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The acoustic guitar is a wonderfully versatile instrument, you can play almost any kind of song you can imagine. Rock songs are easily played on acoustic, difficult fingerpicking pieces can be reworked to easy chords. Nothing is out of reach for the acoustic guitar! It's this very thing that makes it such a great choice for beginners, the sheer volume of songs available for you to learn is incredible and they can cater to all levels of skill. Which is why today, we've gathered up 60 great, easy, and fun to play acoustic guitar songs that any beginner can try their hand at! Stand By Me by Ben E. King Stand By Me Guitar Cover Ben E. King [Tabs + Chords] Click Here for tab for Stand By Me by Ben E. King This was originally recorded in 1961 as part of Ben's 'Don't Play That Song!' album, but there's a good chance you have heard it in one of its other incarnations and renditions as it's been covered over 400 times by all manner of artists, from John Lennon to Tracy Chapman. Because of the royalties that are paid out through these covers, it's estimated the song has been able to garner almost 23 million USD purely from royalties. Incredible! For this song, you'll need a capo on the second fret of the guitar. You'll just be playing four simple chords which are G, Em, C, and D. The strumming pattern is quite unique and you'll be required to use some 'percussive muting' which is where you will use your left hand to mute the strings while your right hand strikes down creating that percussive sound. Knockin On Heaven's Door by Bob Dylan "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" easy guitar lesson w/ chords (Bob Dylan) Click Here for tab for Knockin On Heaven's Door by Bob Dylan from the soundtrack to the 1973 movie 'Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid'. Much like Stand by Me, this has also been covered a great number of times and by some very prolific artists including Eric Clapton and Guns 'n' Roses. It was released as a single 2 months after the movie and ended up becoming one of his most popular songs. The song has beautiful guitar parts that tread the line between being easy to play while still sounding fantastic. They use a mixture of single string picking and strumming patterns, but at a nice and slow 68 bpm so it is still very easily playable. I'm Yours by Jason Mraz Jason Mraz - I'm Yours - Acoustic Guitar Lesson - Tutorial - Chords Rhythm Click Here for tab for I'm Yours by Jason Mraz Even though the song was released in demo form as part of an EP, it would later be re-released as a fully produced track in 2008 for his 'We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things.' album. It went on to be one of his biggest sources of exposure and success, with its catchy vocal hooks and infectious, upbeat guitar parts, everybody fell in love with this song. Usually, the challenge in this song comes from both singing and playing at the same time. But the guitar part itself is nothing too challenging with just some easy 2 and 4 string barre chords. You'll be playing large parts of the song using triplets, so try to listen to the song carefully so that you can get a feel for the rhythm. Fallin' | by Alicia Keys Fallin by Alicia Keys | Easy Guitar Lesson Click Here for tab for Fallin' | by Alicia Keys Going right back to the start of Alicia Keys' career with her debut album "Songs in a Minor". Which uniquely was both written and produced herself. She came out with a big bang, charting in numerous countries and winning a whopping three Grammy Awards in 2002. Needless to say, this is the quintessential song to learn if you are interested in Alicia's music. You'll need a capo on the second fret of the guitar, but don't worry if you don't have one to hand, both the tab and video lesson offer alternatives to play this without one. Outside of that it's just played using a light strumming pattern and is essentially all easy open chords and shouldn't pose much challenge for you. Free Fallin' | by Tom Petty Tom Petty Free Fallin' Guitar Lesson + Tutorial Click Here for tab for Free Fallin' | by Tom Petty A wonderfully melodic song that sees Tom recollect his time driving along Ventura Boulevard and all the crazy things he saw. It's an absolute classic and one of his most famous tracks. Its popularity allowed him to perform the track live on the MTV Music Awards with Guns 'n' Roses singer AxL Rose. It's also been used on a plethora of movies and TV shows including The Sopranos. Although at first glance it might seem like the song, like most songs on this list, will be using fairly easy to play chords in comfortable positions, this song does have some quite fast chordal movement that requires you to lift your hand and change chords quickly. Leaving on a Jet Plane by John Denver Leaving on a Jet Plane (John Denver) Strum Guitar Cover Lesson with Chords/Lyrics Click Here for tab for Leaving on a Jet Plane by John Denver A great one to learn if you're looking for something a bit more on the sad side. This song was written about the lonely feelings John would experience when he would frequently have to travel away from his loved ones for extended periods. Needless to say, the song resonated with people massively and he re-recorded the song for release on his album 'Rhymes & Reasons'. The song starts off with some easy arpeggiated chords, which are chords that are played 1 note at a time instead of strummed. Then it moves onto a strumming section which requires you to target specific strings, although loosely, as you strum. Take a look at the tab and you'll see the G and B strings are targeted on the downstrokes. Love Me Do by The Beatles Love Me Do Easy Guitar Lesson | The Beatles Click Here for tab for Love Me Do by The Beatles Of course, pretty much every Beatles song is appropriate for this list, but Love Me Do in particular is the perfect example of a simple tune you can learn in just a few minutes. It hit the number 1 spot in the US, going platinum with over 1 million copies sold. Rather hilariously the song was written by Paul McCartney when he was only 16, during a day when he