

12 Easy Guitar Pieces: Classic Popular Songs in Standard Notation and Tablature

Learning to play the guitar can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. However, it can also be challenging, especially for beginners. One of the best ways to improve your guitar skills is to practice regularly. And what better way to practice than by playing your favorite songs?

This article provides 12 easy guitar pieces that are perfect for beginners. These songs are all classic popular songs that are easy to learn and play. They are also all available in standard notation and tablature, so you can choose the format that you are most comfortable with.



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1. "Smoke on the Water" by Deep Purple

Smoke on the Water

Words and Music by Ritchie Blackmore, Ian Gillan, Roger Glover, Jon Lord and Ian Paice

The image shows a musical score for the song "Smoke on the Water" by Deep Purple. It is a guitar-oriented score with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked "Moderate Rock" and the mood is "Sassy". The score is divided into three main sections: an instrumental introduction, a verse, and a chorus. The introduction features a simple four-note riff (B-flat, A, G, F) repeated. The verse begins with the lyrics "I see a ship that says 'S.S. Great White'". The chorus follows with the lyrics "Smoke on the water, fire in the sky, it could be the day that you die". The score includes guitar notation with chord diagrams for F7 and G7, and a bass line. Copyright information at the bottom reads: "© 1972, Renewed 2001 by PUBLISHERS & CO., LTD. FOR THE MUSIC OF DEEP PURPLE. All Rights Reserved. International Copyright Secured. Used by Permission." The page number "1" is visible in the bottom right corner.

"Smoke on the Water" is one of the most iconic rock songs of all time. It is also one of the easiest guitar songs to learn. The main riff is only four notes, and the rest of the song is just as simple.

2. "Sweet Home Alabama" by Lynyrd Skynyrd

Sweet Home Alabama

Words and Music by Ronnie VanZant, Ed King and Gary Rossington

The image displays a musical score for the song "Sweet Home Alabama". It includes an introduction labeled "Intro" and "Moderate Rock ~ 100", followed by four systems of music. Each system contains a guitar line (top staff) and a bass line (bottom staff). The guitar line features a prominent three-chord riff (D, G, D) and includes lyrics such as "Sweet home Alabama, where the boys live", "Where the girls are so pretty", "Where the moon is so bright", and "Where the air is so sweet". The bass line provides a simple accompaniment. Chord diagrams for D, G, and D are shown above the guitar staff. The score is watermarked with "textbook.mamanbook.com".

"Sweet Home Alabama" is another classic rock song that is easy to learn on guitar. The main riff is just three chords, and the rest of the song is just as simple.

3. "Stand by Me" by Ben E. King

Stand by Me

Words and Music by Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller

The image displays a musical score for the song "Stand by Me". It is arranged in three systems, each with three staves. The top staff is the vocal line, the middle staff is the guitar accompaniment, and the bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. The score includes lyrics: "I'll be there for you, when the night comes, when you don't have a single friend, who'll stand by you, when the time comes, when you are not sure of just who to turn to, when you need more than just your five fingers, who'll stand by you." The score is marked with "Alto" and "Moderato". A copyright notice at the bottom reads: "© 1961 MCA Music, Inc. All Rights Reserved. MCA Music, Inc. and MCA Music, Inc. are equal owners of this song." A page number "1" is located at the bottom right.

"Stand by Me" is a timeless classic that is perfect for beginners to learn on guitar. The main riff is just two chords, and the rest of the song is just as simple.

4. "Hotel California" by The Eagles

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Hotel California

Words and Music by Don Henley, Glenn Frey and Don Felder

The musical score for "Hotel California" is presented in three systems. The top system shows the guitar chords and the beginning of the lead guitar line. The middle system continues the lead guitar line and includes the bass line. The bottom system shows the final part of the lead guitar line and the bass line. The score is watermarked with "textbook.mamanbook.com" across the page.

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"Hotel California" is a beautiful and haunting song that is perfect for intermediate guitarists. The main riff is a bit more challenging than the previous songs, but it is still achievable with a little practice.

5. "Imagine" by John Lennon

Imagine

Words and Music by John Lennon

The image displays a musical score for the song "Imagine" by John Lennon. It is arranged for guitar and includes a vocal line. The score is divided into three systems, each with three staves: a vocal staff, a guitar staff, and a bass staff. The first system includes the lyrics "No religion". The second system includes the lyrics "No countries". The third system includes the lyrics "No possessions". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and chord symbols (C, G7, F, C). A copyright notice at the bottom reads: "© 1971 (Renewed 1995) LENNON-MICROPHONES, ALL RIGHTS RESERVED and COMMERCIAL MUSIC INC. All rights reserved. International Copyright Clearance Center, Inc. 222 Rosewood Drive, Danvers, MA 01923. www.copyright.com".

"Imagine" is a classic peace anthem that is perfect for beginners to learn on guitar. The main riff is just three chords, and the rest of the song is just as simple.

6. "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen

Hallelujah

Words and Music by Leonard Cohen

The image shows a musical score for the song "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen. It is written for guitar and voice. The score is in 3/4 time and consists of 12 measures. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The guitar part is written in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The vocal line is written in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Hallelujah, I love her, I love her, I love her, I love her, I love her, I love her, I love her, I love her, I love her, I love her, I love her, I love her." The score includes a watermark "textbook.mamanbook.com" repeated across the page.

