

Easy Play Pike Picker



- Quick Start Guide
- Simple Songs in G
- Including 10
Christmas Songs

For G,D,G Tuned
3 String Diatonic
Scale instruments

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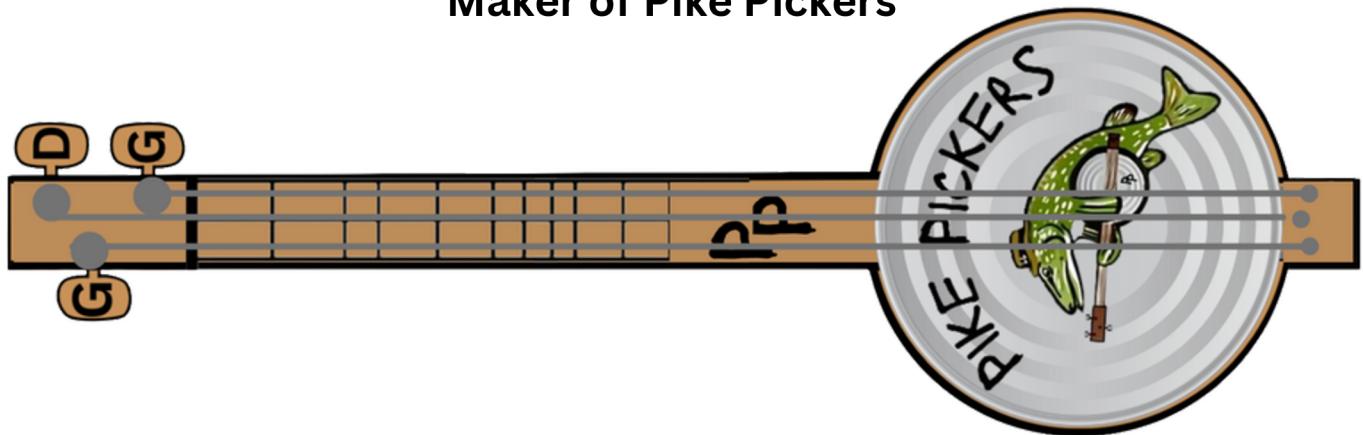
Ez Play Pike Picker

Written for 3 string instruments that are tuned G,D,G and fretted with a diatonic scale. This design dramatically decreases time it takes to learn to play simple songs.

Gets you playing songs and enjoying the instrument quickly.



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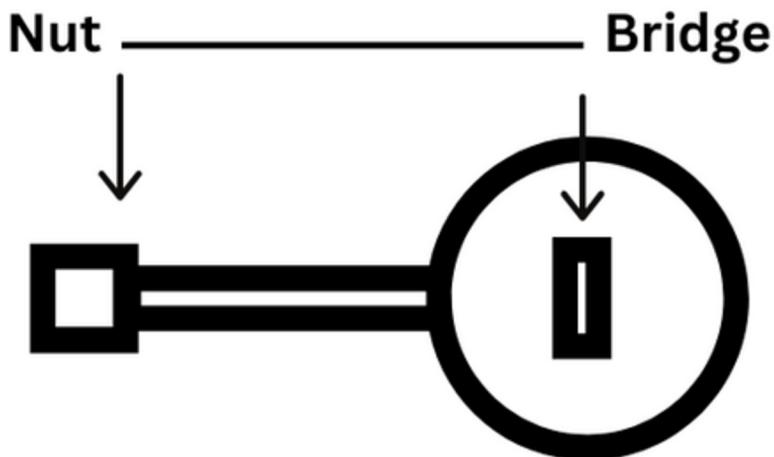


Floating Bridge

When changing strings, floating bridge may move.

Your scale length is: _____

Measured from nut to bridge.



A floating bridge needs to be set to scale length for proper intonation (to play in tune).