skipped school and stayed home. This song is perfect for beginners, even as your very first song. It uses only 3 chords which are D, A, and E that are played in a simple strumming pattern. So if you only have a little time to practice, this is the one to learn! More Than Words by Extreme How to Play "More Than Words" by Extreme Part 1 - Guitar Lesson - Tutorial Click Here for tab for More Than Words by Extreme Rather unlike their usual style, and much more of a balladesque effort from their 1990 album 'Pornograffitti'. The song describes a person who wants their partner to do more than simply say 'I love you' to prove they love them, as the term is often so overused it becomes meaningless. For this song you'll need to tune your guitar down by 1 semitone on every string, this is easily doable and won't cause any problems with string tension. This is a great workout and beginner rhythmic exercise as the strumming pattern requires you to deaden some notes with different intensities. Moves Like Jagger by Maroon 5 Moves Like Jagger by Maroon 5 | Easy Guitar Lesson Click Here for tab for Moves Like Jagger by Maroon 5 Featuring the wonderful Christina Aguilera as a guest vocalist and is part of Maroon 5's fourth album titled 'Hands All Over'. It's one of the best selling singles of all time shifting over 7 million copies and was even certified Diamond. Despite the critical reception being mixed, the general public decided unanimously that it was a great song. So how does this work out on guitar? Well, fortunately, if you're a beginner who's never tried your hand at some funk-style playing before this is your chance! It's originally played on an electric guitar but is very frequently played acoustically by the band and works great! Ring of Fire by Johnny Cash Ring of Fire • Johnny Cash guitar lesson w/ tabs (easy) Click Here for tab for Ring of Fire by Johnny Cash A classic tune you've no doubt heard dozens of times already. The song was a huge commercial success and ended up being one of his best selling songs. The writing credits originally went to June Carter and Merle Kilgore, but Vivian Cash (Johnny's wife) has revealed that he wrote it for June as she needed the music. This song can be played a few different ways, as detailed in the tab, it can be played with just open strummed chords which are perhaps easier for the beginner. But the video lesson also details a version that outlines the song's primary melody a little clearer, they are both super easy to play so pick whichever one you like! Three Little Birds by Bob Marley Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds" Lesson - Easiest Guitar Songs for Beginners Click Here for tab for Three Little Birds by Bob Marley A great song to learn if you're looking for that quintessential Bob Marley style reggae sound, but the song's meaning is a little disputed, but it's known that Bob used to refer to his three backup singers as his "Three Little Birds" so it seems likely that's where it came from. This was a popular song for Bob, making its way into the top 20 on the UK charts. This might be a little bit of an unusual rhythm for you if you're a beginner who hasn't been exposed to reggae before, but essentially you can pretend to do a downstroke on the rests, but don't actually strike the notes, and then play the chord with an upstroke on the offset. This can make handling the rhythm much easier. What's Up by 4 Non Blondes "What's Up" Guitar Lesson - "What's Going On" 90's Songs Click Here for tab for What's Up by 4 Non Blondes 4 Non Blondes only released a single studio album, but it did incredibly well, selling over 1.5million copies in the 2 years following its release. 'What's Up' is the second single from this album which garnered them a fair bit of commercial exposure. Oddly enough songwriter Linda Perry has mentioned that she hated the production and mix on the final version of the song. The song is high-energy and you will be strumming chords pretty much nonstop so it's sure to give your right arm a good workout! Likewise for your left, you'll be playing some fairly big barre chords that you'll need to hold down for some time. Treat this song as a small dexterity workout! CCR Bad Moon Rising Acoustic Guitar Lesson + Tutorial Click Here for tab for Bad Moon Rising by Creedence Clearwater Revival This was released as the first song from the 'Green River' album and was put out 4 months before the album's full release. It gained a lot of traction and exposure, setting the album up for greatness. It hit the number 2 spot on the Billboard Hot 100 and Number 1 on the UK Singles Chart. It's also been used in a lot of popular media including the movie An American Werewolf in London and even the popular FromSoftware video game 'Sekiro: Shadows Die Twice'. This is another example of how as you strum you will need to target certain groups of strings on an open upstroke. Focus on getting your strumming pattern correct first and you will be able to hit the right groups of strings. Born In The USA by Bruce Springsteen How to play Born In The USA on guitar | Easy Chords Click Here for tab for Born In The USA by Bruce Springsteen Another classic that any beginner can try their hand at. Taken from the album of the same name which was ranked in Rolling Stone's top 500 albums of all time. The song addresses the unfair treatment of US military veterans upon their return from service. There are a few different ways to play this song, but for acoustic we recommend just outlining the chords. If you have a capo available you can use it on the second fret which will save some energy so you don't have to hold the big barre chords. Bye, Bye Love by The Everly Brothers How to play Bye Bye Love by The Everly Brothers | Easy Guitar Click Here for tab for Bye, Bye Love by The Everly Brothers You may well have heard this song first when it was covered by the Beatles in 1969, but originally it was recorded and released in 1957 as a single. Oddly enough the song didn't originally have any guitar in it at all! But Don Everly came up with some guitar parts which they used for the final song. In addition to the well-known Beatles