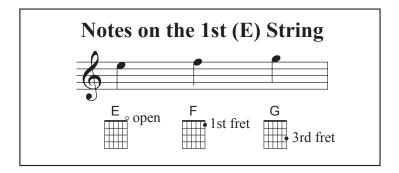
In this lesson, you will begin learning to read music one string at a time, and only on the first three frets, which is called **First Position.** We will begin with the first string, also called the *E string* since that is the note it sounds when played open (no finger held down on the string). The note on the 1st fret is F. The note on the 3rd fret is G. (See below.) We will not play the note on the second fret in this lesson.

#### **Numbers Next to Notes**

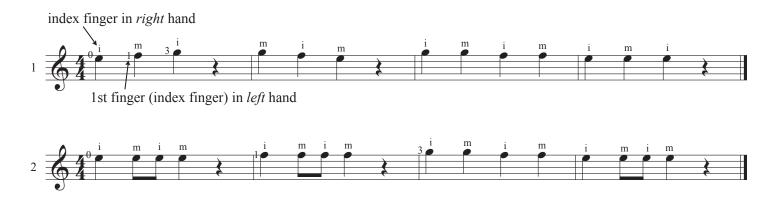
Notice the numbers next to some of the notes in the exercises below. These numbers indicate the left-hand fingers you will use to play those notes. While in first position, the numbers will correspond to fret numbers. Since you will be playing in first position only, numbers really aren't necessary at all. All notes on the 1st fret will always be played with the first finger and notes on 3rd fret will always be played with the third finger. Because of that, finger numbers are used sparingly throughout the book so that you are not tempted to read numbers instead of reading the notes. Keep in mind that the point of these exercises is not so much to *play* the melodies, but to *read* the melodies.

#### Right and Left-Hand Technique

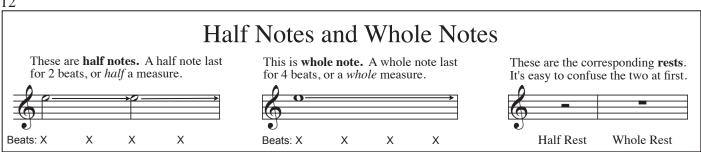
Play the following exercises alternating between the index finger (i) and middle finger (m) and using a **rest stroke.** After striking the string, the finger *rests* against the string just above. For example, after striking the 1st string with the index finger, the finger will "rest" against the 2nd string. Lastly, in the left hand, keep the thumb behind the neck (it should not hang over the fretboard), always aligned with the middle finger. This will create an arch to the left hand, causing the fingers to be aligned with the frets, so that you won't have to look at your hand while reading the music.



Play the exercises below using alternating between the index (i) and middle (m) finger and using a rest stroke.



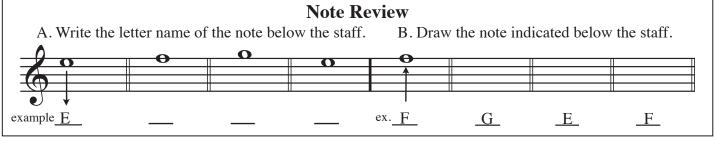




#### **Guitar Duets**

Note: Audio recordings of these duets are available in the eBook at www.TheGuitarClassroom.com





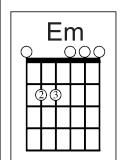


## **Sight-Reading Practice Exercises**

Sight-reading is the skill to read music fluidly, with little to no practice time. To assess your music-reading skills taught in this lesson (notes *and* rhythms), you will be asked to sight-read short music examples, such as those below.



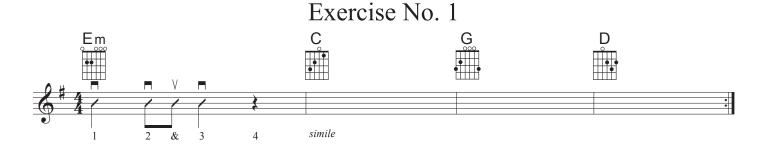
#### Lesson 4

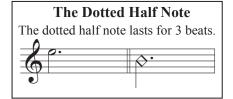


#### The Minor Chord

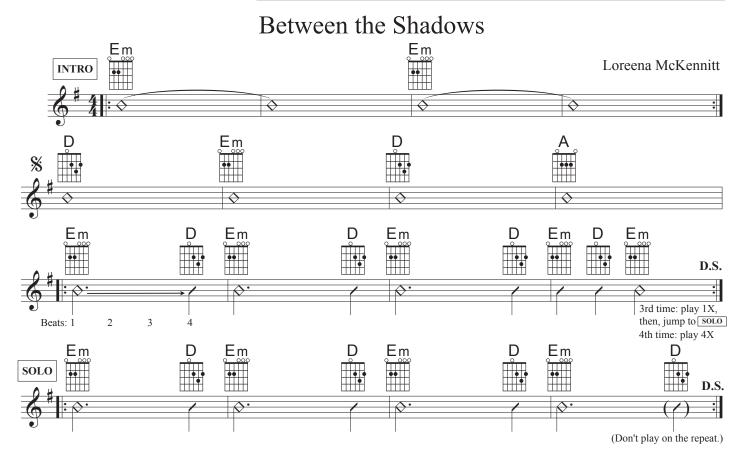
There are four basic types of chords: major, minor, diminished, and augmented. All the chords you have learned so far have been major chords, identified by just one letter, i.e. "A", "D", "E". When an "m" is placed just after the letter, i.e. Em, it means that the chord is a *minor* chord. The "m" is simply an abbreviation for "minor".

The difference between a major and minor chord is not in their importance, but in the quality of *sound* each produces. Compare the quality of sound between an E major and E minor chord. Form an E chord and strum it. Now, form an Em chord (simply lift your first finger off the 3rd string) and strum it. Did you notice the difference in quality of sound?

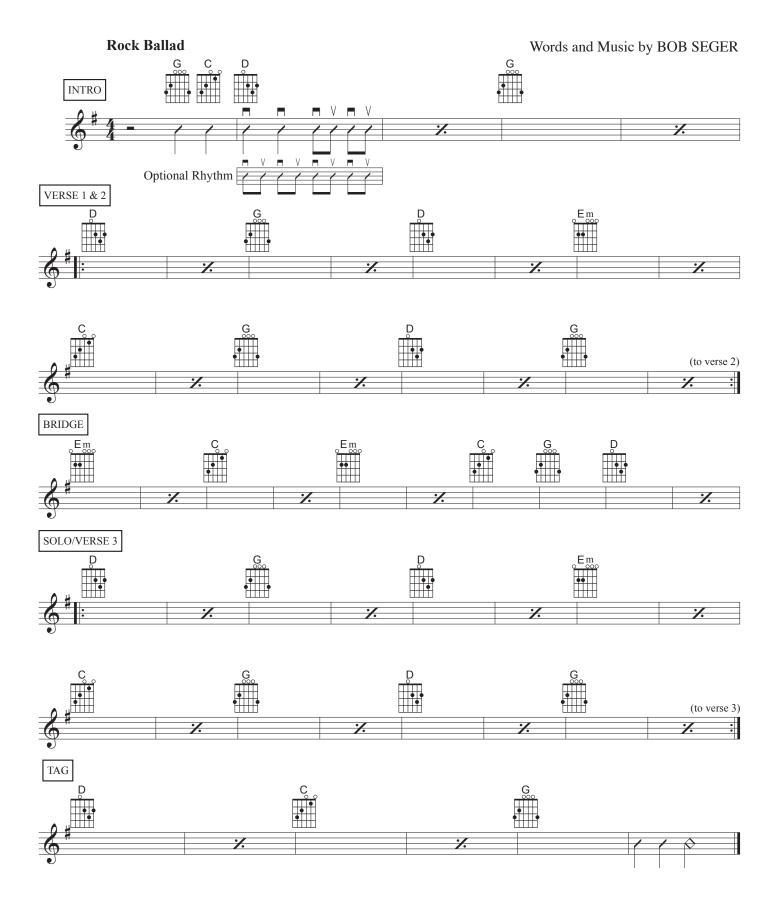




Notice the curved line that connects the two whole notes in measures 1 and 2 below. This is called a **tie**. A tie extends the duration of a chord or note. In the first measure below, the Em chord, being a whole note, can only ring for 4 beats. However, since it's tied to the whole note Em chord in measure 2, it rings for four *more* beats. You can think of the tie as a plus sign.

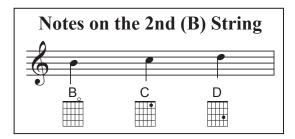


## In Your Time



## Heart of Gold





The Importance of a Correct Left-Hand Position

If your left hand position is correct, your fingers will automatically be aligned with the frets, making it unnecessary to look at your left hand. This will allow you to focus your attention on reading the music. Remember, keep the thumb *behind* the neck (it should not hang over the top of the fretboard) and aligned with the middle finger. The neck of the guitar should not rest against the palm of your hand.





Notice that there's only two beats in the first measure. This is called a *pickup*. The first note here starts on beat 3.

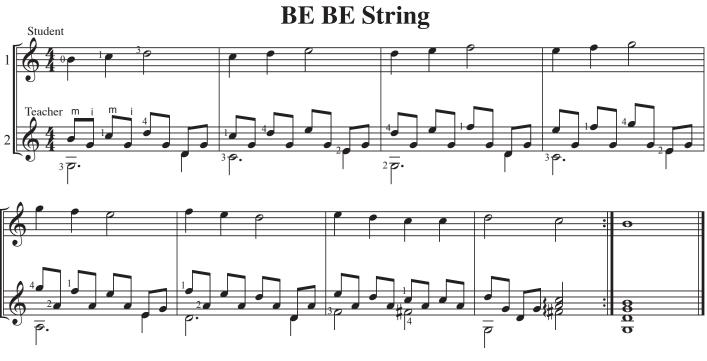
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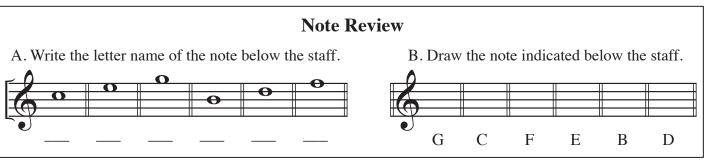


#### **The Beast Ring**



Combining Notes on the 1st and 2nd String



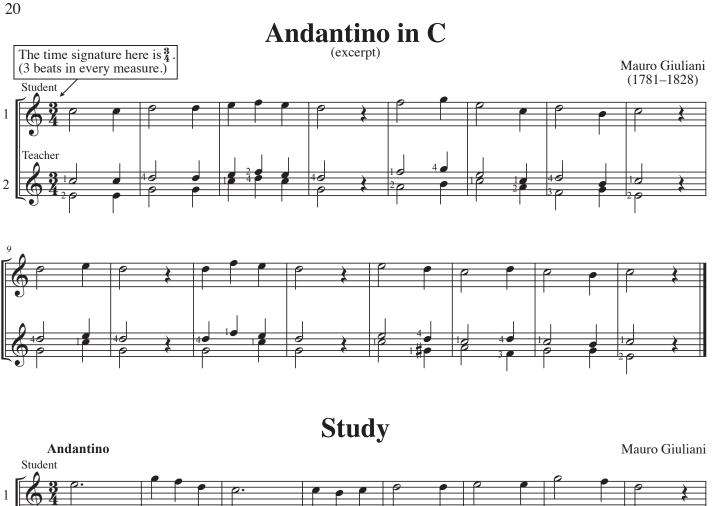


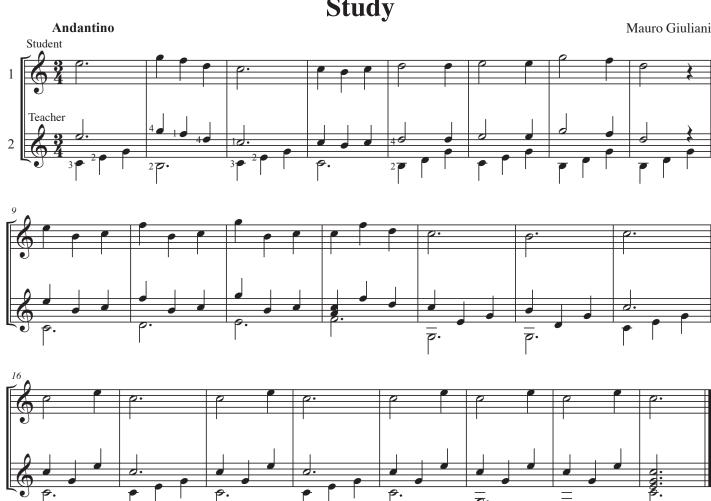
#### Dance de las Hachas

(from Eight Easy Dances)



<sup>\*</sup>Unless specified otherwise, you may start with either i or m. Remember to always alternate.