Tools



**A tuner is a must have item.
Clip on tuners work well.
Tuner apps are also available
for smartphones.**

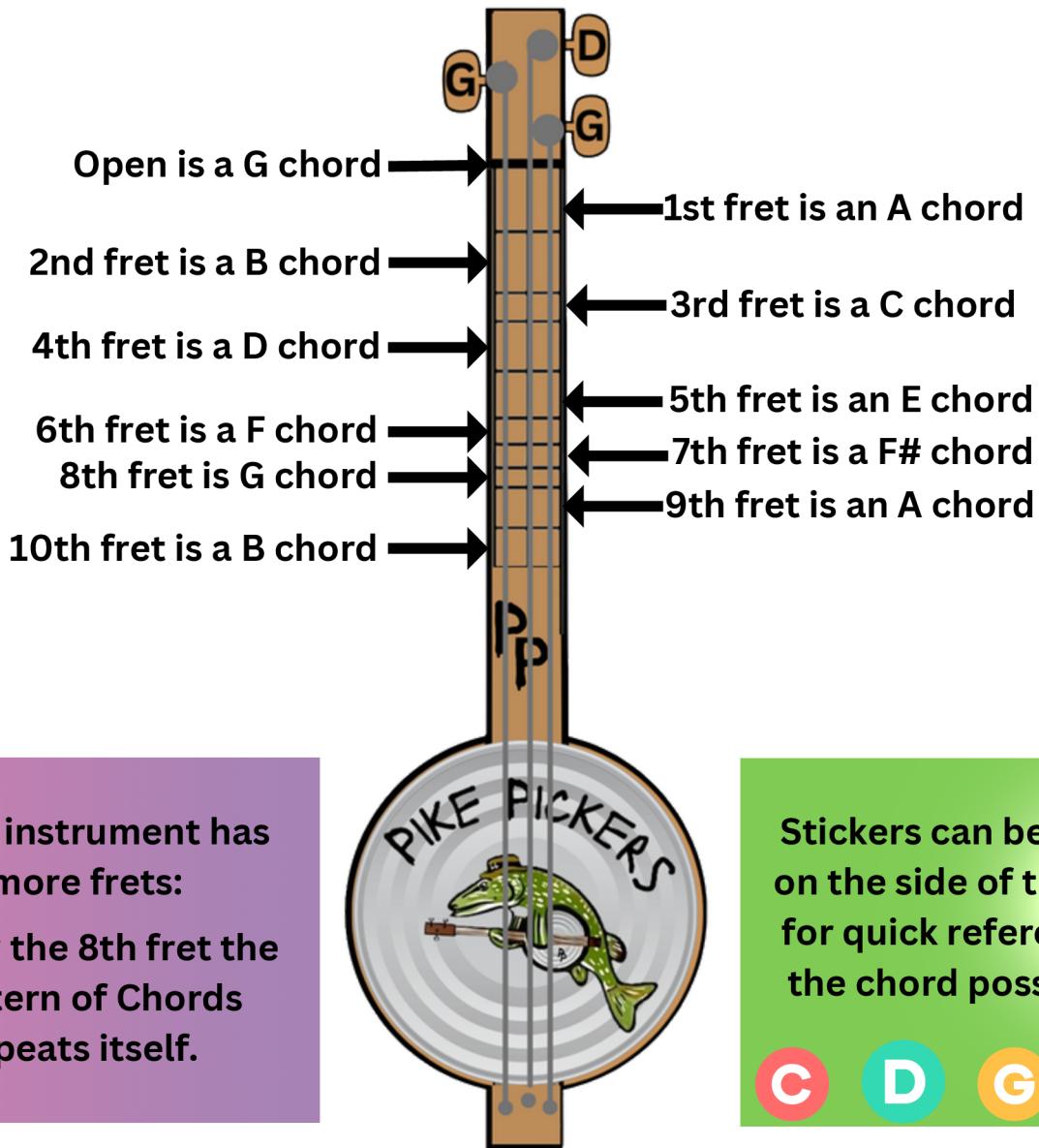
**Many different guitar picks are
available. Felt picks work well
with plastic stringed
instruments.**



**Instruments can be strung
with metal or plastic, nylon
strings. If an alternate tuning
is desired, different gage
strings may be used.**

Diatonic Map

G D G Power Chord
Open Tuning



If the instrument has more frets:

Below the 8th fret the pattern of Chords repeats itself.

Stickers can be placed on the side of the neck for quick reference to the chord positions.

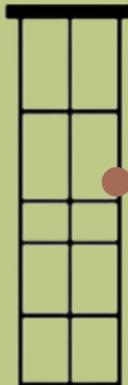


Key of G Major power chord positions, when tuned G, D, G.
Hold down all three strings in a row to create power chords.