rendition, the song has also been covered by notable artists such as George Harrison and Simon & Garfunkel. The song moves at a fair pace requiring you to change chords quite fast but is something you will become accustomed to very fast. Fortunately the song primarily just uses the E, A, and D chords so it's a good opportunity to become intimately familiar with them if you aren't already. Eleanor Rigby by The Beatles The Beatles Eleanor Rigby Guitar Lesson + Tutorial Click Here for tab for Eleanor Rigby by The Beatles Always appropriate for beginners, The Beatles are here again with a single from their album 'Revolver'. The original melody for the song was written by Paul McCartney on Piano which was then transferred to the guitar. The song was named in reference to Eleanor Bron who acted in the Beatles movie 'Help', with the 'Rigby' part being taken from a store in Bristol, England. This song was partway through the Beatles' transition from a primarily pop/rock-oriented group to one that dabbled more in experimental music. You'll be jumping quite a bit between playing simple open strummed chords making it serve as great practice for a few different techniques Give Peace A Chance - John Lennon Easy Beginner Guitar Songs - John Lennon "Give Peace A Chance" - Two Chord Song! Click Here for tab for Give Peace A Chance - John Lennon In fitting with the time, this is an anti-war song and was the first song released by John Lennon as a solo single, but he was still part of the Beatles at the time. When this song was written John was doing something called a 'bed-in', which is a kind of political protest where, when asked about why he was doing this he would simply reply with 'give peace a chance'. Once again heading into even easier territory than the three chord songs, this time you'll just need only 2 chords, D and A! Not only that you'll only have a very simple strumming pattern to learn and it's used for the entirety of the song. This could easily be someone's very first song they learn on guitar. Glory Days by Bruce Springsteen Glory Days - Play 10 Songs With 3 Easy Chords - Beginner Guitar Lesson Click Here for tab for Glory Days by Bruce Springsteen Heading to the '80s once again to Bruce's 1985 album 'Born in the U.S.A.'. This song follows a protagonist who is reminiscing about his life and journey through things like high school, which he reflects as being his 'glory days'. While not a massive commercial success for Bruce, it did manage to chart in the top 10 on the US Billboard Hot 100. This song contains both electric and acoustic guitar parts, with the acoustic being left out of the intro and only coming back in the first verse. However feel free to play any and all electric guitar parts you wish on the acoustic, they sound great! Have You Ever Seen The Rain Acoustic Guitar Tutorial Creedence Clearwater Revival Guitar Lesson Click Here for tab for Have you Ever Seen The Rain? - Creedence Clearwater Revival This song was written by John Fogarty and released in 1971 as a promotional single for his album 'Pendulum'. There has been much speculation over the lyrics meaning of the song, with some believing the use of the word rain is actually referring to falling bombs. The song was a commercial success and hit the number 1 spot in Canada and the number 3 spot in the UK. This one, while sitting in the easy spectrum, does require quite a little bit more memorizing to playfully, as there is a unique chord progression for the intro, verse, and chorus. Fortunately, the strumming pattern is a bit more consistent throughout! Horse With No Name by America America Click Here for tab for Horse With No Name by America America started to achieve great recognition from their very first single, Horse With No Name, which is from their self-titled debut album. While initially released in Europe to moderate success, once it was released in the United States it went on to become their biggest single. The single was also part of the original soundtrack for the movie also called 'A Horse with No Name'. This song has a big, lush, huge, and open feel to it, so here's it's extra important to make sure every note of the chords that you hold rings out loudly and proudly, with nothing being choked out. Hound Dog by Elvis Presley Hound Dog Easy Guitar Lesson | Elvis Presley Click Here for tab for Hound Dog by Elvis Presley There's a very high chance you are already familiar with this one, originally recorded as a twelve-bar blues piece by Jerry Leiber and Mike Stroller, by far its most popular incarnation comes from the rock 'n' legend, Elvis Presley. Elvis is hugely responsible for popularizing the song, these days it's considered a classic and must learn for any aspiring guitarist. As mentioned, this is essentially a twelve-bar blues song that you can play using the chords A, D, and E. There are, of course, versions that are played on the electric guitar but this is very easily and commonly played on acoustic just using open chords. I Walk the Line by Johnny Cash How to play "I Walk the Line" by Johnny Cash (Guitar Chords & Lesson) Click Here for tab for I Walk the Line by Johnny Cash A hugely successful song for Johnny, taken from the album 'Johnny Cash with His Hot and Blue Guitar'. It charted at the number 1 spot on the US Billboard and hung in there for 43 weeks before finally dropping from the chart. It sold over two million copies. The song was written while Johnny was stationed in Germany as part of the United States Air Force. This song has a very distinct melody being played on the lower strings of the guitar which is then accented by rhythmic chords on the upper strings. They come together to create an ensemble that acts as a complete musical piece. This can be challenging to get sounding smooth at first but is something a beginner can master with just a little practice! Just The Way You Are by Bruno Mars Just The Way You Are | Guitar Tutorial - Bruno Mars Guitar Lesson (Easy Fingerpicking + Chords) Click Here for tab for Just The Way You Are by Bruno Mars This was Bruno Mars's first ever solo endeavor, the first single from his first album which was called 'Doo-Wops & Hoolligans'. While critics were quite harsh on the song, claiming the lyrics were too cheesy, fans nevertheless loved it and it would end up winning the award for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance at the 53rd Grammy Awards. Not only that, but it was also the best digital selling single of 2011 with an incredible 12.5million in sales. This song will become much easier to play if you have a capo available which can be placed on the second fret allowing you to use the open chord voicings. It's also made easier by the fact there is just a single chord progression used throughout the song which is D, Bm7, G, and D. Marry You by Bruno Mars Easy 3 Chord Guitar Song Tutorial Guitar Lesson Click Here for tab for Marry You by Bruno Mars Another killer song from Bruno's 'Doo-Wops & Hoolligans' which was written by the production group 'the Smeezingtons' which Bruno himself is a member of. The song carries a theme of 'spontaneous marriage' and many people have used it as a proposal song for their prospective wives. While the song was never released as a single, it still managed to make its way into the UK charts, even reaching the number 11 spot in the UK. This is another song where your wife is going to be much easier if you can get a hold of a capo and use it on the third fret. But if not it is still playable using just the open chords. The whole song uses the 3 chord progression of D, Em, and G. No Rain by Blind Melon How to Play "No Rain" by Blind Melon on Guitar Click Here for tab for No Rain by Blind Melon This is a single from Blind Melon's self-titled debut album. The song was given much of its success and exposure because of its music video, which MTV gave a great deal of exposure and playtime. This was pivotal in the single's success and allowed them to go multi-platinum and even reach number 20 on the US Billboard Hot 100 chart. This song contains a mixture of acoustic and electronic parts, but just like the other songs mentioned on the list, feel free to just play everything on the acoustic as it all sounds good! The song has a fairly fast and upbeat feel at 150bpm, there are also a lot of groovy muteds which make it lots of fun to jam to! She Will Be Loved by Maroon 5 She Will Be Loved Guitar Cover - Maroon 5 [Tabs + Chords] Click Here for tab for She Will Be Loved by Maroon 5 Written by singer Adam Levine and guitarist James Valentine, this is a single from Maroon 5's album titled 'Songs About Jane'. It's a fairly standard of what you might expect from Maroon 5, a catchy and accessible song that translates great to the acoustic guitar. It's very much in line with their other singles. For this track, you'll be using quite a lot of 'staccato' playing, which is to say you will mute notes quite quickly after plucking them to give it that percussive feel. This can feel a little unusual at first but if you practice laying the palm/side of your right hand across the strings to immediately cut the sound it'll start to feel comfortable very quickly. Stuck In The Middle With You by Stealers Wheel Stealers Wheel Stuck In The Middle With You Guitar Lesson + Tutorial Click Here for tab for Stuck In The Middle With You by Stealers Wheel A classic catchy tune that has an upbeat feel to it and a strong strumming pattern that is worth anyone's time to learn. This song is largely responsible for the bands' commercial exposure, becoming extremely popular after they played it on the UK's 'Top of the Pops' show in 1973. Since then it's been a bit of an iconic song in popular culture, having very famously been used in the Quentin Tarantino movie 'Reservoir Dogs' during the torture scene. The song has a great groove and lively feel to it, so be sure to strum with some power. Tapping your feet to the downbeat can also help a lot as you'll need to perform upstrokes on the offset while the downbeat is left silent. Wonderwall by Oasis Wonderwall Guitar Tutorial - Oasis Guitar Lesson [Easy Chords + Guitar Cover] Click Here for tab for Wonderwall by Oasis Wonderwall was of course going to make the list. A classic song that absolutely everybody should know from British pop/rock (or some say Britpop) legends, Oasis. It's such a quintessential song to learn and cover that some people will ridicule it for its overuse, but don't let that deter you, it's a classic. From their second studio album 'What's the Story Morning Glory?'. The song is about an imaginary friend who will come and save you from yourself. For this song, you'll need a capo on the second fret of the guitar to make the chords a little easier to play. The nice thing about this is even though you're moving through chords pretty quick, they are all quite close to each other and easy to reach. Brown Eyed Girl by Van Morrison Brown Eyed Girl Acoustic Guitar Lesson Click Here for tab for Brown Eyed Girl by Van Morrison This song makes wonderful use of multiple melodies, you'll hear the bass movement, acoustic guitars strumming chords, and electric melodies, all set to some great catchy vocal melodies. Released in 1967 as part of the album 'Blowin' Your Mind!'. Unfortunately, there is a bit of drama behind the track. Due to the recording contract which was signed, he unfortunately never received any royalties for the song. As mentioned before, there are a lot of layers and counter-melodies playing here, it's tempting just to go for the strummed chords, but don't be afraid of tackling the leads if you want! They will sound great on acoustic too and help to keep things interesting in case you want a little more than just 'strummed chords'. Can't You See - Marshall Tucker Band The Marshall Tucker Band Can't You See Guitar Lesson + Tutorial Click Here for tab for Can't You See - The Marshall Tucker Band A beautifully melodic track with a powerful vocal performance. It has elements of country and southern rock. Released as the first single from their first album (which was self-titled) and, for a first outing, did very well commercially hitting the number 75 spot on the Billboard Hot 100. This is a great all-round song to learn for beginners because it has both fingerpicking and strumming which you