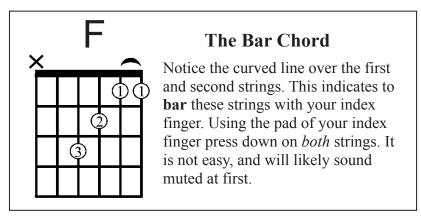
## **Sight-Reading Exercises**

As you sight-read these examples, here are some helpful tips:

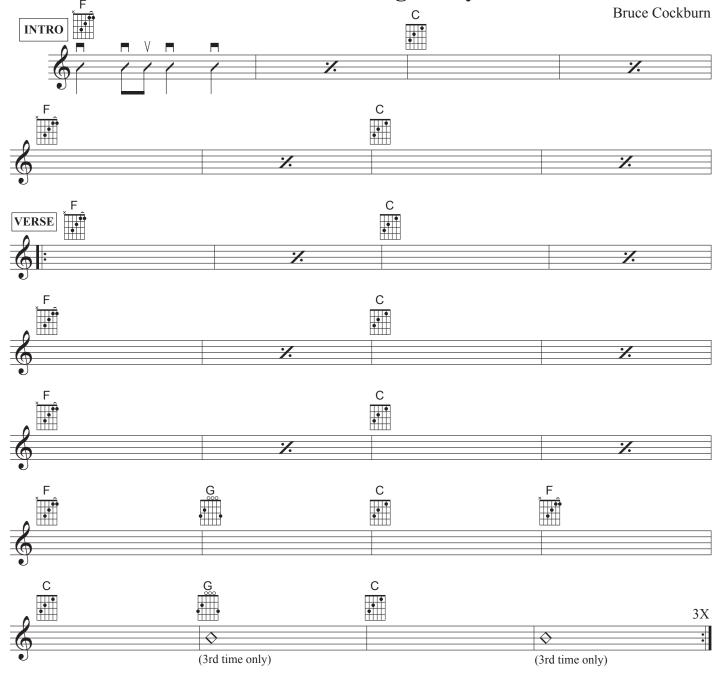
- 1. **Keep your eyes on the music.** All of the exercises below are in first position, so there's no need to look at your left hand.
- 2. Always look ahead so that you can prepare to play what comes next before you get there.
- 3. Play at a slow enough tempo that allows you to play without stopping.
- 4. Never lose track of the beat. If necessary, use a metronome or tap your foot.



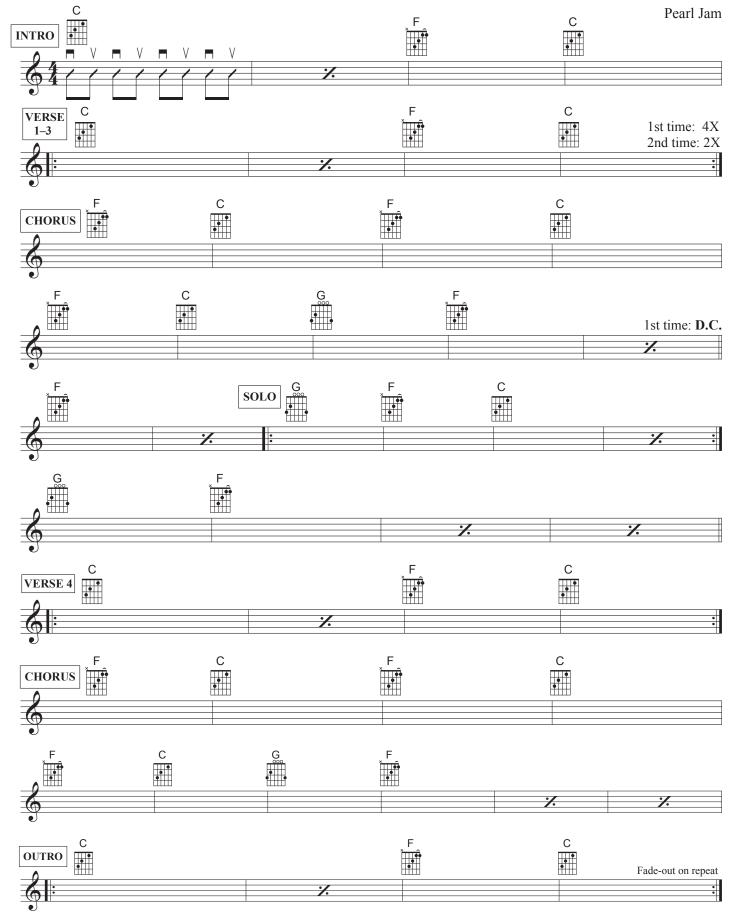
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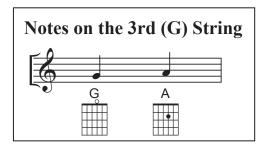
#### The Whole Night Sky

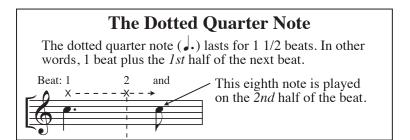


#### Wishlist



Student





## Air on the G String



## **Dance on the 3rd String**



## Allegro in C



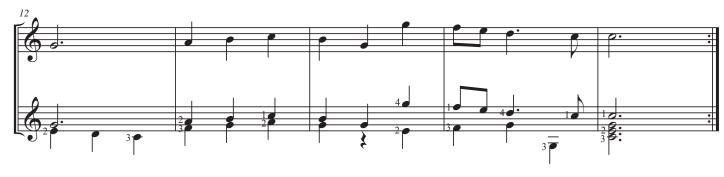


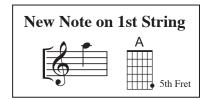
## Menuett

Johann Krieger (1651 – 1735)



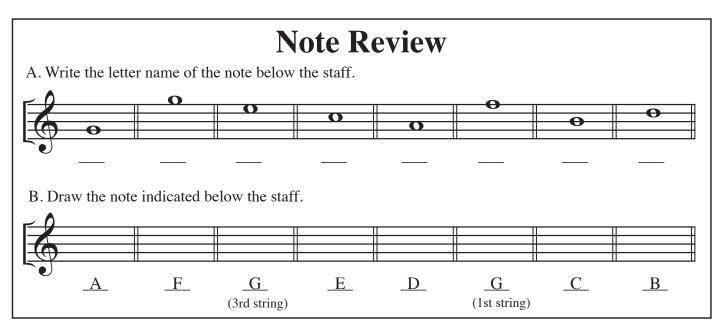






# **From Spanish Dance**



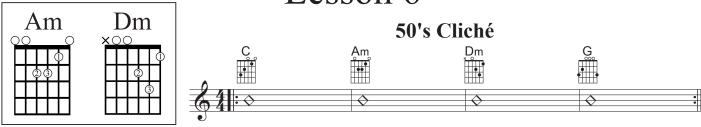


## **Practice Reading Test**

- 1. Keep your eyes on the music. In first position, there's no need to look at your left hand!
- 2. Always look ahead so that you can prepare to play what comes next *before* you get there.
- 3. Play at a slow enough tempo that allows you to play without stopping.
- 4. Never lose track of the beat. Feel free to tap your foot.



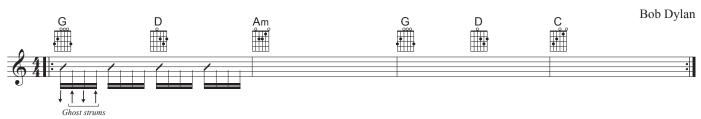
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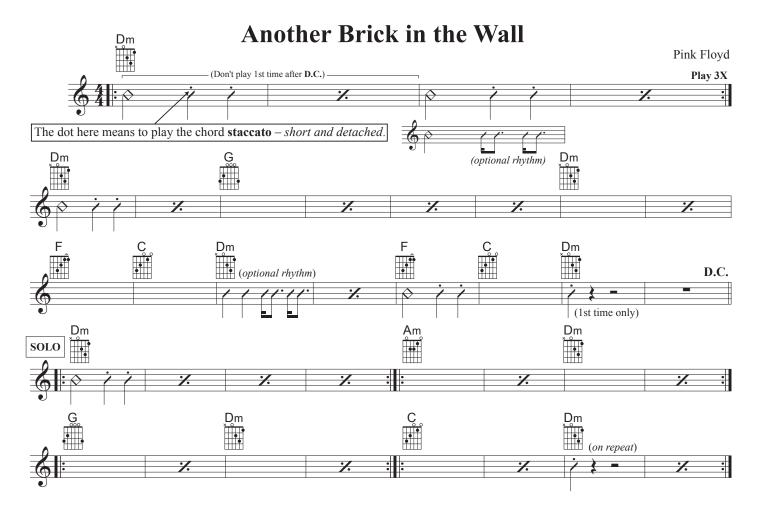


#### Ad Lib and Ghost Strumming

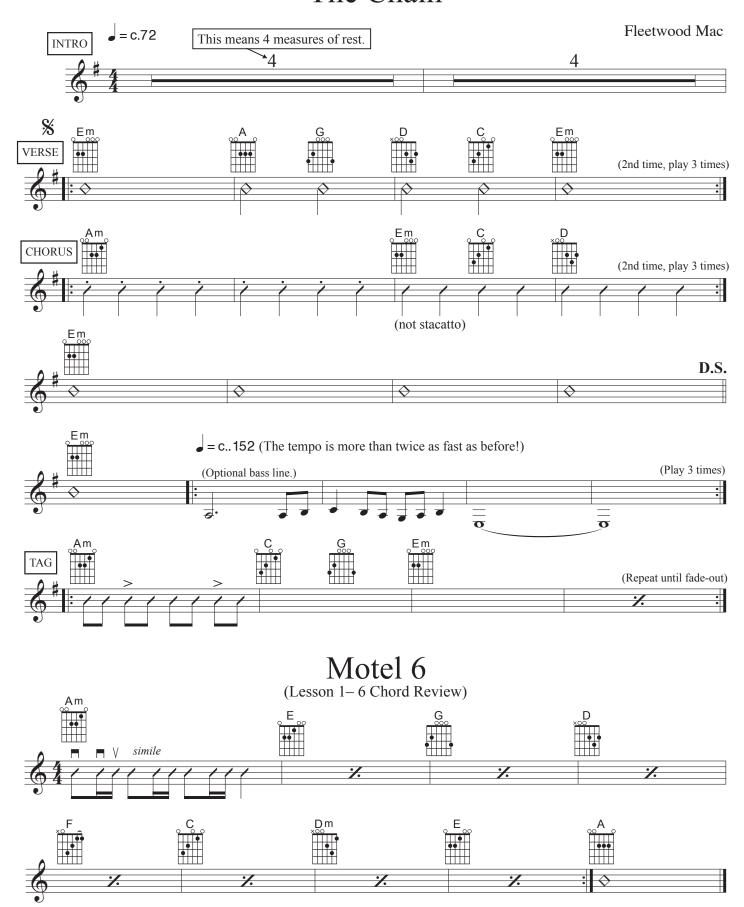
Playing songs in popular styles often means that you will "ad lib" the strumming. This simply means that you will embellish the song's strumming pattern here and there, adding a little bit of your own rhythmic feeling into it, without altering the basic groove of the song. Before you can ad lib, you need to first learn how to divide each beat into four (16th-note) hand motions: down - up - down - up. This doesn't necessarily mean that your pick will strum the strings on all four motions. Some strums can be ghost strums (making the motion without actually striking the strings). Deciding when to strum or ghost strum is a personal and usually, a spontaneous choice. It not only adds rhythmic variety and expressiveness to the groove of the song, but it allows you to insert your own creativity and feelings into the music. To get used to ghost strumming, initially, strum only on the first of the four hand motions. On the other three, make ghost strums.