"Hallelujah" is a beautiful and haunting song that is perfect for intermediate guitarists. The main riff is a bit more challenging than the previous songs, but it is still achievable with a little practice.

7. "Tears in Heaven" by Eric Clapton

Tears in Heaven

Words and Music by Eric Clapton and Will Jennings

Intro
Moderately slow

Verse 1
A
E
G
D
F
A

Verse 2
A
E
G
D
F
A

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"Tears in Heaven" is a beautiful and heartbreaking song that is perfect for intermediate guitarists. The main riff is a bit more challenging than the previous songs, but it is still achievable with a little practice.

8. "Landslide" by Fleetwood Mac

Landslide

Words and Music by Stevie Nicks

Intro

Medium - All

Chords: G7, C7, F7

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Verse

Chords: G7, C7, F7, G7

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Chords: G7, C7, F7, G7

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"Landslide" is a beautiful and haunting song that is perfect for beginners to learn on guitar. The main riff is just three chords, and the rest of the song is just as simple.

9. "Yellow" by Coldplay

Yellow

Words & Music by Guy Berryman, Chris Martin, Jon Buckland & Will Champion



Tune guitar. (from bottom string): E, A, B, G, D, D²

Intro | B | B Badd11 | B | B Badd11 || B | B add11 |
 | F#6 | F#6 | Emaj7 | Emaj7 | B | B add11 ||

Verse 1 B Look at the stars, look how they shine for you F#6
 And everything you do. Emaj7
 Yeah, they were all yellow.
 B I came along, I wrote a song for you F#6
 And all the things you do. Emaj7
 And it was called yellow.
 B Badd11 F#6
 So then I took my turn.
 Oh, what a thing to 've done Emaj7
 And it was all yellow. B Badd11 B

Chorus 1 Emaj7 G#m F#6
 Your skin, oh yeah, your skin and bones.
 Emaj7* G#m F#6
 Turn into something beautiful.
 Emaj7 G#m F#6 Emaj7
 And you know, you know I love you so.
 Eadd9
 You know I love you so.

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"Yellow" is a beautiful and uplifting song that is perfect for beginners to learn on guitar. The main riff is just three chords, and the rest of the song is just as simple.

10. "Wonderwall" by Oasis

Wonderwall

Words and Music by Noel Gallagher

F#m G F#m G C#m G F#m G

Verse 1
 Strum Pattern: 1
 Pick Pattern: 1
 Chorus
 Modality: dorian, bar 2

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"Wonderwall" is a classic rock song that is perfect for beginners to learn on guitar. The main riff is just four chords, and the rest of the song is just as simple.

11. "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Osbourne

Stairway to Heaven

Words and Music by Jimmy Page and Robert Plant

Key of Am
Intro
Slow

Am, E7/G#, C/G, D/F#, Fmaj7, G/B, A/C#, C, D, G, Am7
Dm, E7/G#, C/G, F, Dm2, Dm9, Cadd9, Cadd9#11, Em7/G

4/4

A B

Intro
Am, E7/G#, C/G, D/F#, Fmaj7

I. G/B Am9 C G/B Am9 C D Fmaj7 Am9
II. C G D C D Fmaj7

Verse
Am, E7/G#, C/G, D/F#, Fmaj7
 (1) I see a child whose eyes are wild and free. It's like a dove that brings the holy peace.
 (2) I see a young man whose eyes are wild and free. It's like a dove that brings the holy peace.
 (3) I see a young girl whose eyes are wild and free. It's like a dove that brings the holy peace.
 (4) I see a young man whose eyes are wild and free. It's like a dove that brings the holy peace.
 (5) I see a young girl whose eyes are wild and free. It's like a dove that brings the holy peace.
 (6) I see a young man whose eyes are wild and free. It's like a dove that brings the holy peace.

To Coda C G/B Am9 C D Fmaj7 Am9
 (1) Wood on the hill, the wind is soft and sweet. The stars are shining in the night, and the moon is bright.

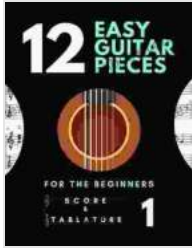
C G D C D
 (2) There's a sign on the wall that says "The Man on the Hill" and it's the sign that I'm proud of.

Fmaj7 Am9 D Fmaj7 D.S. al Coda
 (3) I see a young man whose eyes are wild and free. It's like a dove that brings the holy peace.

Coda
 G/B Am9 C/B Am7 E7/B9 D
 (1) I see a young man whose eyes are wild and free. It's like a dove that brings the holy peace.

"Stairway to Heaven" is a classic rock song that is perfect for intermediate guitarists. The main riff is a bit more challenging than the previous songs, but it is still achievable with a little practice.

These are just a few of the many easy guitar pieces that are available. With a little practice, you can learn to play any of these songs on guitar. So what are you waiting for? Start practicing today!



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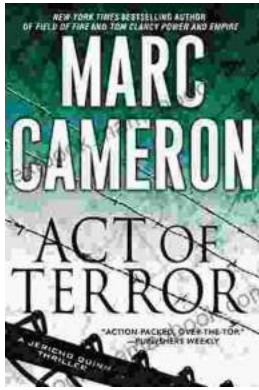
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