will seamlessly jump between. At first glance, it might look a little 'notey', but once you sink into the groove I'm sure you'll find that it all feels quite natural and comfortable to play. Chasing Cars by Snow Patrol Chasing Cars Guitar Tutorial - Snow Patrol Guitar Lesson [Tabs + Easy Chords + Guitar Cover] Click Here for tab for Chasing Cars by Snow Patrol A wonderfully heartfelt and emotion-filled song with impeccable vocal delivery. Taken from their 2005 album 'Eyes Open', it the song gained much of its traction and notoriety due to being featured in the popular television series Grey's Anatomy. The song is to date their biggest, primarily due to the rising popularity of digital online sales which was what made it so widespread and popular. The song starts with a very simple melody which is played on a clean electric guitar, but it also works great on acoustic as it's so simple and easy to play any gain. Then for the chorus, there are just simple 3 string chords that can be played using all downstrokes so there's no strumming pattern to memorize here. Drive by Incubus Drive Guitar Tutorial - Incubus Drive Guitar Lesson [Solo + Chords + Guitar Cover] Click Here for tab for Drive by Incubus A song that people who may have watched television channels such as MTV2 will remember very well. An infectious catchy song with a guitar section that uses some very cool chord voicings. This was their big breakthrough single that allowed them to launch their career. While this song uses a fairly simple strumming pattern, the main draw is the vocabulary of the chords that are used. There are no generic solid chords and it's a great way to expand your repertoire of chord voicings. The 4 chords are Em, Em9, Cmaj7, and Em/A. Songbird by Oasis Songbird Easy Guitar Lesson | Oasis Click Here for tab for Songbird by Oasis A unique offering from Oasis as it was the first single written by Liam Gallagher instead of his brother Noel. Yet it still retains all the greatness you'd expect from an Oasis song, catchy and emotive vocal melodies with interesting and melodic acoustic guitar. This is a single from their fifth album titled 'Heathen Chemistry'. You'll probably notice some similarities with other Oasis songs such as Wonderwall, the goal here is not to reinvent the wheel, simply to provide a great well-written song. You'll be playing big-sounding open chords exclusively here which are all very comfortable to hold. Plus, there are only a couple of chords to remember making it a very easy/fast song to learn. A Horse With No Name by America How to Play America - Horse With No Name Click Here for tab for A Horse With No Name by America America began on a strong note with their first single 'A Horse With No Name', which was, and still is, their most successful single. Topping charts in multiple European countries and going Gold in America. But initially, the album was released without this single, which hurt its popularity. The song has some nice chord voicings, try to get in the flow with the strumming pattern as that's where a lot of the personality of the song originates from. A Long December by Counting Crows Counting Crows Long December Guitar Lesson + Tutorial Click Here for tab for A Long December by Counting Crows A Long December is a beautifully written allsofth rock song, it was the second promotional single from the album 'August and Little Time'. This song is a great example of how to make things easier to play in key on an acoustic guitar, it will help to have a capo on the 3rd fret. 'Recovering the Satellites'. For the current notoriety of the band at that time the single did very well, hitting the number 1 spot on the US Billboard. The song is written about reflecting on tragedy, but with a slightly positive 'silver lining' kind of spin. To make this easier to play in key on an acoustic guitar, it will help to have a capo on the 3rd fret. Something to keep note of here is the dynamics of the song, pay close attention to how he hits some parts softly and other parts harder to give it much of the emotion. Ain't No Sunshine by Bill Withers How To Play Bill Withers - Ain't No Sunshine - Guitar Tutorial Click Here for tab for Ain't No Sunshine by Bill Withers Like many others on this list, this single was hugely responsible for Bill Withers breaking through to a more mainstream audience, charting quite highly, and has even been sung on the popular American TV show 'American Idol'. It's also been certified Gold in the US, selling over 1 million copies. This song focuses quite heavily on the rhythm, as a result, the strumming pattern is fairly involved and is a great opportunity for you to learn some creative and percussive patterns. You can play the song focussing more on chords, or turn it into more of a finger-picked version where you will pick the bassline with your thumb while your fingers pick the higher chords. All Summer Long by Kid Rock All Summer Long Guitar Lesson - Kid Rock Click Here for tab for All Summer Long by Kid Rock You'll probably recognize the guitar line from 'Sweet Home Alabama' by Lynyrd Skynyrd. But this song can stand on its own two feet, with its catchy chorus and upbeat feel, it's a great song to jam with friends. It's the third single from his album 'Rock n Roll Jesus' which was so popular he even performed at the 2009 Grammy Awards. Although there are electric parts under the song, it's all underpinned by strummed acoustic guitar chords. If you wish you can play the lead parts on the acoustic too, or if you just need something to sing over you can just strum the chords. Either way, the song is a ton of fun to learn and play and is sure to be an asset to your song library. American Pie Guitar Tutorial - Don McLean Guitar Lesson [Chords + Strumming] Click Here for tab for American Pie by Don McLean This is a classic folk song from the '70s, written by Don McLean as part of the album also titled 'American Pie'. The song is written as a way of mourning the loss of numerous rock and roll legends who passed away in a plane crash in 1959, these were huge childhood influences on Don and to him, marked the end of the rock and roll generation. The