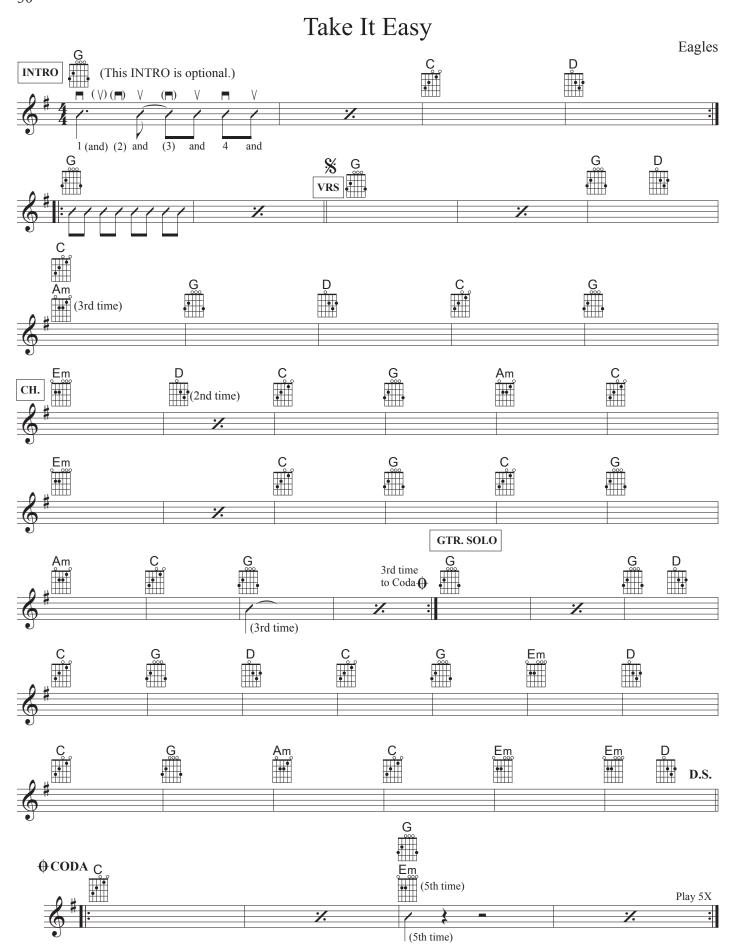


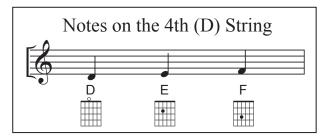


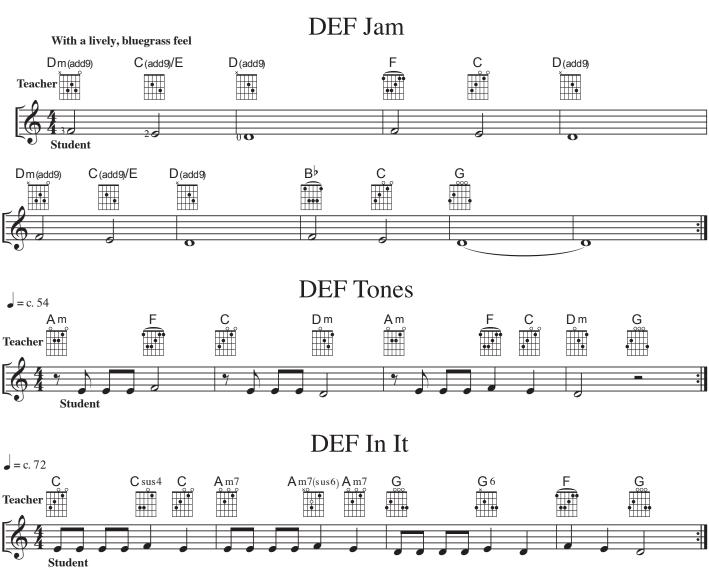


## The Chain

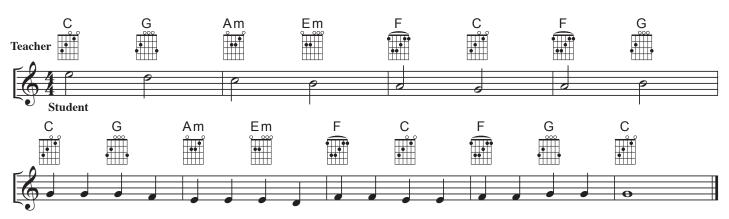








#### Pachelbel Canon



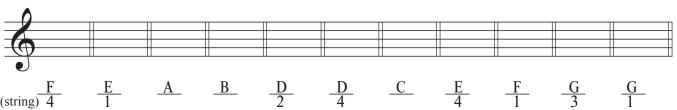


#### NOTE REVIEW

A. Write the letter name of the note below the staff.



B. Draw the note indicated below the staff.



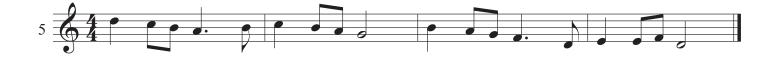
#### **Practice Reading Test**



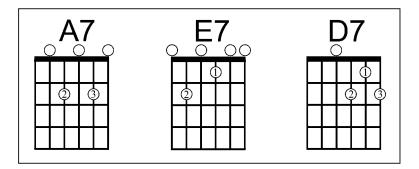








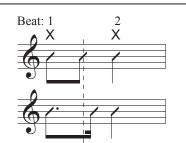
## Lesson 7



#### The Shuffle Strumming Pattern

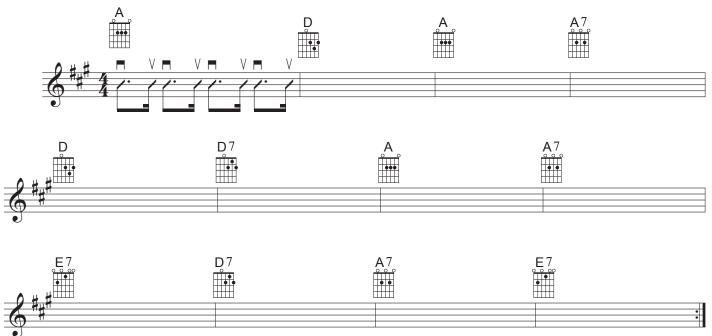
Normally, the beat is divided evenly – the first 8th note right on the beat and the second 8th note excactly at the halfway point between beats:

When strums are shuffled (also called *swinging*), the downstrum is held a little longer and therefore, the upstrum has to come up a little quicker:



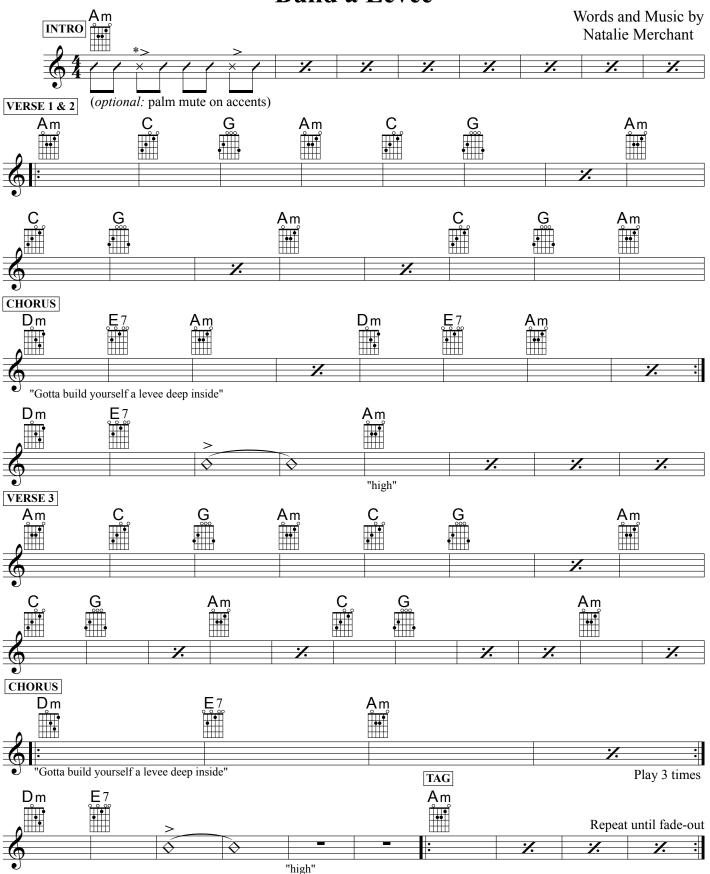
#### 12-Bar Blues

Brush the strings when strumming. On the downstrum of beats 2 & 4, strum with *slightly* more force.

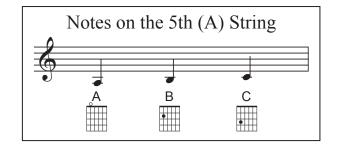




#### **Build a Levee**



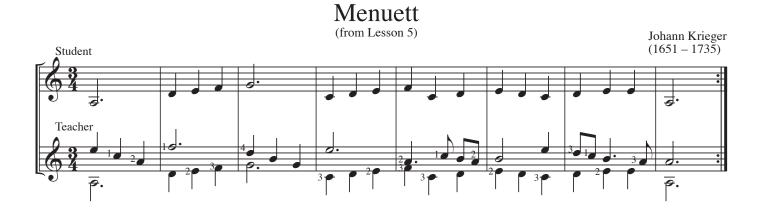
<sup>\*</sup>The accent marks (>) on beats 2 & 4 indicate to strum with a little more force. *Optional*: add a palm mute to give it a percussive, drumlike sound. To palm mute, rest the palm of your right hand on the strings at the same time your pick strikes the strings. The second half of beats 2 & 4 should be clean (not muted).



Play BAC









Note to Teacher: Begin the Sight-Reading Practice Exercises on page 39.