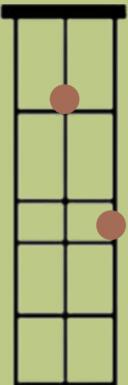


Major Chords in Key of G

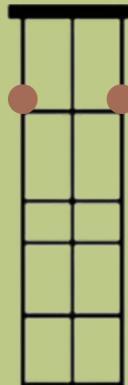
G



C

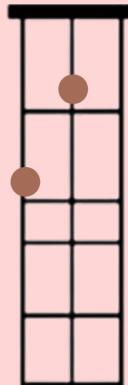


D



Relative Minor

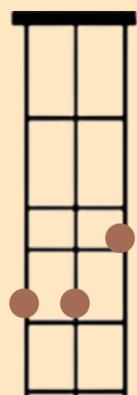
Em



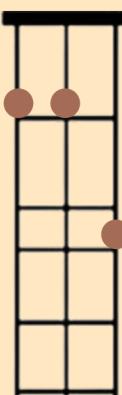
Other chords
found in the key
of G Major.

Top and bottom
strings may be
interchanged,
this provides a
slightly different
chord sound.

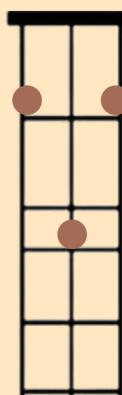
D7



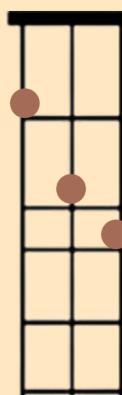
Am



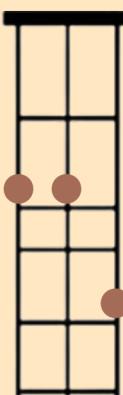
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F#^o

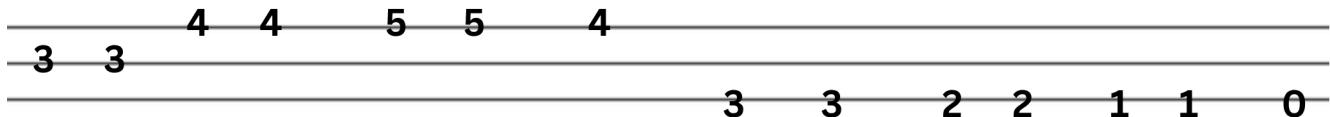


Bm



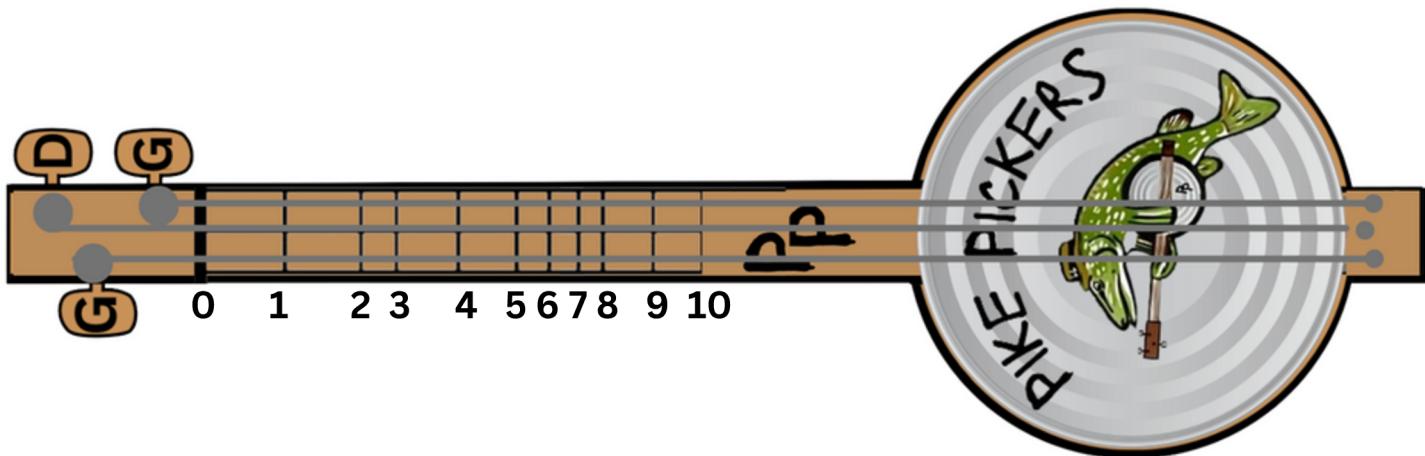
How to Read Tablature

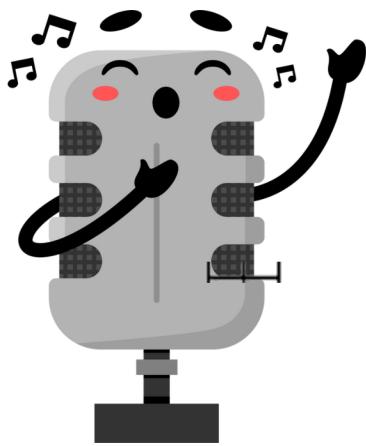
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star