interesting thing about this song is even as the chords are being played there is an implied melody, that is to say, you can distinctly hear the vocal melody that's used during the chorus. This requires a bit of control over the strings you hit as you strum but is something that any beginning player can master. Back to December by Taylor Swift Back to December Guitar Tutorial Speak Now // Nena Shelby Click Here for tab for Back to December by Taylor Swift Treading the line between ballad, country, and a slightly orchestral fair. As usual Taylor Swift offers a catchy and memorable song that's a ton of fun to play. This is from her third studio album titled 'Speak Now' and was met with decent critical acclaim. It hit the number 6 spot on the US 100 Billboard and garnered almost 250,000 in digital purchases. For this song, your life will be a little easier if you have a capo available for the second fret. And you only need to remember 5 chords for the entire song which are C, Am, F#m2, Gsus4, and Em. Before You Accuse Me by Eric Clapton | Easy Guitar Lesson Click Here for tab for Before You Accuse Me by Eric Clapton Eric actually recorded this song 4 times, originally it had a lot of electric guitar in it. However, the most popular rendition is an acoustic 'unplugged' version. This would also be released on his album 'unplugged' which went on to win a Grammy in 1992. The single has become a popular part of his live setlist, being played on many tours over the decades since its release. This song was a great bluesy feel to it, you'll be playing a groovy bassline mostly on the lower strings while all the melody happens on the higher strings. It can look quite complex at first but if you memorize it bar by bar it'll all make sense and you'll see it's quite simple to play. It's a great chance to expose yourself to the blues style and that all important b5 note. Big Me by Foo Fighters Foo Fighters - Big Me Guitar Lesson Tutorial - Easy simple songs Click Here for tab for Big Me by Foo Fighters This song was hugely popularized because of its music video, in which it mocked stereotypical commercial advertisements by parodying the brand 'mentos' with their own, fictional brand called 'fooles'. Because of this, it garnered massive playtime on music television channels which contributed hugely to the song's popularity. But this, unfortunately, prompted fans to start throwing mentos at the band when they would play this song live, forcing them to swiftly remove it from the setlist. This is one of Foo Fighters' lighter songs and works great on an acoustic guitar. It can be played with some easy open chords that are all played quite low down on the neck so should pose no challenge for newer players. Blackbird by The Beatles The Beatles Blackbird Acoustic Guitar Lesson + Tutorial Click Here for tab for Blackbird by The Beatles Inspired by classical Sebastian Bach music which was adopted into the opening riff of this song. The meaning of the song remains a little ambiguous as there have been conflicting stories given as to what exactly the song discusses, it's been said that the song discusses issues to do with racism, but another story says it was written after Paul McCartney's ill family member who used to listen to a bird sing at night. You'll definitely get a little bit of that classic sensibility when learning this song, there's a very distinct bassline and higher melody. Don't be deterred if you think it looks too 'notey'. Once you have the rhythmic sequence memorized you'll find it feels very comfortable to play. Blowin' In The Wind by Bob Dylan Blowin In The Wind (Bob Dylan) | How To Play | Beginner Guitar Lesson Click Here for tab for Blowin' In The Wind by Bob Dylan A deeply contemplative song that tackles the nature of ignoring our issues and problems, because we decide to turn our heads away from these issues the answer is simply left blowing in the wind. Not designed to be a complex song, it has a great relaxed feel to you can sink into and enjoy. The song is from his 'The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan' album. The main thing to focus on here is the strumming pattern as it repeats for the large majority of the song. Outside of that it uses very simple chord shapes and should pose no problem for a beginner to learn quite quickly. It's also easy enough to play to that you can sing over it comfortably. Blowing Smoke by Kacey Musgraves How to play Blowing Smoke by Kacey Musgraves on guitar Click Here for tab for Blowing Smoke by Kacey Musgraves A great country rock song that can also be played as a solo acoustic piece. It's from Kacey's first album titled 'Same Trailer Different Park' and, for just being her second single, did very well selling over 135,000 copies in the US. The song is written about a waitress who wants to do better in life, but doesn't intend on making the necessary changes so is just 'blowing smoke'. This is about as easy as it gets and makes an exceptional beginner's song because it only uses 2 chords, A and D. The strumming pattern is just as simple with a controlled downstroke on each beat, it doesn't get much easier than this! Bottoms Up - Guitar Lesson and Tutorial - Brantley Gilbert Click Here for tab for Bottoms Up by Brantley Gilbert Another fantastic country-rock song from Brantley Gilbert's third studio album 'Just as I am'. It's a very effective song that has a great vibe and modern production. Just simple fun! It was a commercial success, hitting the number 1 spot on the 'Country Digital Songs' chart and selling over a million copies in the US alone. The song contains a mixture of acoustic and electric guitar parts, so depending on how adventurous you want to get you may wish to work some of the arpeggiated electric guitar sections into the acoustic parts. But if you are a beginner we recommend sticking to the acoustic chords. Boulevard Of Broken Dreams by Green Day Green Day Boulevard of Broken Dreams Easy Acoustic Guitar Lesson + Tutorial Click Here for tab for Boulevard Of Broken Dreams by Green Day Green Day are well known for their high-energy punk and pop/rock songs. But this is more of a balladesque