# Andante in C

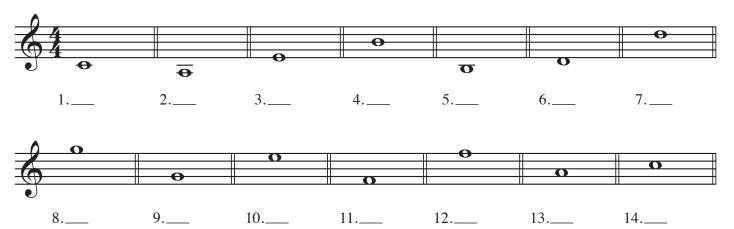
Fernando Sor *arr*. L.Warde Student

# **Sight-Reading Exercises**

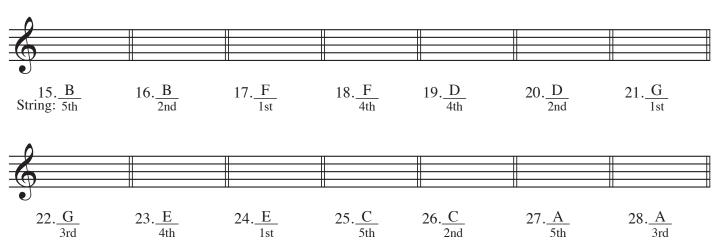


# **Note Review**

A. Write the letter name of the note below the staff.



B. Draw the note indicated below the staff.

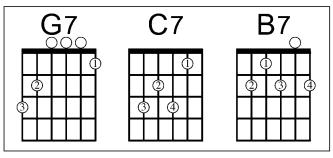


C. What is the value of the indicated note or rest? In other words, does the note last for 1 beat? A half beat?

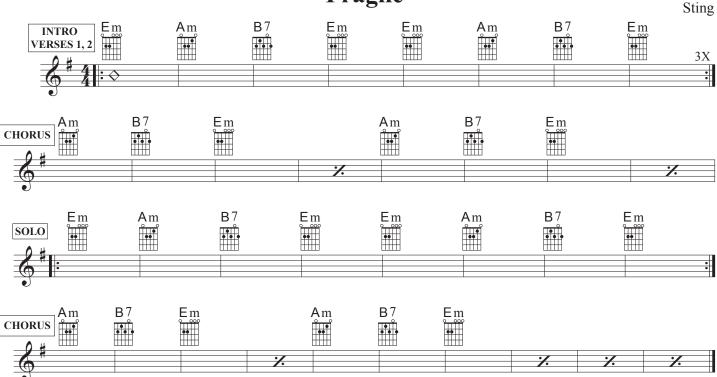




# Lesson 8

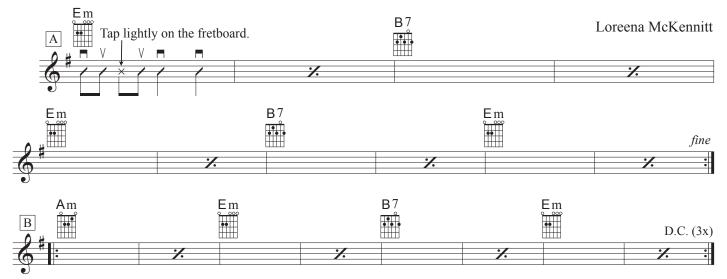


# **Fragile**

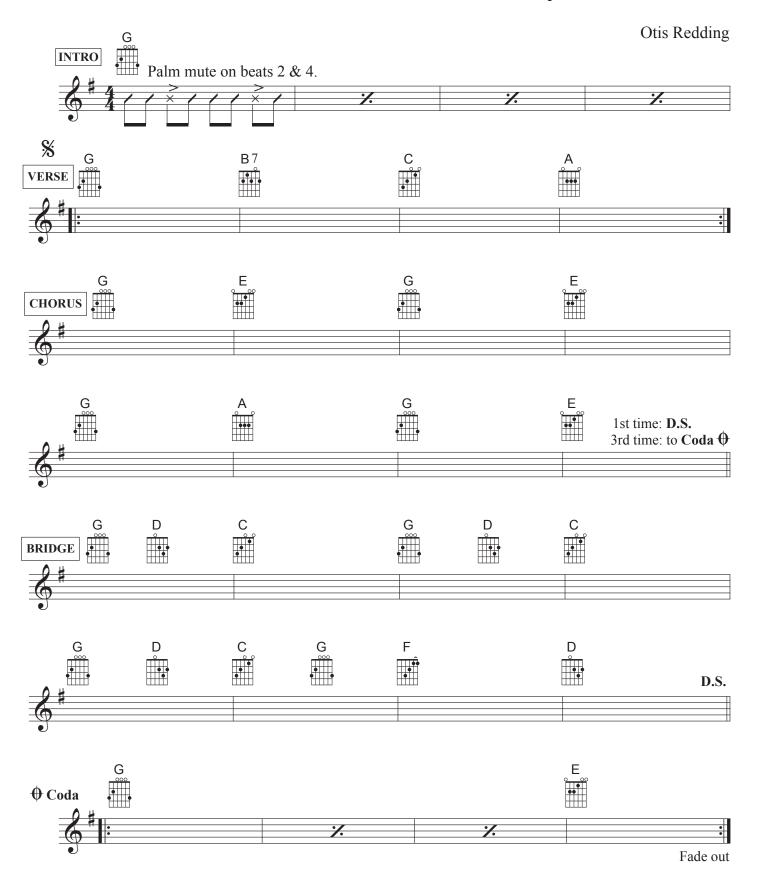


# Tango to Evora

In this song, you will strum using your hand. Make downstrums using the top of the nails of your index, middle and ring fingers. Make upstrums using the top of your thumbnail. NOTE: 1st and 4th time, strum whole notes by rolling the chords with the pad of your thumb.

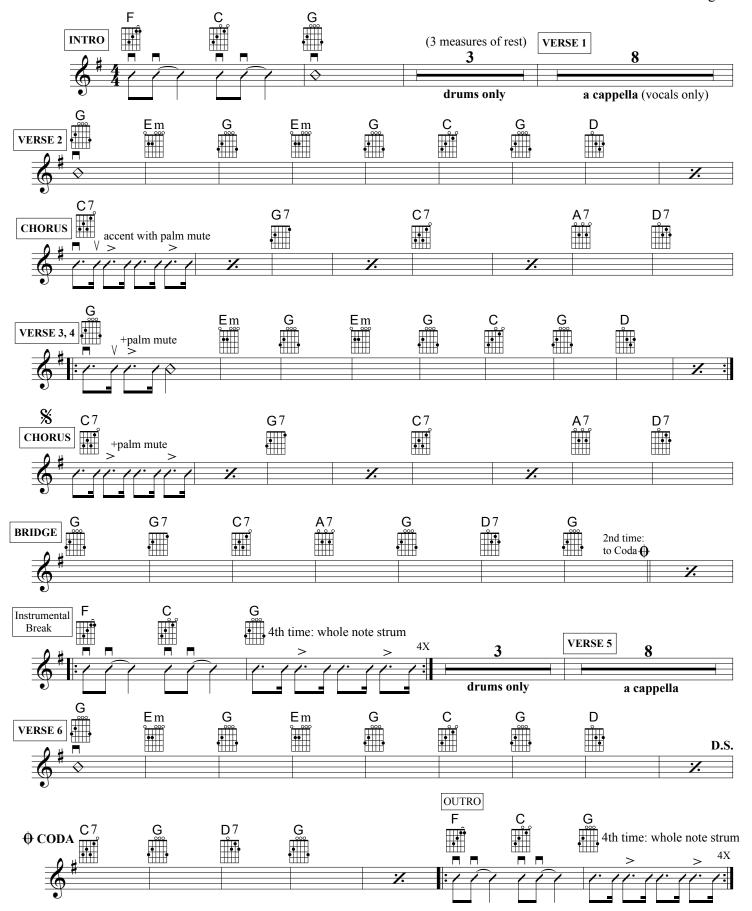


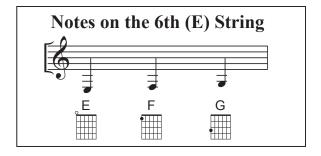
# Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay



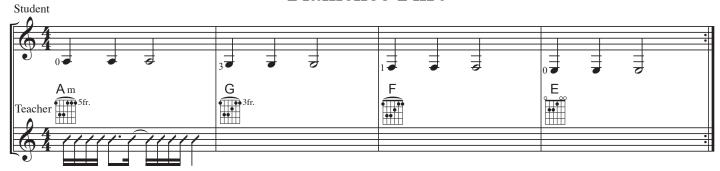
# **Heartache Tonight**

Eagles

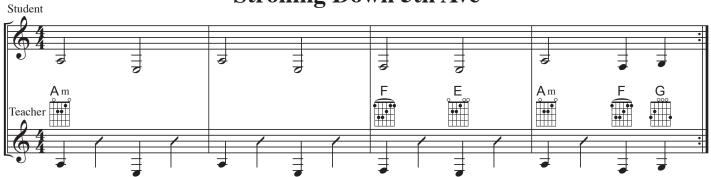




Flamenco Flirt



# **Strolling Down 5th Ave**



# Mr. Travis Takes A Walk



#### **Pachelbel Canon**



#### **Playing Bass Notes**

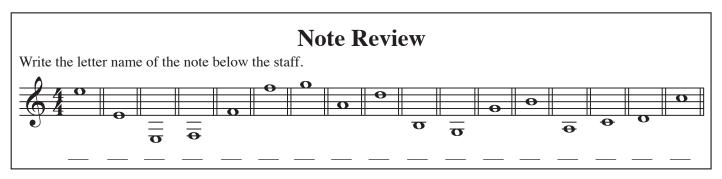
Adding bass notes to your strumming is an important skill to learn as a guitar player. It adds another dimension to your sound, making it more full and interesting. In *Saturday Night* below, play the bass note on beat one (and the walk-ups at bars 31, 46 & 50) with a downstroke of your pick. Then, downstrum the chord on beats two and three.



\*This is called a *fermata*. It tells you to hold the chord or note under it longer than the given duration, usually at the discretion of the player.

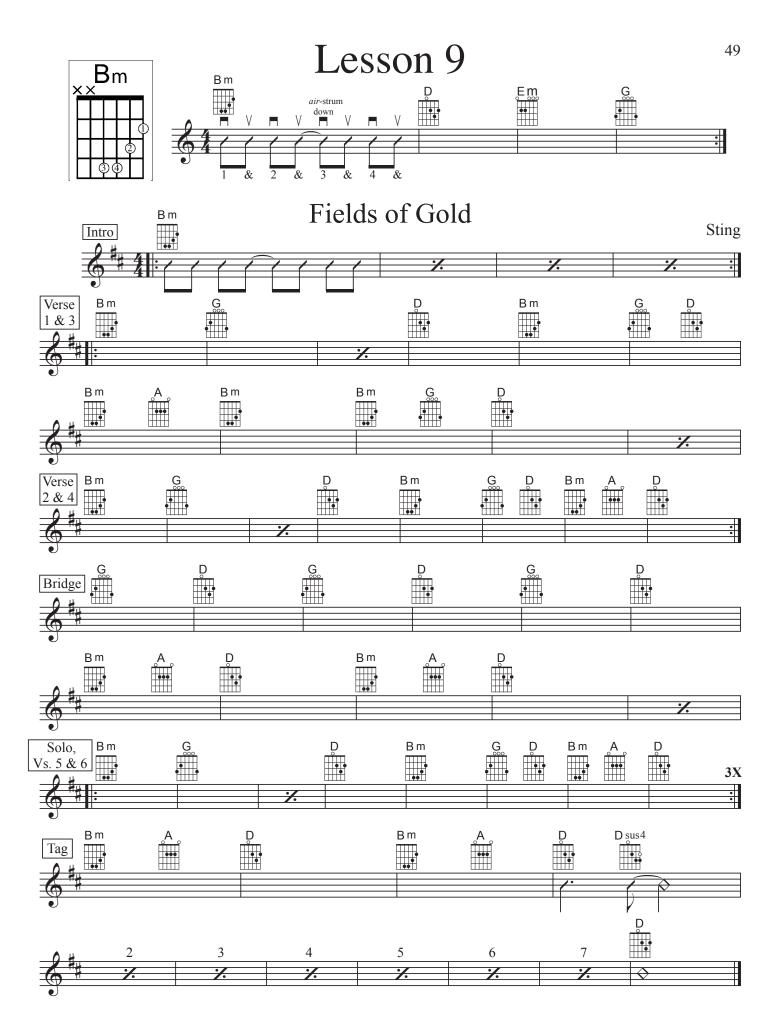




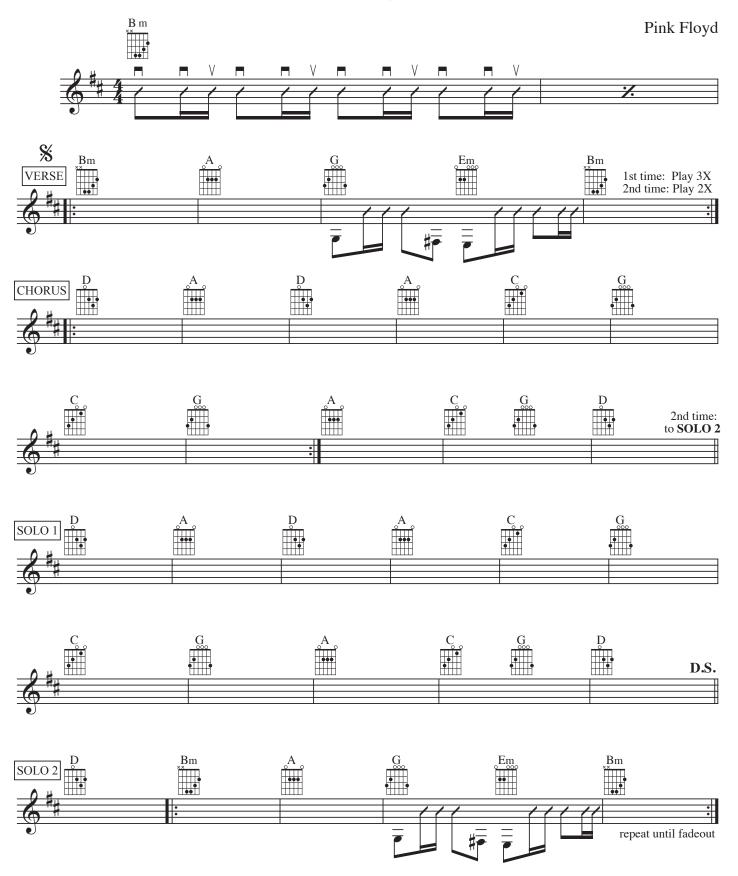


**Sight-Reading Practice Exercises** 



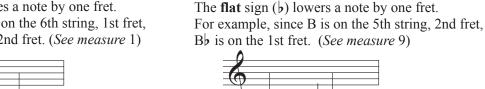


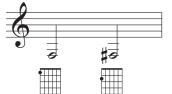
# Comfortably Numb

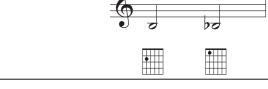


Accidentals
(A term from early 15th century, taken from the Latin word, *accidentem*, meaning "outside the normal course of nature.")