Each of the 3 horizontal lines represents a string on the instrument. The top string is the thinnest string. The middle string is the 2nd string and the bottom string is the thickest string on the instrument.

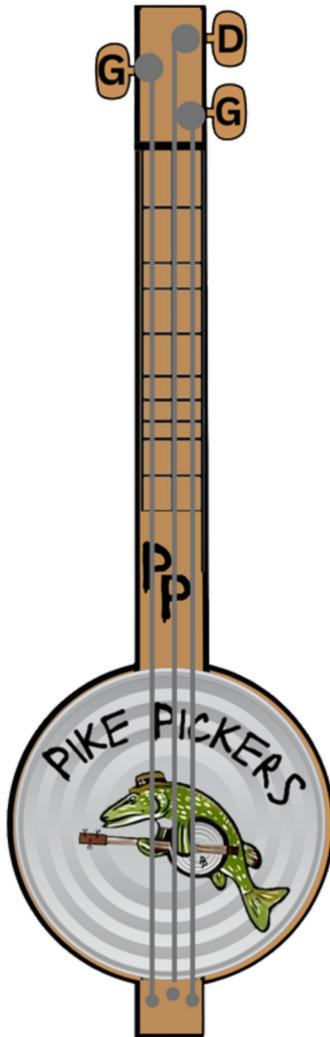
Numbers on the lines indicate the fret where the note is located. A "0" means you pick that string but do not press down any strings on the fretted end of the instrument.





Songs

Amazing Grace
Away in a Manger
O Christmas Tree
O Come all Ye Faithful
Deck the Halls
Danny Boy
Go tell it on the Mountain
Happy Birthday
The Holly and the Ivy
Home on the Range
Jesus Loves Me
Jingle Bells
Joy to the World
Keep on the Sunny Side
Little Town of Bethlehem
My old Kentucky Home
Silent Night
Simple Gifts
This Little Light of Mine
You are My Sunshine
Will the Circle be Unbroken
When the Saints go Marching in



These song editions are all in the key of G.

Amazing Grace

G

C

G

D

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

0 0 2~0 2 1 0 1 0 0 0 2~0 2 1~4 4

G

C

G

D

G

I once was lost, and now am found, was blind but now I see.

2 4 2 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 2~0 2 1 0

G

C

G

D

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved,

0 0 2~0 2 1 0 1 0 0 0 2~0 2 1~4 4

G

C

G

D

G

How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed!

2 4 2 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 2~0 2 1 0

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,

4 4 3 2 2 1 0 0 2 1 0

the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

0 0 1 0 0 1 2 1 0 3 2

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay.

4 4 3 2 2 1 0 0 2 1 0

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

0 3 2 1 2 1 0 1 1 2 3

The cattle are lowing. The poor baby wakes.

4 4 3 2 2 1 0 0 2 1 0

but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.

0 0 1 0 0 1 2 1 0 3 2

I love the Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,

4 4 3 2 2 1 0 0 2 1 0

and stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

0 3 2 1 2 1 0 1 1 2 3

O Christmas Tree

G

D7 E7

Am

D7 G

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, How lovely are your branches.

0 0 0 1 2 2 2 1 2 3 1 0
0 2

D7 G

D7 E7

Am

D7 G

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, How lovely are your branches.

0 0 0 1 2 2 2 1 2 3 1 0
0 2

C

G

D7

Am

D7

G

Your boughs so green in summer time, remain so green in wintertime.

4 4 2 5 4 4 3 3 3 3 1 4 3 3 2 2

D7 G

D7 E7

Am

D7 G

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how lovely are your branches.

