

STRUM & SING



SUPER EASY CHILDREN'S GUITAR SONGBOOK



60 BEGINNER SONGS FOR KIDS WITH CHORDS & LYRICS

ALPHABET SONG – BINGO – HAPPY BIRTHDAY – ITSY BITSY SPIDER – LONDON BRIDGE –
MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB – OLD MACDONALD – POP GOES THE WEASEL – RING AROUND
THE ROSIE – SKINNAMARINK – TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR – YANKEE DOODLE –
...AND MORE!

Children's Guitar Strum & Sing

All songs by Anonymous except: "America, the Beautiful" – lyrics by Katherine Lee Bates, music by Samuel A. Ward; "Camptown Races" by Stephen Foster; "Danny Boy" – lyrics by Frederic Weatherly; "Erie Canal" by Thomas S. Allen; "Happy Birthday" by Mildred Hill and Patty Hill; "Home on the Range" – lyrics by Dr. Brewster Higley, music by Dan Kelly; "If You're Happy and You Know It" by Alfred B. Smith; "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy" by George M. Cohan; "I'm a Little Teapot" by George Harold Sanders and Clarence Z. Kelley; "Mary Had a Little Lamb" – lyrics by Sarah Josepha Hale, music by Lowell Mason; "My Country 'Tis of Thee" – lyrics by Samuel Francis Smith; "Oh, My Darling Clementine" by Percy Montrose; "Oh! Susanna" by Stephen Foster; "Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?" – lyrics by Septimus Winner; "Over the River and Through the Woods" – lyrics by Lydia Maria Child; "Simple Gifts" by Joseph Brackett; "Skinnamarink" – lyrics by Felix F. Feist, music by Al Piantadosi; "The Star-Spangled Banner" – lyrics by Francis Scott Key, music by John Stafford Smith; "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" – lyrics by Jack Norworth, music by Albert von Tilzer; "The Old Gray Mare" – lyrics by J. Warner; "This Land is Your Land" – lyrics by Woody Guthrie; "Wheels on the Bus" by Verna Hills; "You're a Grand Old Flag" by George M. Cohan



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About this Songbook

Those who play guitar often want to sing -- and those who sing often want to play guitar. For beginners however, "putting it all together" can be an overwhelming challenge. That's why we provide this simple approach where song lyrics directly line up with simple strumming patterns, making it super easy to sing while playing!

The image shows a musical score for a song. At the top, there is a title box containing the text: "All songs use common 'open position' chords which are easy to learn and widely used on the guitar". Below this is a standard notation staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics "Twink- le, twink - le" are written below the staff. To the right, there is a guitar tablature staff with six horizontal lines representing the strings. The strings are labeled from bottom to top as T (Thick), A, B, and G (Thin). The tablature shows fingerings (numbers 0-3) and a circled '1' indicating the starting finger. Below the tablature, the lyrics "lit - tle star," are written. At the bottom of the score, there is a box containing the text: "Chords Symbols are labeled above the staff, making it easy to follow chord progressions while playing songs". On the right side of the score, there is another box containing the text: "Song lyrics directly line up with simple strumming patterns, making it easy to sing while playing". Arrows from these boxes point to the corresponding parts of the score: the chord symbols (G, C, G) above the staff, the lyrics aligned with the tablature, and the circled '1' on the tablature.

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Chords Symbols are labeled above the staff, making it easy to follow chord progressions while playing songs

Standard Notation

Guitar Tablature Notation

Beat: 1 2 3 4

Twink- le, twink - le

lit - tle star,

The "beat" is labeled under each bar of music to help you follow the basic strumming pattern

Song lyrics directly line up with simple strumming patterns, making it easy to sing while playing

♪ The **vocal melody** is shown in standard notation and aligned with song lyrics.