The **sharp** sign (#) raises a note by one fret. For example, since F is on the 6th string, 1st fret, F# is on the 6th string, 2nd fret. (See measure 1)









#### A Rule on Accidentals

When a note is altered by an accidental, it will stay altered throughout the entire measure (but *only* for that measure.) For instance, if we sharp F, all other F's in that measure will automatically be sharped and therefore, a sharp sign on the other F's in that measure is not necessary. (see m. 10)



# Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring



#### **Key Signatures**

When a note(s) is altered throughout the piece, instead of placing an accidental on each note, a **key signature**, located at the beginning of each staff line, will indicate which notes will be altered. In *Arietta* below, notice the flat sign (b) on the middle line at the beginning of each staff line. Since the note, B, sits on this line, the flat indicates that *all* B's, *high or low*, will be flat. If any B should *not* be altered, a **natural sign** (\$) must be placed before that note.



\*This is called a **courtesy accidental**. It's just a reminder that this note is Ft, not F#, as it was two measures back.

# **More Sight-Reading Practice Exercises**





# Lesson 10

#### **Adding Notes to Chords**

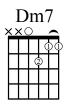
Before we can talk about adding notes to chords, we need to first discuss what a chord *is*, specifically. A chord is made up of three notes, and because of that, it is often called a **triad** ("3 notes"). What are these three notes? The first and most important note is the **root**. The root is the foundation of the chord and as such, the chord is named after the root. For instance, the root of a D chord is "D"; the root of an Am chord is "A". The other two notes are simply distances or, **intervals** from the root. One note is an interval of a 3rd from the root, and the other is an interval of a 5th. This is easily understood if we think of the root as "1". In an Am chord for instance, A, the root, is "1". If A is "1", C, is "3" and E is "5": A-B-C-D-E. These are the three notes in an Am chord.

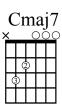
1 2 3 4 5

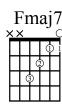
We can add more notes to the chord. The additional note is indicated not by its letter name, but by its distance from the root, just like the 3rd and 5th. For instance, if we want to add a G to the Am chord, we count its distance from A, the root: A-B-C-D-E-F-G. We can see that that G is a distance (or interval) of 7 steps from A. Therefore, Am + G = Am7.

Below are four new chords, which, as you will see, are simple alterations of chords that you already know, and, are easier to play!

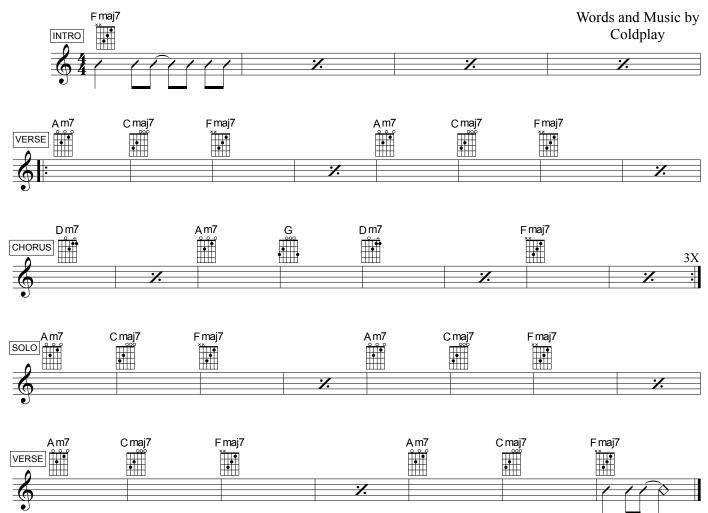








# Don't Panic



# Bourée



# PART II SECOND SEMESTER

- A. More Advanced Chords
- B. Stairway to Heaven
- C. Quartet Music
- D. Classical Guitar

### Lesson 11

#### Sus4 Chords

**Sus4** is an abbreviation for "Suspended 4th". This means that the note four steps away from the root is added to the chord, *replacing* the 3rd. This creates a suspended, unresolved feeling, since our ears want to hear the chord *with* the 3rd. This is why a sus4 chord typically resolves to the basic chord, as it does in *Certain Kind of Fool* below.

# Certain Kind of Fool



# **Classical Guitar**

The guitar is the most popular instrument in the world. It is no surprise then that the guitar is the primary instrument in most styles of popular music, including rock, blues, folk, pop, country, and bluegrass. In these styles, the guitar is used mainly as an accompaniment instrument. But the guitar is also a serious and respected solo instrument for the classical concert hall. The music written for the classical guitar is both abundant and diverse. Additionally, there are hundreds of serious works written for the guitar in combination with other instruments. In fact, the most famous *concerto* of all time is Joaquin Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*, a work for guitar and orchestra. (A concerto is a piece written for one instrument and orchestra.)

As we begin to learn classical guitar in the following lessons, the main focus will be to develop right-hand technique. Most beginning classical guitar music and virtually all popular songs using fingerstyle technique (i.e. *Dust in the Wind, Stairway to Heaven,* etc.) are essentially just simple chord progressions played with patterns in the fingers of the right hand. From a technical standpoint, the only difference between this music and the songs you've played in past lessons is the right hand technique. In other words, you will still be forming chords in the left hand, but instead of strumming the chords, the fingers of the right hand will play individual notes using patterns. Playing chords this way is called **arpeggios**, which literally means, "broken chord." Each lesson will introduce you to a different pattern. For instance, the right-hand pattern in Lesson 11 is: thumb (*p*), index finger (*i*) and middle finger (*m*). You will play this *p-i-m* pattern continually, while the left hand merely changes chord positions. [Note: **p** stands for *pulgar*, which means "thumb" in Spanish.]

#### Free Stroke

When playing arpeggios, we want the notes in each chord to continue ringing until we form the next chord. We accomplish this in two ways. First, in the right hand, we will use a **free stroke**, *not* a rest stroke. A free stroke is different from a rest stroke in that after striking the string, the fingers glide freely towards the palm of your hand, allowing that string to continue to vibrate. Secondly, in the left hand, we must make sure we continue to hold down the notes in the chords until we form the next chord.

#### **Chord Transitions**

One of the most challenging things when learning chords is transitioning from one chord to the next. This will also be true with the classical guitar music you will be learning. To help you form the chords quickly and accurately, keep fingers down on the notes that will also be used in the next chord. Secondly, always look ahead so that you can prepare for the next chord *before* you get to it. Lastly, *never* look at the fingers of your right hand! Doing so will not only inhibit your learning of the technique, but it will also hinder the flow of your performance, since your eyes will constantly be shifting from the music to your left hand and right hand. Instead, only look at your left hand, and only if necessary. In fact, place your music to your left so that your eyes can easily shift between the music and your left hand without moving your head.

#### **Reading the Music**

When we learned chords and songs, the chord diagram showed us where to put our left-hand fingers. We simply formed the chord and strummed the strings. Unfortunately, chord diagrams (and tablature) would have a very limited benefit in classical guitar music. Chord diagrams may show us where to place our left hand fingers, but it doesn't tell us *which* notes to play or *how* to play them in the right hand. Likewise, tabs may tell us which notes to play, but does not tell us how to play these notes, including the rhythm. Therefore, when learning classical guitar music, we must *read* standard music notation to know what chords to form in the left hand and how to play them in the right hand. Like the songs we've learned, most of the chords in this beginning classical guitar music lasts for a whole or half a measure. With that in mind, when learning the music, instead of reading note to note as you did when you reading duet music, you will need to look over *all* the notes in each measure so that you know how to form the chord and when the chord changes.

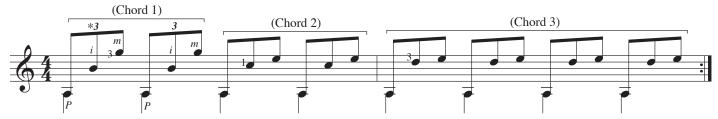
# p-i-m Pattern

**Left Hand**: You will be forming chords in the left hand and holding these chords for a half, whole or two measures. Keep your fingers down on the notes of these chords until you form the next chord. If the next chord has one or more of the same notes, *keep your finger down on those notes*. This will make chord transitions *much* easier.

**Right Hand**: The right hand will continually play this pattern: thumb (*p*), index (*i*) and middle finger (*m*). Always use a **free stroke** when playing chords! (see page 59) **Tip**: The middle finger will always play the 1st string and the index will play the 2nd string. The thumb plays the bass notes (stems down) on all other strings.

### Study No. 1

Form the chord under the brackets. Each chord has only one note you hold down. The other two notes are open strings.



## Study No. 2

The focus of this study is thumb movement. Do not look at your thumb! Instead, find the strings by feel.



<sup>\*</sup>These are called **triplets**, which means the beat is divided evenly into three.

Score

# Ode To Joy (Excerpt from Symphony No. 9) for Guitar Quartet

Ludwig van Beethoven(1770-1827) *arr.* L.Warde

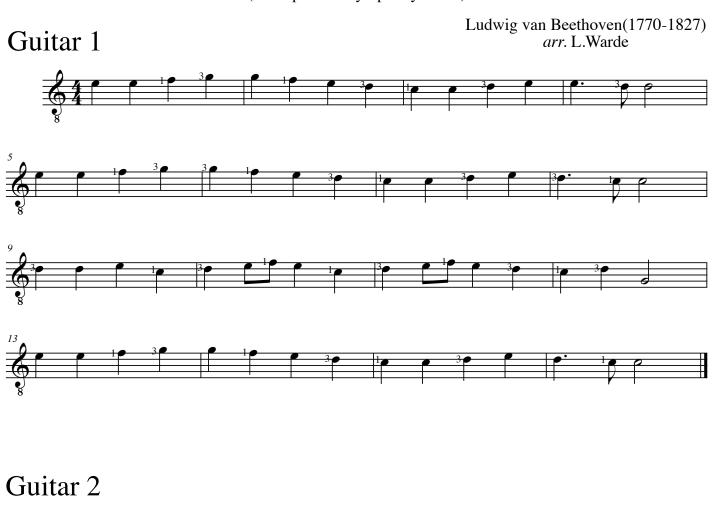






# **Ode To Joy**

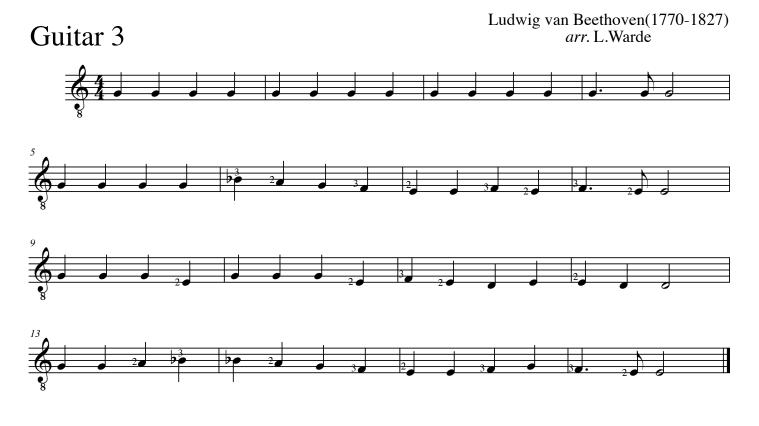
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# **Ode To Joy**

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# Guitar 4

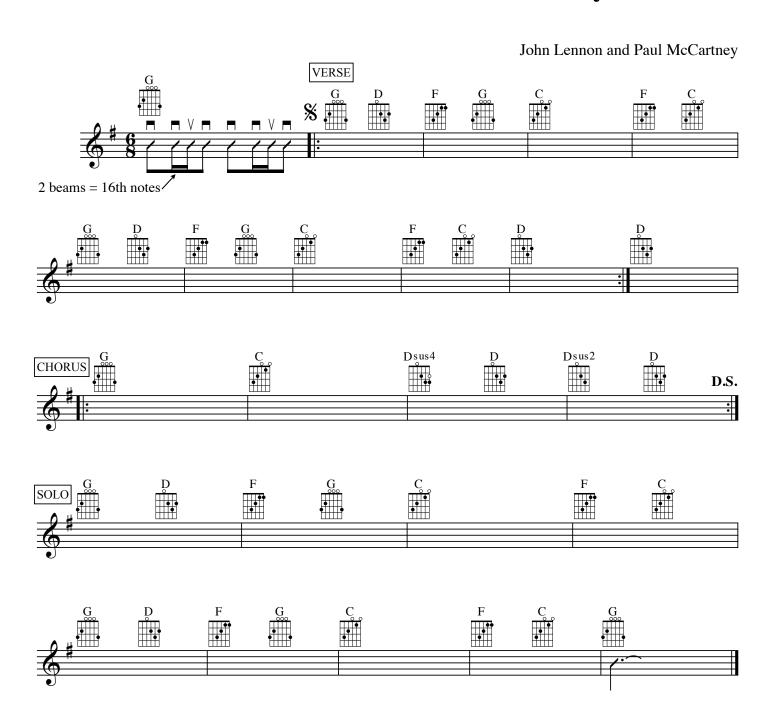


### Lesson 12

#### **Sus2 Chords**

The **sus2** chord is similar to a sus4 chord in that the 3rd of the chord is temporarily replaced by the 2nd. For instance, the three notes in a D chord are  $\mathbf{D}$  E  $\mathbf{F}$ # G  $\mathbf{A}$ . In a Dsus2 chord, E replaces the F#:  $\mathbf{D}$  E F# G  $\mathbf{A}$  1 2 3 4 5

# You've Got to Hide Your Love Away



# p-i-m-i Patterns

# Study No. 3

Keep the 1st finger down on C throughout. Only the bass notes change.