0 0 0 1 2 2 2 1 2 3 1 0
0 2

O Come All Ye Faithful

G D G D G C G D
O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant

0 0 0 1 0 2 1 2 3 2 1

G Em D A7 D G D A7 D

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem

0 0 2 1 2 0 1 2 2~1 0 0

G Am G Am G D G Em Am D

Come and behold him. Born the King of Angels.

4 3 2 3 2 1 2 0 1 2~1 0

G D7 G D7 G D7 G D7 G D7

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him.

0 0 2 0 1 0 0 2 2 1 2 3 2 1

G D7 G D7 G D7 EmC G D7 G

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord..

2 3 2 1 0 2 0~3 2~1 0 0

Deck the Halls

G Em D7 G D G
Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa la la la la la la la.

4 3 2 1 0 1 2 0 1 2 3 1 2 10 2 0

Em D7 G D G
Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la la la la.

4 3 2 1 0 1 2 0 1 2 3 1 2 10 2 0

D7 G Em D A D
Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la la la la.

1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 7 5 4

G Em C G D7 G
Troll the ancient yuletide carol, fa la la la la la la.

4 3 2 1 0 1 2 0 5 5 5 4 3 2 1 0

Danny Boy

G

O Dan- ny Boy, the pipes, the pipes are cal - ling, from

0 0 1 2 1 2 5 4 2 1~0 1 0

C

glen to glen and down the moun -tain side. The sum-mer's

0 1 2 1 2 5 4 2 1 0 0 1

G

gone and all the flowers are dy - ing. Tis you, tis you

2 1 2 5 4 2 1~0 0 1 2
1 0

C

G

D G Em
must go and I must bide, but come you back when

5 4 2 1 1 0 4 5 7 8 7

G

Em
sum - mer's in the mea - dow, or when the val - ley's

5 4 4 5 4~2 0 4 5 7 8 5

G

D

C

hushed and white with snow. Tis I'll be there in sun - shine

4 2 0 2 1 4 5 7 8 5 4 4

G

or in sha - dow O Dan - ny Boy, O Dan - ny Boy I love you so.

4 5 4~2 0 0 1 2 0 2 5 4 2 0 1 0
0

C

D

G

Go Tell it On the Mountain

G

While shepherds kept their watching

0 2 4 4 5 4 2

D

Over silent flocks by night,

3 1 1 1 2

G

behold throughout the heavens,

0 2 4 4 5 4 2

A

there shone a holy light.

0 1 1 0 3
1 0

G

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

2 2 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1
1 0

G D C G

Eve - ry where. Go tell it on the moun - tain, that

2 4 5~4 2 2 1 0 0 3
1 0

D7

G

Jesus Christ was born.

2 2 1 1 0

Happy Birthday to You

Mildred and Patty Hill

G

D

Happy Birthday to You

0 0 1 0 3 2

G

Happy Birthday to You

0 0 1 0 4 3

C

Happy Birthday Dear (name).

0 1 2 1 0
2 1

G

D

G

Happy Birthday to You.

3 3 2 0 1 0

The Holly and the Ivy

G

Em

D

the holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,

2 0 0 0 5 4 2 1 0 0 0 5 4

G

Em

C

D7 G

Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

4 2 1 0 2 2
1 1 0

Em

D

The rising of the sun and the running of the deer.

1 1 1 1 5 4 2 1 0 0 0 5 4

G

Em

C

D7 G

The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

4 2 1 0 2 0 2 2 2 3 2 1 0

Home on the Range

G

C

G

Oh, give me a home, where the buffalo roam, where the deer.

0 0 0 1 2 0 2 1 3 3 3 2 3 4

D G C
and the antelope play. Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,

0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 1 2 0 2 1 3 3 3

G D G
and the skies are not cloudy all day. Home, home on the range

3 3 2 1 0 2 0 1 0 4 3 2 1 2

D G
where the deer and the antelope play. Where seldom is heard a

0 0 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 1 2 0

C G D G
discouraging word, and the skies are not cloudy all day.

2 1 3 3 3 3 3 2 1 0 2 0 1 0

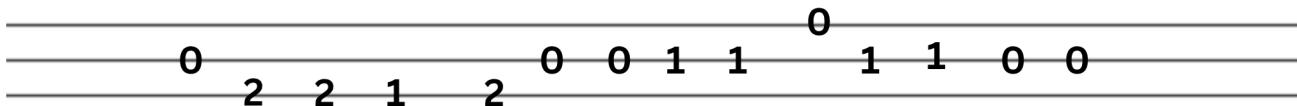
Jesus Loves Me

G

C

G

Jesus Loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.