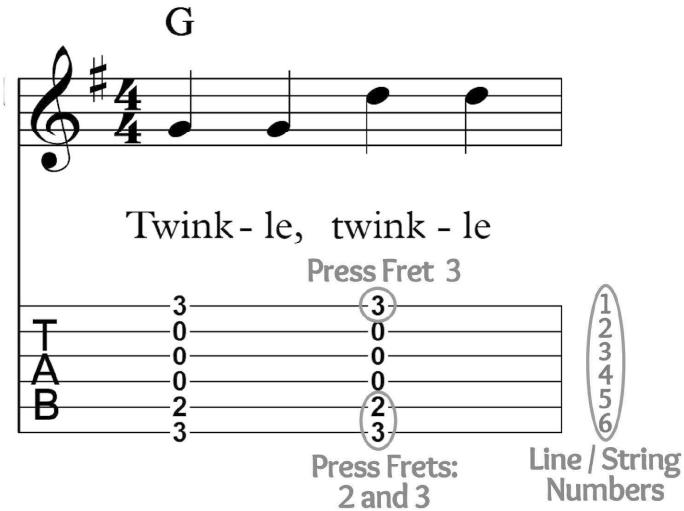
♪ **Chords** are shown as chord symbols and in Guitar Tablature notation.

♪ You can learn new chords shapes and fingerings using **Chord Fingering Diagrams** in the Appendix (page 124).

About Guitar Tablature

Guitar Tablature (TAB) visually matches the layout of the instrument, using six horizontal lines to represent the guitar's six strings. Along with chord diagrams, TAB is one of the primary ways guitar players read music, so understanding TAB is essential for learning the guitar.

In guitar TAB, the top line represents the thinnest string, and the bottom line represents the thickest. TAB shows which frets to press and which strings to play.



Twink - le, twink - le

Press Fret 3

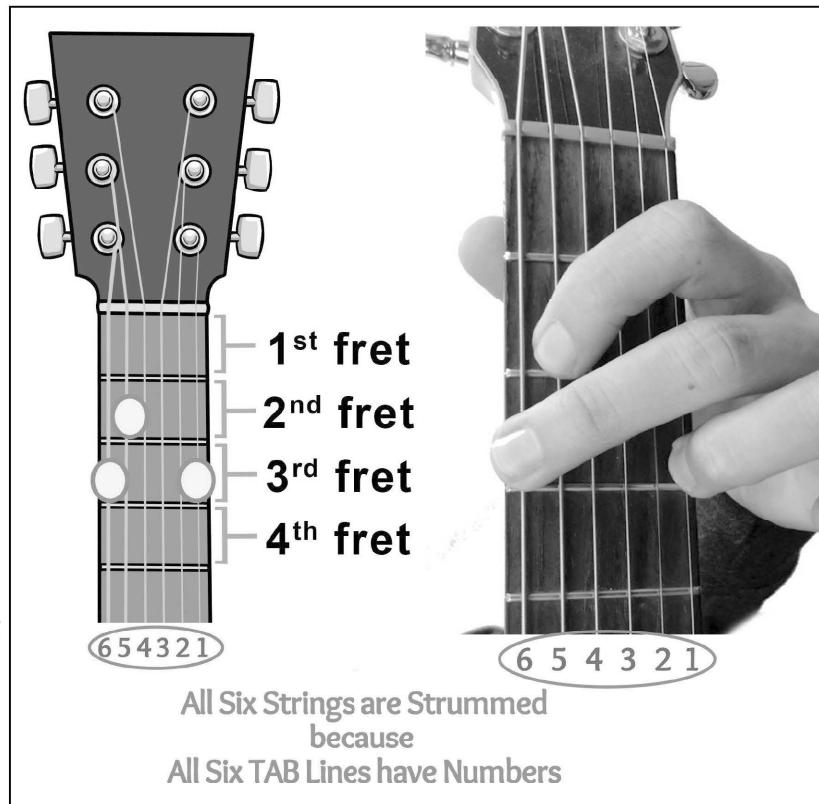
T	3
T	0
A	0
A	0
B	2
B	3

Press Frets: 2 and 3

Line / String Numbers

G

4



When reading guitar TAB, remember these key points:

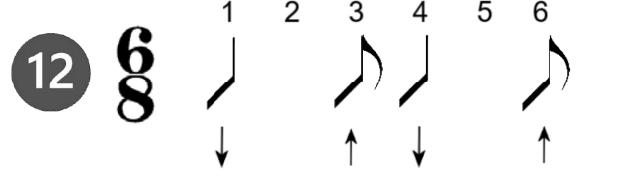
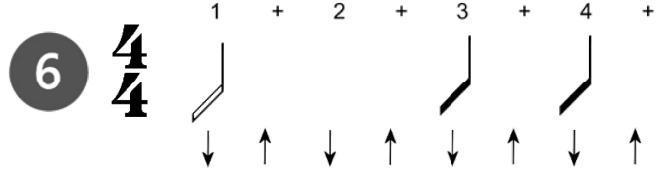
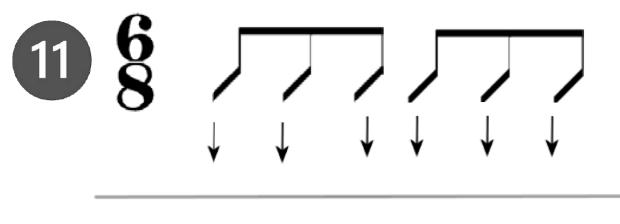
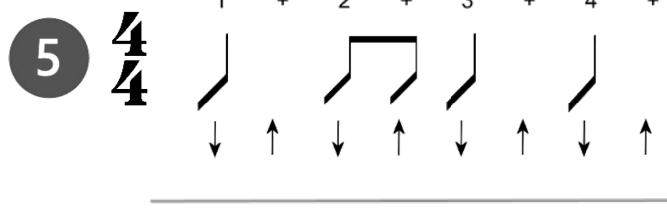
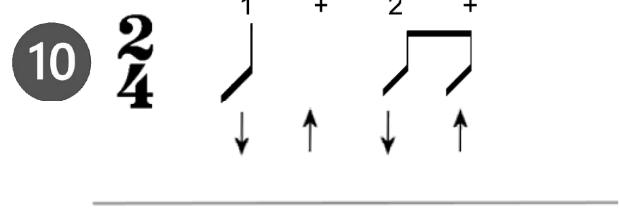
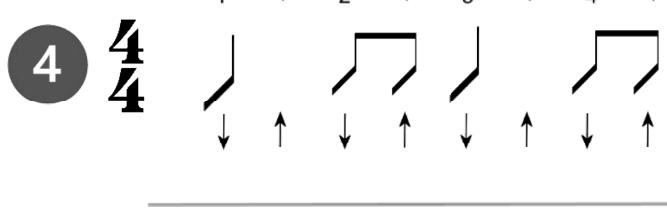
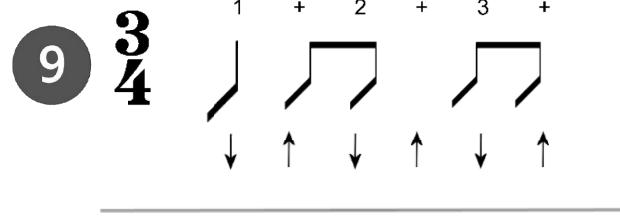
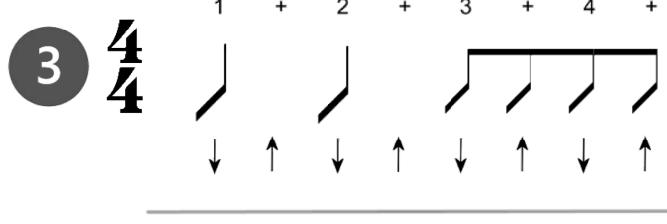
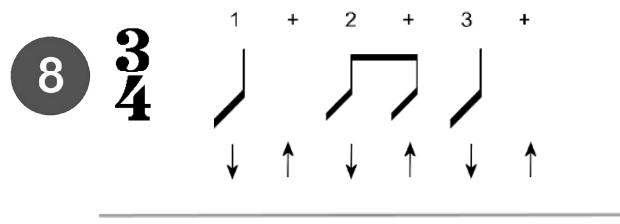
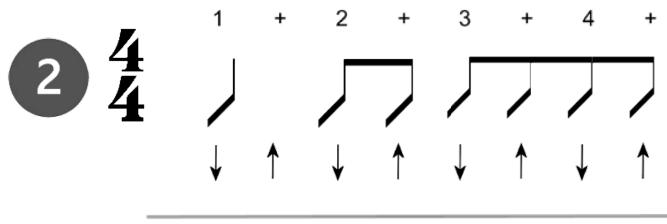
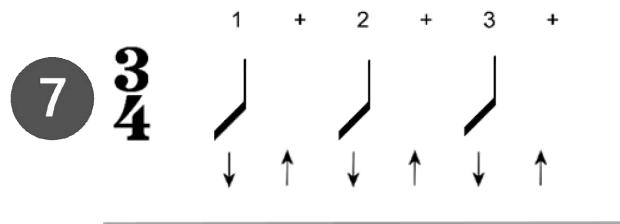
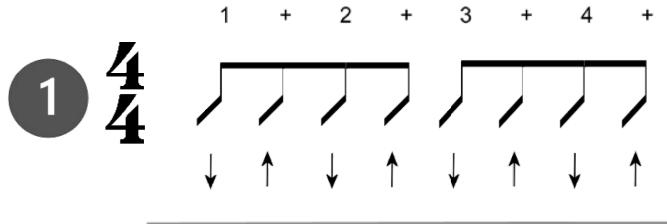
1. A "0" on a line means the string is played open — strummed without pressing any fret.
2. Any number other than "0" shows which fret to press on that string.
3. If there's no number on a line, that string isn't played.