### Prelude in G

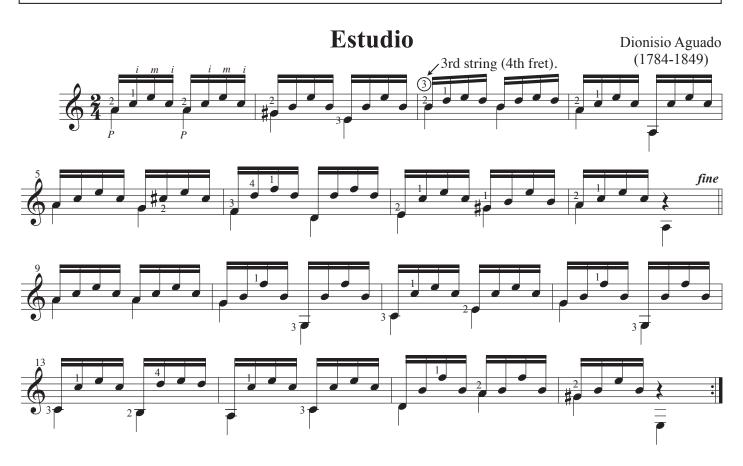
Notice that in *Prelude in G* (and also *Allegro* and *Estudio*) that the beat is divided evenly into four 16th notes. Tip: Like *Allegro* in Lesson 11, the index finger always plays the 2nd string and the middle finger always plays the 1st string. Also, in measures 1-7, the bass note on beats 2 and 4 will always be on the 3rd string.





#### **Same Note, Different Strings**

On the guitar, most notes can be found on more than one string. For instance, B can be played on the open 2nd string or on the 3rd string, 4th fret. When necessary, a number in a circle (③) clarifies which string to play the note on.

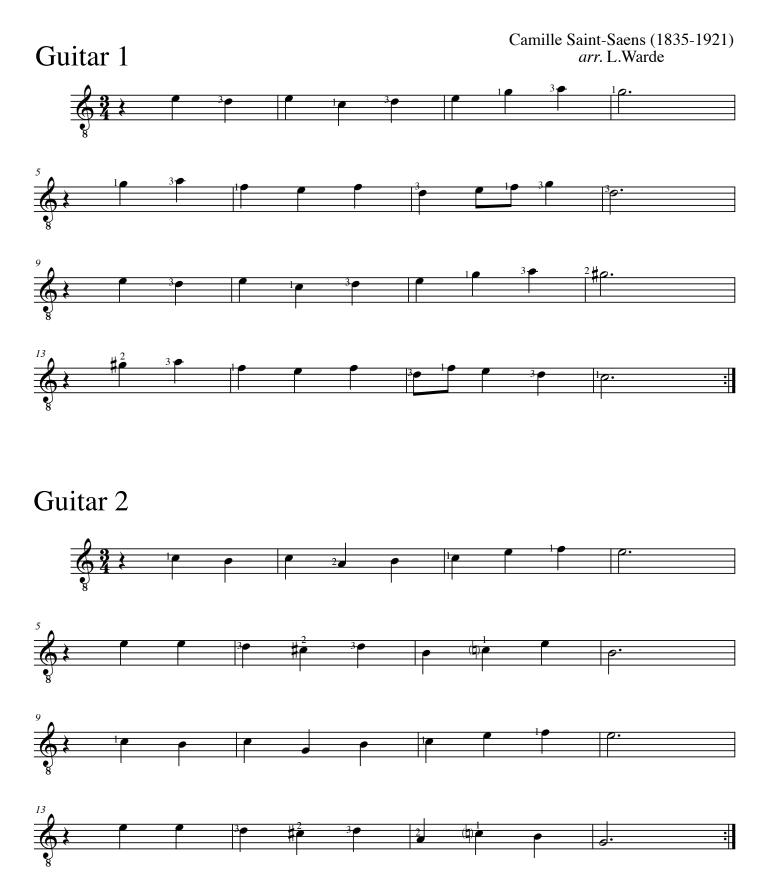


# Excerpt from Symphony No. 3 – Finale

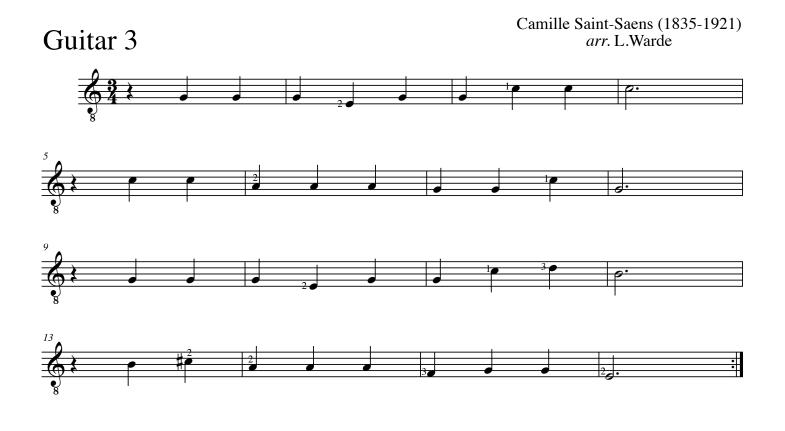
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#### Guitar 4



#### Lesson 13

#### Add9 Chords

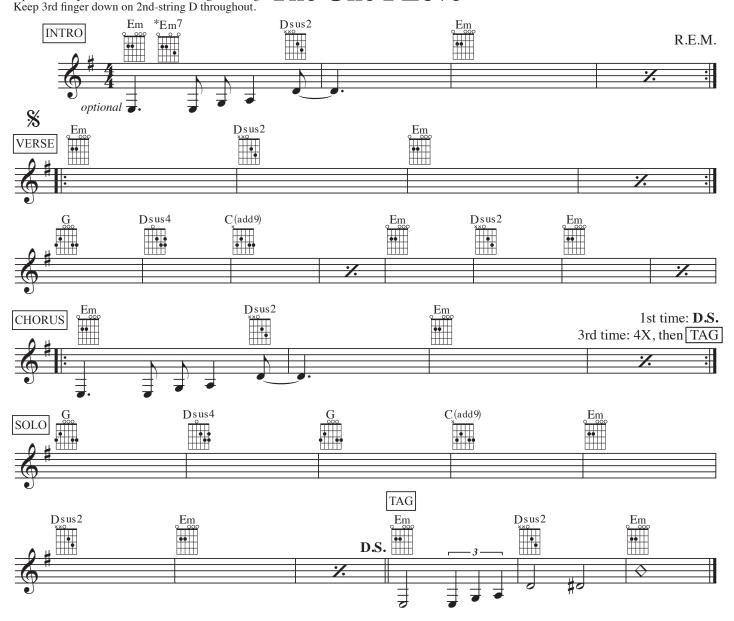
The **add9** simply means that you add the note 9 steps away from the root. For instance, in a C(add9) chord, the note nine steps away from C, the root, is D: C-D-E-F-G-A-B-C-D.

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# Exercise No. 1



# \*Optional: Play Em7 instead of Em throughout song. The One I Love



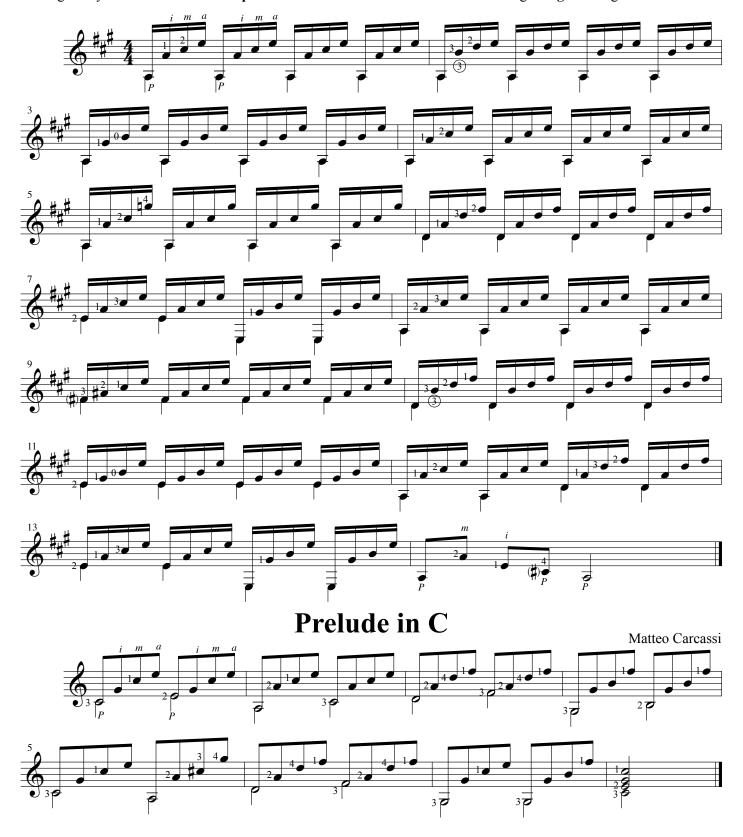
Note: Begin learning E of Stairway to Heaven, p. 108.

# *p-i-m-a* Patterns **Prelude in A**

a = ring finger (a is an abbreviation for anular, which means ring finger in Spanish)

Ferdinando Carulli

Whenever possible, keep your finger down on strings when transitioning between chord formations. This is true whether the finger stays on the same note as a **pivot** or shifts to another note on the same string as a **guide** finger.



# \*Finlandia

for Guitar Quartet Score Jean Sibelius (1865-1957) *arr.* L.Warde Guitar II Guitar III

<sup>\*</sup> Considering the possibility that this and subsequent quartets may take longer to prepare than the other material in the lessons, quartets will be presented every other lesson, allowing the option to carry them over into the next lesson.



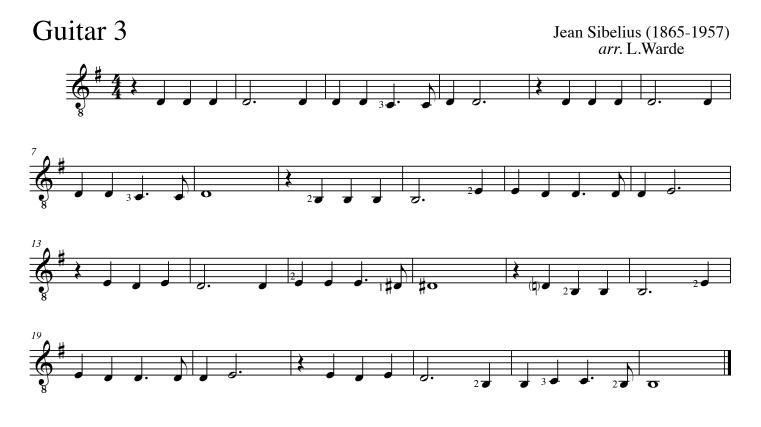
#### **Finlandia**

# Guitar 1 Jean Sibelius (1865-1957) arr. L. Warde

#### Guitar 2



#### **Finlandia**



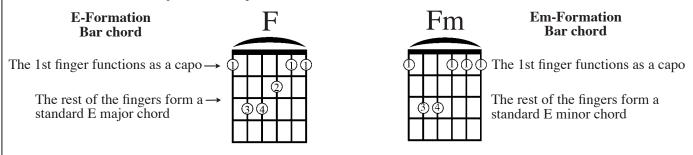
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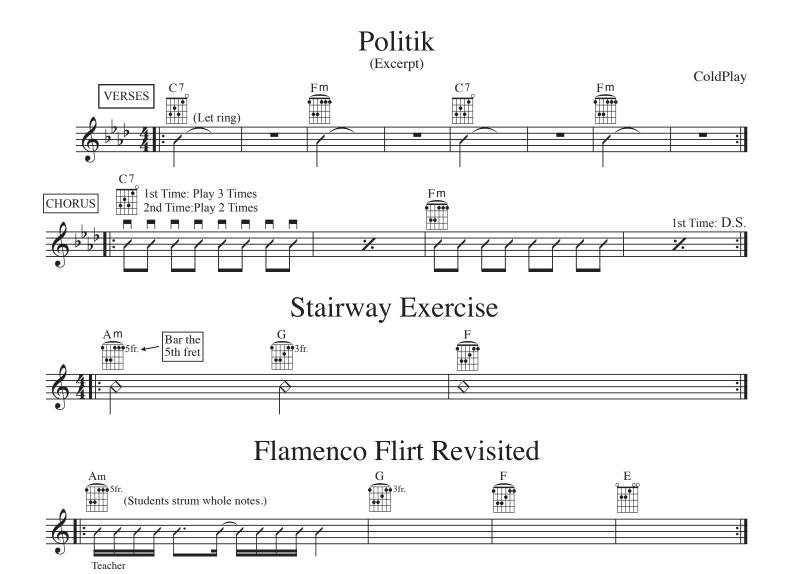


## Lesson 14 Bar Chords

Bar chords are common in all styles of guitar music. They allow you to easily play chords that might otherwise be difficult to play in **open position**.