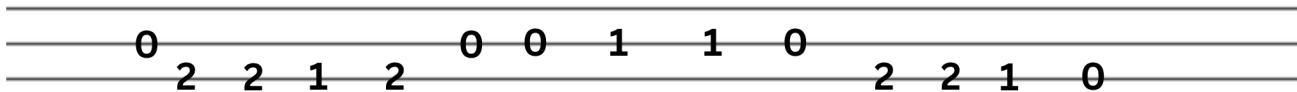
C

G

D

G

Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.



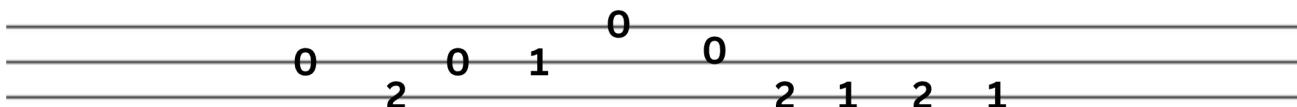
G

C

G

D

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me!



G

C

G

D

G

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.



Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow. In a one horse open sleigh

0 2 1 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 1

'O'er the fields we go. Laughing all the way

1 3 2 1 2 4 4 2 1 2

Bells on bob tail ring. Making spirits bright

0 2 1 0 0 0 2 1 0 1

What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight! Oh!

1 1 3 2 1 4 4 4 4 5 4 2 1 0 4

Jingle bells, ²jingle bells, Jingle all the way.

2 2 2 2 2 2 4 0 1 2

Oh! what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh. Hey!

3 3 3 3 2 2 2 2 1 1 2 1 4

Jingle bells, ²jingle bells, Jingle all the way;

2 2 2 2 2 2 4 0 1 2

Oh! what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh. ³

3 3 3 3 2 2 2 4 4 2 1 0

Joy to the World

G D G
Joy to the world the Lord is come. Let

3 2 1 0 3 2 1 0 0

C D G
Earth receive her king. Let every

1 1 2 2 0 0 0 2 1 0

heart, Prepare him room, and heaven and nature

0 0 2 1 0 0 3 2 2 2 2 2 3

D G
sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and

0 3 2 1 1 1 1 2 3 2 1 0 1

C G D G
heaven and nature sing.

0 3 2 3 2 1 0

Keep on the Sunny Side

G C G

There's a dark and troubled side of life. There's a bright and sunny .

0 1 2 2 1 0 1 0 0 0 2 4 4 4 4 2

G D

Side too. Though we meet with darkness and strife the sunny side

3 4 3 3 3 3 5 4 3 2 0 1 1 1

G

C

We also may view. Keep on the Sunny Side, always on the

1 4 4 4 4 1 0 3 3 3 3

G

D G

Sunny side. Keep on the sunny side of life. It will help us every day,

3 1 0 0 0 0 2 4 2 4 4 4 5 4 4 2 2

C

G

D

G

It will brighten all the way, if we keep on the sunny side of life

2 2 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 2 2 4 2 1 0 0 1 0

Little Town of Bethlehem

G

C

G

D

G

O Little town of Bethlehem. How still we see thee lie.

2

2

2

2

2

4

3

1

1

0

0

1
2

2

E

Am

G

D

G

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

2

2

2

5

4

4

3

1

1

0

2

1

0

Em

B

C

B

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.

2

2

2

1

0

2

2

2

1

2

0

1

2

G

C

G

D

G

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2

2

2

2

4

3

1

5

4

0

2

1

0

My Old Kentucky Home

G

C

G

The sun shines bright in the old Kentucky home,'Tis summer,

0 1 2 1 0 2 4 5 5 5 4 2 4 4 0

A

D

G

C

G

the people are gay. The corn crop's ripe and the meadow's in the bloom,

2 2 1 0 4 0 1 2 1 0 2 4 5 5 5 4 2

Em

D

G

While the birds make music all the day.

0 1 2 0 1 2 2 1 1 0

G

C

G

C

G

Weep no more my lady, oh! Weep no more today! We will sing one song

4 2 3 5 4 2 0 5 4 3 2 1 0 1 2 1 0

C

G

Em

A

D

G

for the old Kentucky home, for the old Kentucky home far away.