effort from them that sees vocalist Billie Joe Armstrong reminisce about his time in New York City, and his experience of feeling so alone in such a busy place. The song was unbelievably successful, being the ninth most sold single for the entire 2000-2009 decade. You'll need a capo on the first fret for this song if you don't want to have all the extra effort of barring every other. Outside of that, it's mostly played using large, open chords and there are a few small sections with some down-picked power chords in them. Feel free to mimic any electric guitar parts on the acoustic too. Boys 'Round Here by Blake Shelton Boys Round Here by Blake Shelton | Easy Guitar Lesson Click Here for tab for Boys 'Round Here by Blake Shelton A country tune with a ton of attitude, Boys 'round Here was a single for his seventh studio album 'Based on a True Story' and despite receiving mixed critical reception, it still was enjoyed a great deal by his fansbase and peaked at number 1 multiple charts. To date, it has sold over 2.5million copies in the US which means it's been certified at 5x platinum. While fairly typical of what you might expect from a commercial country song, with a basic chord progression. Some interesting rhythmic timings are happening within the strumming pattern that will require you to ignore the downbeat and instead accent the upstroke. Don't worry! It's not as hard as it sounds and it should pose no challenge for a beginner. Breakfast at Tiffany's by Deep Blue Something How to play Breakfast at Tiffany's - Easy Guitar Lesson Click Here for tab for Breakfast at Tiffany's by Deep Blue Something This is Deep Blue Something's best selling single which was released in 1995 as part of the album '11th Song and Home'. Unfortunately, since then the band has not had any singles with this level of commercial success. The song follows a relationship that is on the verge of a breakup, and the man references the movie 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' as a good commonality between them, and why they should continue to work on their relationship. This is an alternative rock song so there is electric guitar in addition to the acoustic layers, don't worry about them! Just play any guitar part you wish as they all follow the chord progression. The acoustic part of the song just uses some easy open chords and a simple strumming pattern. Daughters by John Mayer John Mayer Daughters Guitar Lesson + Tutorial Click Here for tab for Daughters by John Mayer John Mayer is an extremely high level player known for his virtuosity and emotive phrasing. But that doesn't mean every song he plays is technical, this is an overall simpler song from him and one that beginners can dig into a little. This is the third single from the 'Heavier Things' album, which won a grammy and has sold over 1 million copies. The song uses (almost) big 6 string open chords exclusively, which is one of the things that makes it more accessible to beginners in that it is not as 'notey'. The main thing to ensure is that the 'open' strings in between the ones you need to hold notes on are not being choked and have the room they need to vibrate freely. Don't Think Twice It's Alright by Bob Dylan Don't Think Twice It's Alright by Bob Dylan | Easy Guitar Lesson Click Here for tab for Don't Think Twice It's Alright by Bob Dylan This is a single taken from Bob's 1962 album 'The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan', and although the song has achieved its own level of success it's also been famously covered by other artists including Peter, Paul, and Mary whose rendition achieved its own level of success. The song (or at least the title) was intended to be a line you could say to yourself to instantly feel better. This is a primarily finger-picked song, but one of the things that make it so easy and accessible to beginners is that a lot of it is 'monophonic', that is to say, there is only 1 note at a time playing. This makes it very easy for beginners to dive into without needing to think about multiple melodies, or bass and melodies going on at the same time. Every Rose has It's Thorn by Poison Poison Every Rose Has It's Thorn Guitar Lesson + Tutorial Click Here for tab for Every Rose has It's Thorn by Poison A mellow effort from poison as they simmer down their usual glam metal and hard rock style for a softer and more balladesque outing. This was the third single released from Poison's 'Open Up and Say ... Ahh!' album. It's also one of their biggest successes and hit the number 1 spot on the US charts for 3 weeks. So needless to say it's a must-learn for everyone! Fortunately, it's also incredibly easy to play, the acoustic part very much has its role in this song so it's perfectly ok to ignore the electric guitar parts. All the chords are very easy to hold, the main thing to focus on here is the strumming pattern and ensuring it's in line with the song for the small embellishments that are peppered throughout. Fast Car by Tracy Chapman Tracy Chapman Fast Car Guitar Tutorial + Lesson Click Here for tab for Fast Car by Tracy Chapman Tracy Chapman has a mighty four Grammy Awards under her belt. Fast Car is her primary single from her self-titled debut album and is also one of her biggest ever. It's generally considered a must-learn for new players. This single received three Grammy award nominations of which won 1. For this one, you'll be playing a very distinct and iconic melody on the higher strings, but of course around that are bass notes and many embellishments adding extra flavor to the notes of the melody, essentially turning them into chords. An easy way to approach this is to only play the main melody first, and add in the extra note and sections as you feel more comfortable with the song. Hallelujah by Jeff Buckley Hallelujah Guitar Tutorial - Leonard Cohen Guitar Lesson: Fingerpicking + Easy Chords + Guitar Cover Click Here for tab for Hallelujah by Jeff Buckley While originally recorded by Leonard Cohen, Jeff Buckley recorded a fantastic cover of it that is, in many ways, one of the most popular versions of the song. Originally it was released as part