The bar chords below are simply E and Em formation chords. The first finger functions as a **capo**, allowing you to **transpose** these chords up the neck. The root of these chords will always be on the 6th string, so whatever note your first finger touches on the 6th string, that is the name of the chord. For example, below are the F and Fm chords. Notice that in both chords, the first finger bars the 1st fret and that the note on the 6th string, 1st fret is F, the root. Because the root will always be on the 6th string, the lowest sounding string on the guitar, this bar chord will always have a nice andfull sound, just like the open E and Em chords!





#### Have You Ever Seen The Rain?

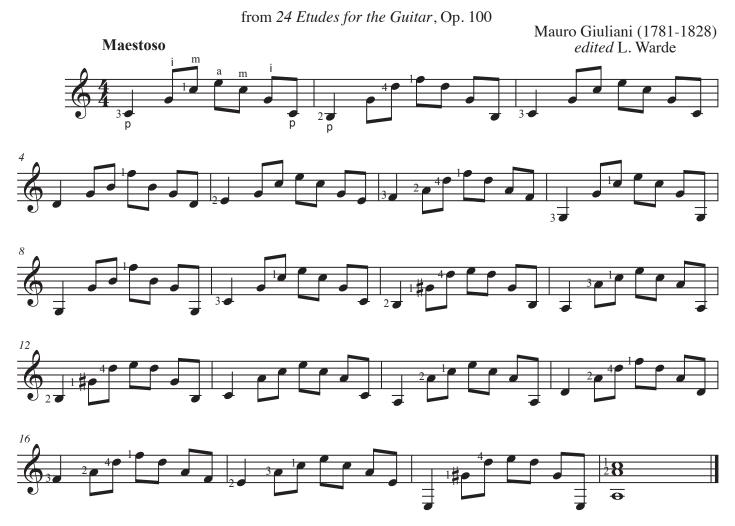
Creedence Clearwater Revival INTRO Palm mute on beats 2 & 4. % VERSE CHORUS Αm 1st time: D.S. CHORUS Αm

Note: Begin learning F of Stairway to Heaven on page 108.

#### p-i-m-a-m-i Pattern



#### Etude No. 1



#### Lesson 15

# The 1st finger functions as a capo. → ① ① ① The rest of the fingers form an Am chord. → ③ ④

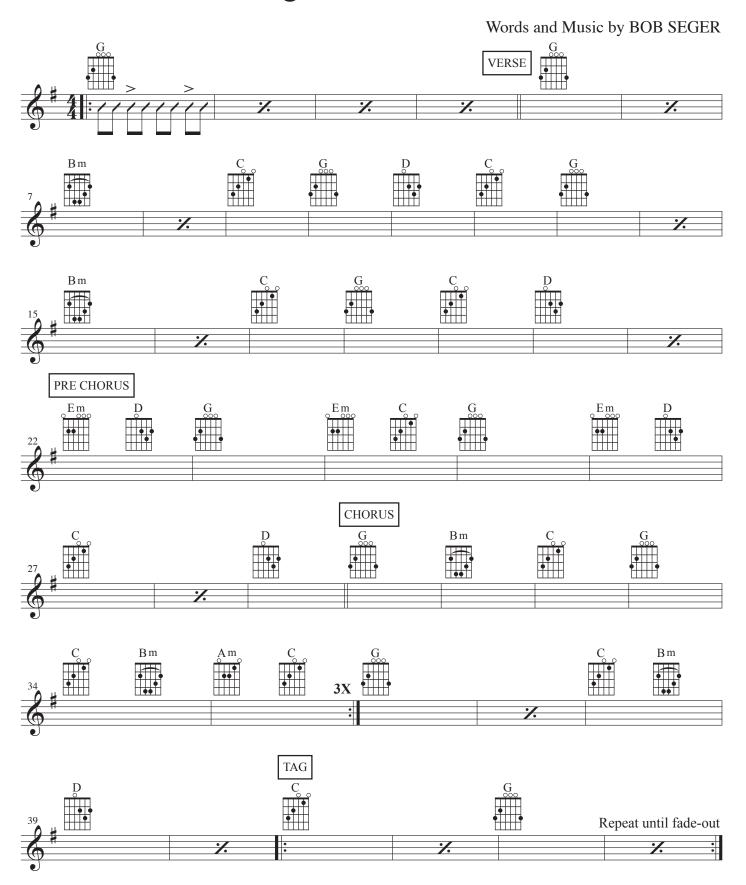
#### The A Minor Formation Bar Chord

Like the E and E minor formation bar chords you learned in the Lesson 15, the A minor formation bar chord is simply an A minor chord with the first finger functioning as a capo, allowing you to transpose this chord anywhere on the fretboard. Like a standard Am chord, the root of this bar chord will always be on the 5th string, not the 6th. Therefore, the note on the 5th string identifies what chord you're playing. For instance, if the 1st finger bars the 2nd fret, you'll have formed a Bm chord, since the note on the 5th string, 2nd fret is B. (see chord to the left)

#### Hotel California



#### Against the Wind



#### Combining Patterns Study



Score

## Be Thou My Vision for Guitar Quartet



#### **Be Thou My Vision**

# Traditional Irish Melody Guitar 1 arr. L.Warde 3rd time: to CODA 0 30. Guitar 2 3rd time: to CODA 0

#### **Be Thou My Vision**



<sup>\*</sup>With the pad of your thumb, gently strum downwards.

#### Lesson 16

# The 1st finger functions as a capo. The rest of the fingers form an A chord. 234

#### A Formation Bar Chord

The A-Formation bar chord is the basic A chord transposed up the fret with the first finger functioning as a capo, allowing you to move this chord up and down the fretboard. Like the A minor formation bar chord, the root of this chord will always be on the 5th string. So, whatever note your first finger touches on the 5th string, that is the name of the chord. For example, if your first finger is on the 1st fret, you will have formed a Bb chord. (see left)

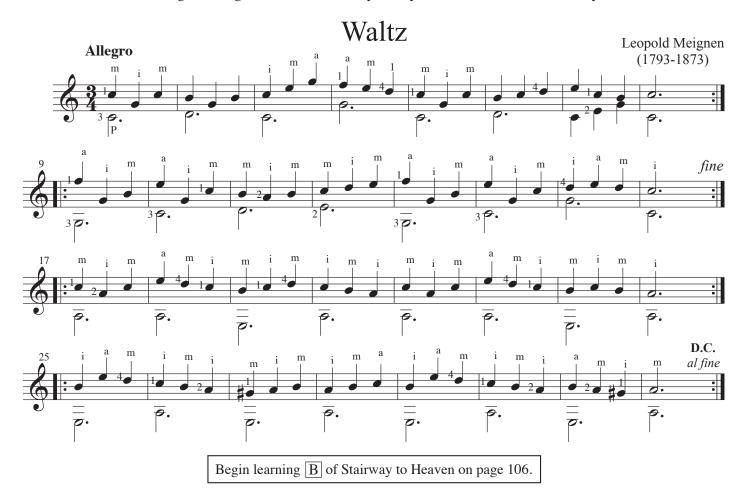


#### Two or More Notes Played Together

(Note: If there is only time to learn one piece in this lesson, choose Andantino on page 87.)



\*2nd Position: Your 1st finger is assigned to 2nd fret. Also, you may use a rest stroke on the melody notes.



#### More With Pedal Notes

In *Andantino* below, there are three parts – the melody (stems up), the bass (played with the melody) and a pedal note (the open G or D string), played at the second half of each beat. The melody is always the most important part and should be played with that understanding. Make sure the melody is slightly louder than the other parts and give attention to the quality of the sound you give it. The pedal should sound more like a drone supporting the melody than actually a part of the melody. You'll have to use lots of control (especially with the thumb) when playing these pedal notes to accomplish this!



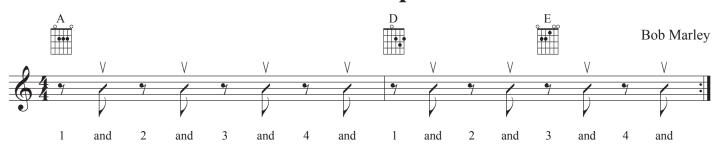
## Lesson 17 Advanced Rhythms

#### **Syncopation**

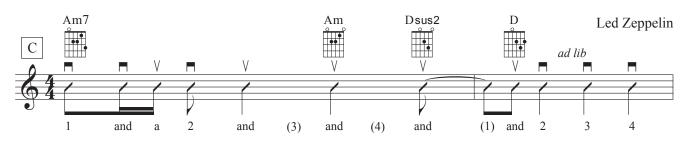
In popular styles of music, **syncopation** means that the upbeats are emphasized. Most of the time, this means that you will strum only on the "and" of the beat. Since you will be strumming inbetween the beats, you really have to have a good sense where the downbeat is.

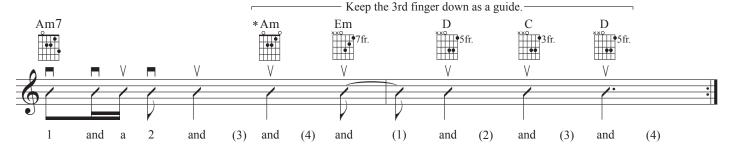
Syncopation is a distinct characteristic in **reggae** styles of music. Stir it Up, by Bob Marley, is a good example of this style. Notice that you strum only on the upbeats.

#### Stir It Up

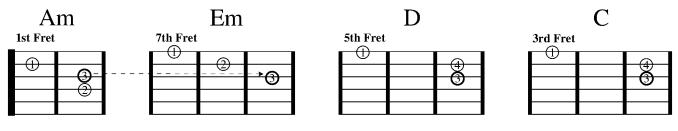


#### Stairway to Heaven





\*Note: When transitioning from the Am chord to the Em chord that you keep your third finger down on the third string! Once the Em chord is formed, keep your third *and* index finger down when transitioning to the D chord.

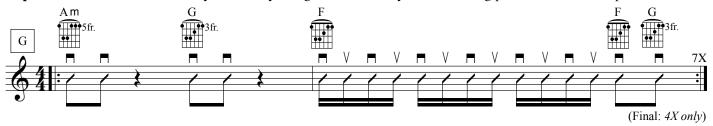


#### More Advanced Rhythms (cont.)

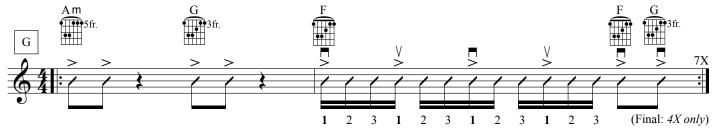
Section  $\boxed{G}$  of *Stairway to Heaven* is a very high energy part of the song that can be a bit tricky to learn at first. In order to quickly master this rhythm, below, it is broken down below into three steps.