Chord fingerings in TAB format, along with photos, for all the chords in this book can be found in the **Appendix (page 124)**.

Alternate Strumming Patterns

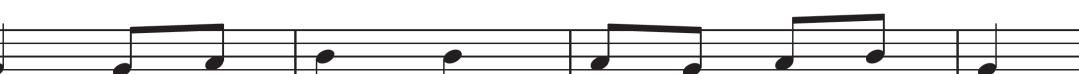
*When you're ready, you can try more advanced strumming patterns with any song. On the top right corner of page 2 for each song, you'll find a recommended pattern from the list below.

*Follow the arrows (Down ↓, Up ↑) for strumming-hand directions—each pattern shows one bar of music.



Alouette





Music score for 'La belle au bois dormant' in G major, 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "A - lou - et - te, gen - tille a - lou - et - te,". The guitar tablature shows the strings (T, A, B) and frets (0-3) for each measure. The beat is indicated below the tablature.

Je te plumerai la tête, Je te plumerai la tête,

T 3 0 0 0 2 3
A 0 0 0 0 0 0
B 2 0 0 0 0 0

Alouette Strum Pattern 10

D7

Et la tête, Et la tête, Et la tête, Et la tête,

T 2 1 1 2 2 1 1
A 1 2 2 0 0 2 2 0
B 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2

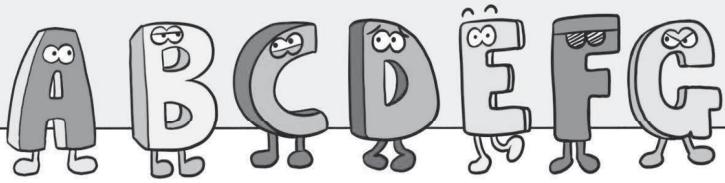
Musical score for 'Lou-lou-ette' with lyrics and tablature for a guitar-like instrument (Tunings: T=2, A=1, G=2, D=0; B=2, E=1, A=2, D=0). The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp and a bass staff with a tablature grid. The lyrics are: A - lou - ette, A - lou - ette, O - o - o - oh, with corresponding tablature below each measure.

G D⁷ G

A - lou - et - te, Je te plum - er - ai.

1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2

Alphabet Song



A D A E⁷ A D A E⁷

Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Z.

T	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
A	2	3	2	0	2	3	2	0
B	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1
	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0

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

Now I know my A - B - C's. Next time won't you sing with me?

A D A D A E⁷ A

Now I know my A - B - C's. Next time won't you sing with me?

T 0 0 2 3 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 0
A 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2
B 2 2 2 0 2 0 2 2 0 2 2 0

Alphabet Song
Strum Pattern 4

A D A D A E⁷ A

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P,

T 0 0 2 2 3 2 0 2 2 3 2 0 0 2
A 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 0 1 2 2
B 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0

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

A D A E⁷ A D A E⁷

Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Z.