2 4 5 5 4 2 0 1 2 0 0 1 2 1 1 0

Silent Night

G

D

G

Silent night, holy night, all is calm all is bright.

0 1~0 1~0 2 3 3 0
2 4 2

C

G

C

G

Round yon Virgin Mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild.

1 2 3~2~1 0 1 0 2 1 2 3~2 1 0 1 0 2

D

G

D

G

Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

1 2 3~2~1 0 2 3 0 2 0 2 1 0

G

D

G

Silent night, holy night. Shepherds quake, at the sight.

0 1~0 1~0 1 1 2 3 3 0
2 4 2

C

G

C

G

Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing Halleluia!

1 2 3~2 1 0 1 0 2 1 1 2 3~2 1 0 1 0 2

D

G

D

G

Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born.

1 2 3~2 1 0 2

3 0 2 0 2 3 1 0

Simple Gifts

G

D

Tis a gift to be simple, tis a gift to be free. Tis a gift to come down

0 0 0 0 1 2 0 2 3 4 4 3 2 1 0 1 1 1 0
0 0

G

where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in a place just right,

1 2 1 0 2 0 0 2 0 1 2 2 3 4 4 3 2
2 0 0

D

C

G

twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained

1 0 1 1 1 2 2 1 0 0 1 0 4 2 1 2 3 2 1 0

D

G

to bow and to bend we shant be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our

1 2 2 3 4 3 2 1 1 1 2 1 0 1 2 0 2 3 4 4
0

D

G

D G

delight, til by turning, turning we come round right.

3 2 1 0 1 1 2 2 1 0 0 1 0

This Little Light of Mine

G

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

0 0 0 0 1 0 2 2 2 2 1 0

C

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

1 1 1 1 2 0 0 0 0 1 0

G

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

0 0 0 0 1 0 2 2 2 2 1 0

D

G

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

0 1 2 2 2 1 2 1 0

You are my Sunshine

G

The other night dear as I lay sleeping, I dreamed

0 0 1 2 2 2 1 0 0 0 1

C

G

C

G

I held you in my arms, when I awoke dear, I was mistaken, so I

2 3 5 4 3 2 0 1 2 3 5 5 4 3 2 0 0 1

D

G

bowed my head down and cried. You are my sunshine,

2 2 1 1 0 0 1 2 0 1 2 2

C

G

my only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are gray.

2 2 1 0 0 0 1 2 3 5 5 4 3 2

C

G

You'll never know dear, how much I love you.

0 1 2 3 5 5 4 3 2 0

D

G

Please don't take my sunshine away.

0 1 2 3 1 1 2 0

When the Saints Go Marching in

G

D

Oh when the saints go marching in, when the saints go marching in

0 1 2 4 0 1 2 4 0 2 4 2 0 2 1

G

C

G

D

G

I want to be, in that number. When the saints: go marching in.

0 2 1 0 2 4 4 3 4 5 4 2 0 1 0

D

And when the sun, refuse to shine, and when the sun refuse to shine.

0 1 2 4 0 1 2 4 0 2 2 4 2 0 2 1

G

C

G

D

G

Lord I want to be in that number. When the sun refuse to shine.

2 1 0 1 2 4 4 4 3 4 5 4 2 0 1 0

G

D

Oh when the saints go marching in, when the saints go marching in

0 1 2 4 0 1 2 4 0 2 4 2 0 2 1

G

C

G

D

G

I want to be, in that number. When the saints: go marching in.

0 2 1 0 2 4 4 3 4 5 4 2 0 1 0

Will the Circle be Unbroken

G

C

I was standing by my window on a cold and

0 0 2 1 0 2 2 1 0 1
0 1

G

cloudy day, when I saw theat hearse .

0 0 0 1 0 0 2
1 0 0 1

D

G

come rolling for to carry my mother away.

4 4 2 0 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 0

G

C

G

Will the circle be unbroken by and by Lord, by and by?

0 1 0 0 2 1 0 2 2 1 0 1 0 1 0

D

G

there's a better home awaiting in the sky Lord in the sky.

0 1 0 0 2 4 4 2 0 1 2 2 1 1 0

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Quickly learn to accompany a singer or join a jam session with this guide for the absolute beginner playing a 3 string diatonic G,D,G tuned instrument. Including a tuning map for playing open chords, and a chord chart. As well as 22 simple songs in the key of G (including 10 Christmas songs) all with words, chords and tablature.

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