#### **Stairway to Heaven**

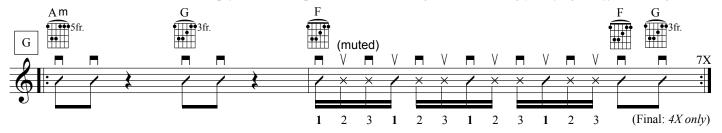
Step 1: Without the accents, the rhythm is very straightforward. Play the strumming pattern at a slow tempo at first.



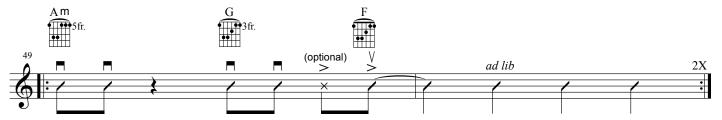
**Step 2:** Next, play the rhythm with the accents (>) as shown. To accent, simply strum the chord with more force. Notice that every third strum is accented. Count this as "*I*-2-3, *I*-2-3, *I*-2-3", making sure you accent on 1.



**Step 3:** Finally, you will mute the strums on "2 and 3". This will add a percussive sound that will emphasize the accent on "1" even more. To mute, simply release the pressure off the strings without taking your fingers off the strings.



**Bars 49-50.** In the last part of this section, you will play the F chord at the second half of beat 4. It is important to accent this chord aggressively. As an optional effect, you can make a muted strum right on beat 4. Otherwise, make this a rest.



**Bars 51-end.** The song concludes by returning to the material played at F. You will play this 4 times. The last time, you will make a ritardando, then make one strum on the F chord. Here, the vocalist will sing acappella until the word, "Heaven", at which point you will gently strum an Am chord. *Optional: play the vocal melody, as written below.* 

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Score





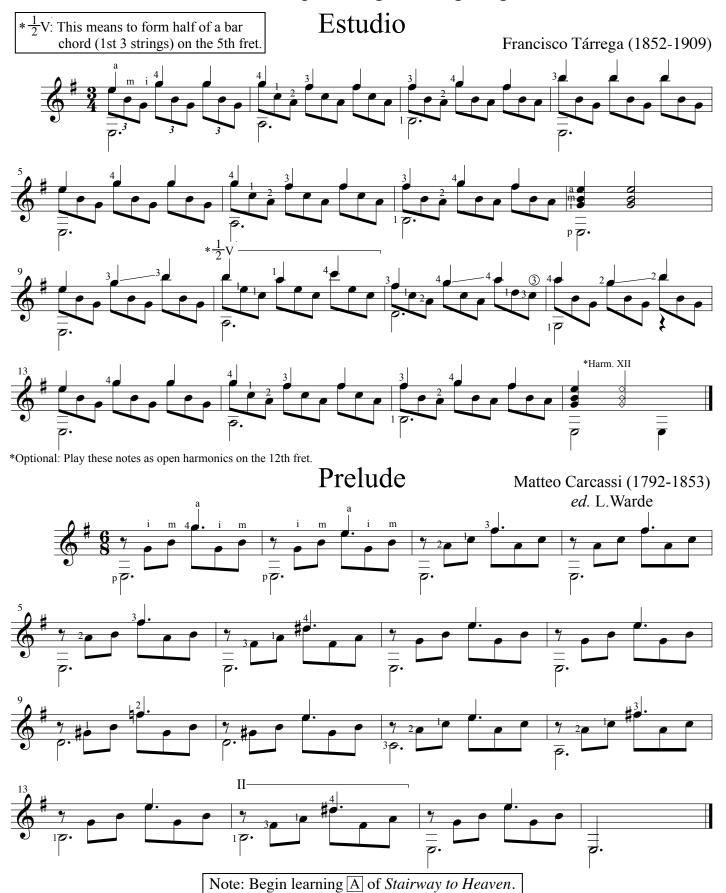






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Lesson 18
Patterns Emphasizing the Ring Finger



#### Lesson 19

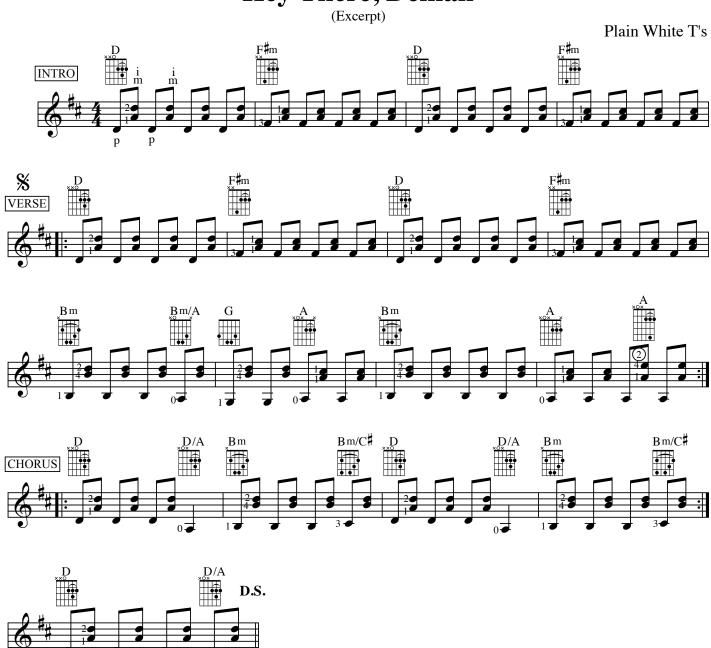
#### Fingerstyle Patterns in Popular Styles of Music

(This lesson is optional)

Typically, fingerstyle patterns in popular styles, such as rock, folk, and country are *very* basic and easy compared to classical guitar. This is true with *Hey There*, *Delilah* below. The pattern is: *p-im-p-im* throughout. Here are some tips:

- a. The index finger's assigned to 3rd string: the middle finger's assigned to the 2nd string. (You won't play the 1st string.)
- b. You will constantly alternate between the thumb and index/middle fingers.
- c. The thumb plays the bass notes on the 4th, 5th and 6th strings.
- d. In the left hand, your index finger will 1/2 bar the 2nd fret throughout the song.

#### Hey There, Delilah



#### **Travis Picking Style**

**Travis Picking**, a fingerstyle technique named after Merle Travis (1917-1983), is common in popular styles of music, including folk, country, and bluegrass. The right-hand pattern in *Dust in the Wind* is:  ${\bf p} - {\bf p} - {\bf i} - {\bf p} - {\bf m} - {\bf p} - {\bf i}$ . Notice that the index finger always plays the 3rd string and the middle finger always plays the 2nd. The thumb always alternates between the 4th and 5th strings.

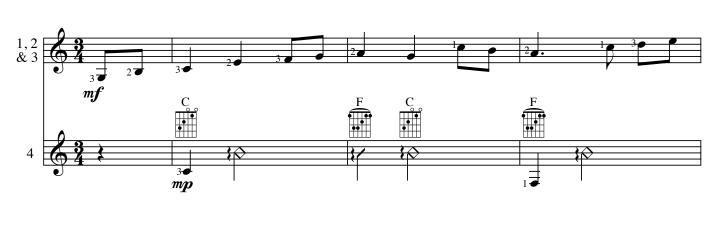


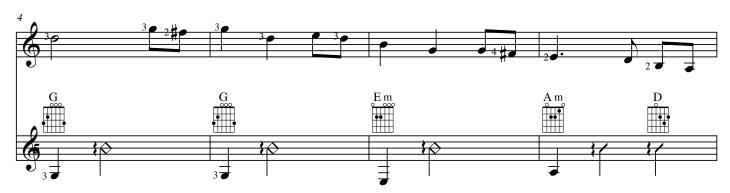
#### Hallelujah

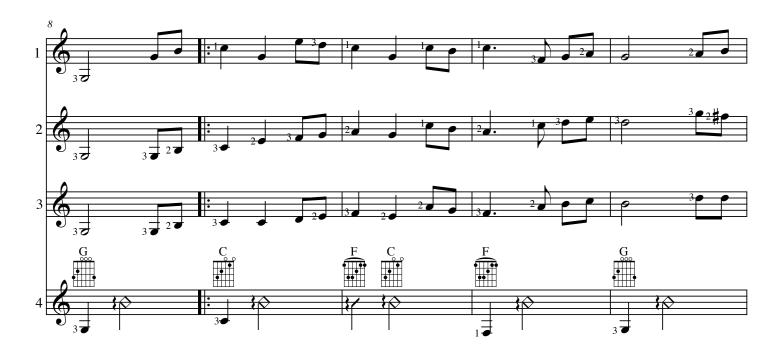


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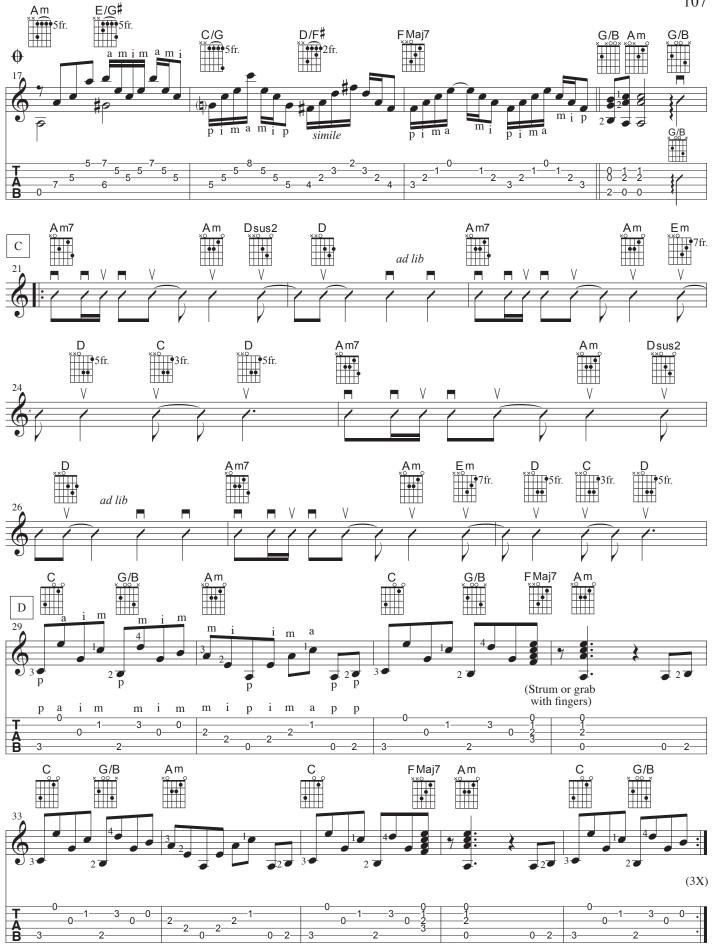


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#### Lesson 20 **Stairway To Heaven**

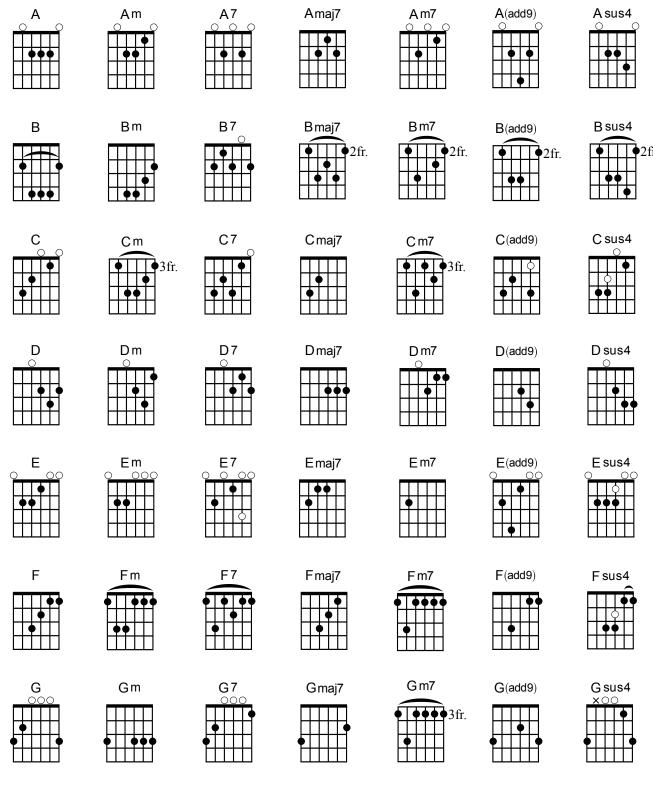






# Appendix

#### Chords



#### Bar Chords

E Formation (Root on 6th string)















#### **Guitar Fretboard**



#### **Notes in 1st Position**