T 0 2 3 2 0 2 2 1 2 3 2 0 2 0 0 0
A 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 1 2 0 2 1
B 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 2

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

A D A D A E⁷ A

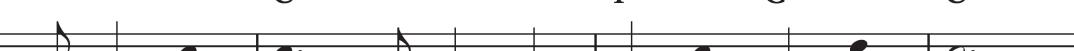
Now I know my A - B - C's. Next time won't you sing with me?

T 0 0 2 2 3 2 0 2 2 3 2 0 0 2 0 0
A 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 0 1 2 2 0 2
B 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0

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

America, the Beautiful

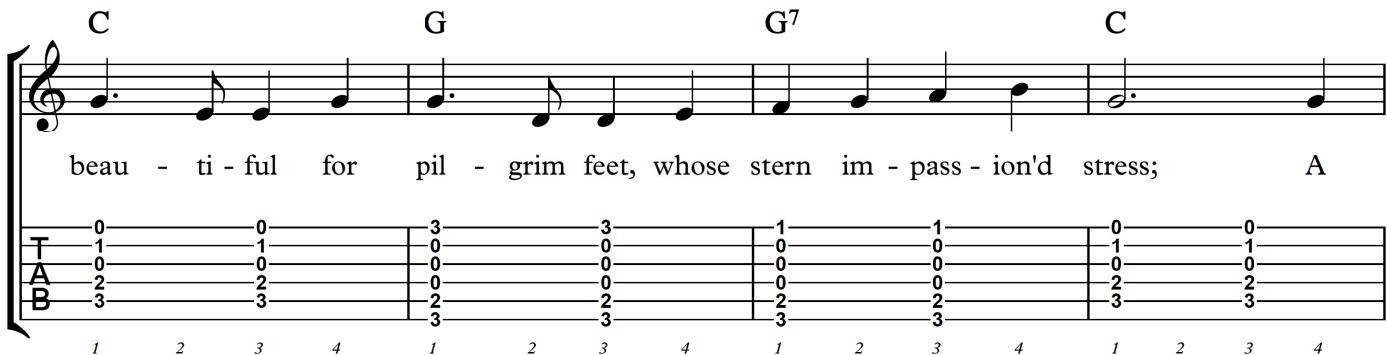

 Musical score for "America" (My Country 'Tis of Thee). The score includes a treble clef staff with four measures, each starting with a quarter note. The chords are C, G, G7, and C. The lyrics are: "mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee, and". Below the staff is a guitar tablature with six strings (T, A, G, B, E, D) and four measures. The tab shows the strings being muted (0) or plucked (1, 2, 3).



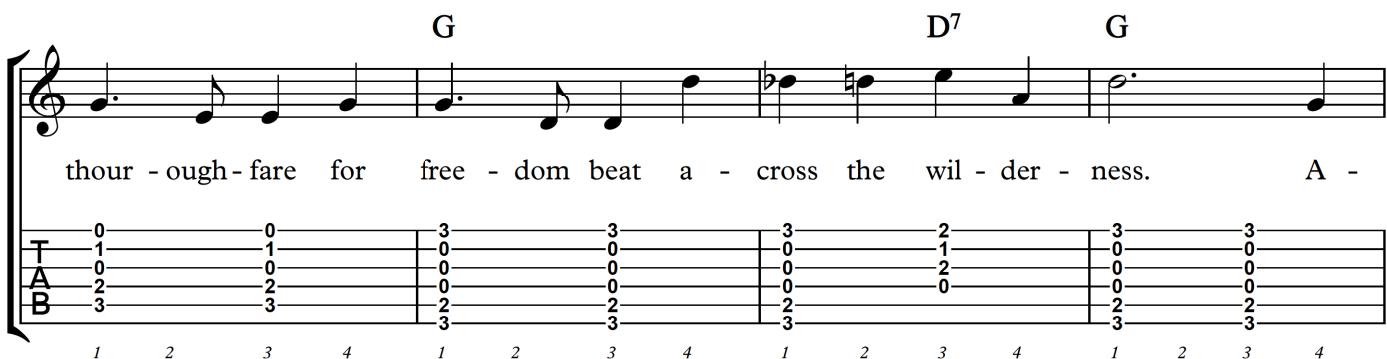
Music score for "Crown Thy Good" with lyrics and guitar tablature. The score consists of a treble clef staff with five measures, each starting with a quarter note. The chords are F, C, F, G7, and C. The lyrics are: "crown thy good with broth - er-hood from sea to shin - ing sea." The guitar tablature below shows the strings 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1, with corresponding fingerings: 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1; 1, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0; 2, 3, 0, 2, 3, 0; 3, 3, 2, 0, 0, 2; 3, 3, 2, 0, 0, 2; 3, 3, 2, 0, 0, 2.