of his album titled 'Grace' but then was released ten years after Jeff Buckley had passed. The song carries a heavy amount of emotion both in the chords and vocal delivery. Although there are various renditions of the song around, one of the most popular is the fingerstyle one where the chords are outlined as 'arpeggios', which means they are played 1 note at a time instead of as whole chords. This is a really important technique to learn as a beginner and this is the perfect song to practice it on as it's at a nice and slow tempo. Perfect by Ed Sheeran Perfect Guitar Tutorial - Ed Sheeran Guitar Lesson [Solo + Fingerpicking + Chords + Guitar Cover] Click Here for tab for Perfect by Ed Sheeran An extremely popular single from Ed which is from his third album '÷' (yes, that's the name of the album). But interestingly the song was released a second time as a duet with legendary American pop star Beyoncé. The album charted particularly well in the UK and received numerous award nominations at the 2018 MTV Video Music Awards. For this track, you'll need a capo on the first fret of the guitar, in this scenario the capo is quite necessary as removing the need to fret every '0' note in the tablature make it much easier to play, without it your hands will be far too busy! This is a primarily finger picked song, but is slow and evenly paced enough that it is easily accessible to beginners. Hey There Delilah by Plain White T's Hey There Delilah by Plain White T's | Easy Fingerstyle Guitar Click Here for tab for Hey There Delilah by Plain White T's A well known and catchy tune from the Plain White T's album 'All That We Needed and Every Second Counts'. Treading some kind of line in between folk, emo, and pop. This song was written about a girl Tom Higginson was interested in, but they were not dating, so it's a kind of 'fictional love song' for a non-existent couple. This is a fingerpicked song that has your thumb playing the lower notes while your middle and ring finger pick the two higher notes. They might feel a little unusual at first as it needs some 'finger independence', but it'll become a feel natural very fast! Mad World by Gary Jules Mad World Guitar Lesson - Gary Jules Click Here for tab for Mad World by Gary Jules you're no doubt already familiar with, originally written by British synth-pop legends Tears for Fears. But one of its most famous and popular incarnations was from Gary Jules which was part of the soundtrack to the hit movie 'Donnie Darko'. It was particularly famous in the UK, hitting the number 1 spot for three weeks. While the Gary Jules version of this song is piano-led, the chord progression is equally effective when played by a synth (like the original version) and especially acoustic guitar. The primary goal of playing this on the acoustic is to let the chord progression really shine, try to ensure all the notes are clear so each 'voicing' (note) within the chord is felt by the listener. Sweet Caroline by Neil Diamond Sweet Caroline Guitar Lesson Neil Diamond Click Here for tab for Sweet Caroline by Neil Diamond An absolute classic of the late '60s. It was recorded and released exclusively as a promotional single after Neil was inspired by John F. Kennedy's daughter, Caroline. He even had the opportunity to play it to her directly on her 50th birthday. It's also been able to retain a lot of popularity over the years, never really falling out of favor with fans, and is still selling well today. The acoustic guitar part for this is wonderfully simple, where you will just be hitting some easy and basic chords on the lower strings on the downbeat. The one thing that makes it a little interesting rhythmically is you will need to mute them quite quickly for the 'rest' on the upbeat. Yesterday by The Beatles The Beatles - Yesterday - Guitar Lesson - How to Play on Acoustic Guitar Click Here for tab for Yesterday by The Beatles Not only an incredible song from the kings of Pop themselves, but the song is also so popular it's been covered over 2000 times by various artists making it one of the most covered songs of all time. It's a simple song with a ballad-like feel that discusses a relationship that has ended and reminisces about 'yesterday' when they were together. It has a nice and steady rhythm that is comfortable and simple to play. There is a fair amount of chordal movement but you will notice they all sit around the same area of the instrument so should be easy to work through. Heart of Gold by Neil Young How to Play "Heart of Gold" on Guitar by Neil Young - Easy Acoustic Songs Click Here for tab for Heart of Gold by Neil Young Taken from Neil's fourth album 'Harvest', this is a classic rock/country rock song that has a great melodic feel with just a bit of bluesy/folk twang thrown in. This was the only single of Neil's that charted in the UK, but it is still very widely loved and has enjoyed continued success due to Rolling Stone's Magazine continually ranking amongst the best songs of all time. So while there are of course tons of easy open chords, in between the bars there are a lot of small country/blues licks and phrases thrown in, it might seem like they are fast but if you play these using hammer-ons and pull off it becomes much easier to get the speed required to execute them. Used to Love Her by Guns N' Roses I Used to Love Her by Guns N' Roses | Easy Guitar Click Here for tab for Used to Love Her by Guns n' Roses Taking a break from the usual soaring electric guitar sound of Guns 'n' Roses, for 'Used to Love Her' they sink into a more melodic feel and bring out the acoustic guitar for a wonderful acoustic rock ballad. The song was part of their 1988 release 'G' N' R Lies but didn't get its single release. You'll need to tune each string on your acoustic down by 1 semitone to play this song. But not worry! You don't need to change strings or anything as it's close enough to the original tuning that it won't cause any issues with the string tension. This song uses a lot of smaller chords that will only span 1 or 2 strings making it very comfortable for beginners to play.

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