America, The Beautiful
Strum Pattern 5

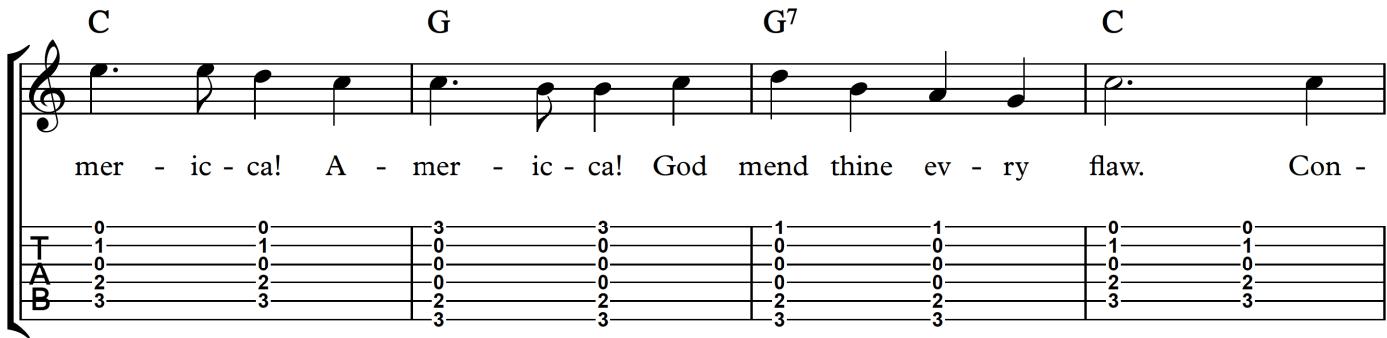
C **G** **G⁷** **C**
 beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern im - pass - ion'd stress; A



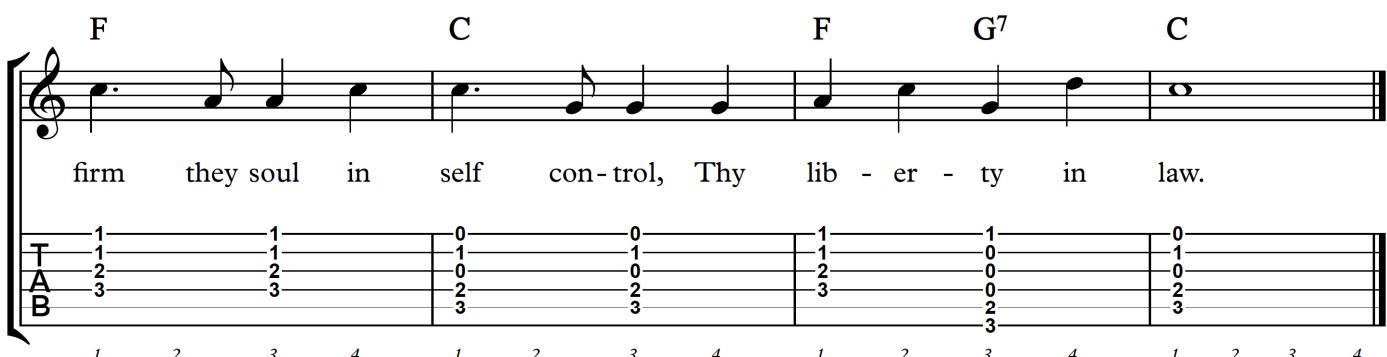
G **D⁷** **G**
 thour - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness. A -



C **G** **G⁷** **C**
 mer - ic - ca! A - mer - ic - ca! God mend thine ev - ry flaw. Con -



F **C** **F** **G⁷** **C**
 firm they soul in self con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.





Ants Go Marching