

Clawhammer Holiday

13 Clawhammer Tabs
For the Holidays

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I arranged these clawhammer tabs for my students at the Louisville Folk School. We had good fun with them and hope you do too. Many of the tabs are quite easy while a few may stretch you a bit with drop thumb and syncopation using skip notes. The chords that appear are intended for guitar and another instrument that me provide backup.

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Auld Lang Syne - Basic

Key of G - gDGBD
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Verse

4 4

G D7 G C

G D7 C G

Chorus

G D7 G C

G D7 C G

[0]

Away in a Manger

Key of G - gDGBD
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3/4 G C G D7

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

0 0 0 0 | 0 4 2 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0

7 t | 7 t

C G G C G

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

0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0

t | t

D7 G Am D7 G

0 0 2 0 | 0 2 0 0 | 2 1 2 2 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0

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

7 t | 7 t

Coventry Carol (Lully Lullay)

Key of Dm - gCGCD (capo 2)
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Slowly with feeling

3/4

Dm A Dm C Dm A Dm Gm Dm

Dm Bb6 C Dm A Dm

Gm D

[2]
[0]
[0]

Coventry Carol (Lully Lullay)

Key of Em - gDGBD
Tab by David Brooks

Slowly with feeling

3/4

Em B7 Em D B7 Em Am Em

Em Am D B7 Em Am

E

Deck the Halls

Key of G - gDGBD
Tab by David Brooks

Verse

G 4/4 0 1 0 2 0 2 0 0 2 0 1 2 0 7 2 0 4 0 0

t p

Chrous

D7 2 7 0 1 0 1 0 2 0 1 0 2 4 5 4 2 0 0

p h h

G 0 1 0 2 0 2 0 0 2 2 1 0 0 7 1 0 2 0 0

t t

Good King Wenceslas - intermediate

Key of C - gCGCD
Tab by David Brooks

4/4

C F G C

p

C F G C

p

C F G C

p p

C F C G C F C

[2]
[0]
[0]

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Key of G - gDGBD
Tab by David Brooks

G D7 G G D7 G

G D7

G D7 G D7 G D7 G D7

C Am D7 G G D7 G

C Am D7 G G D7 G

Jingle Bells

Key of G - gDGBD
Tab by David Brooks

Verse

G C

4/4

1st Ending

2nd Ending

D7 G D7 G Pause D7

4/4

Chorus

G

4/4

1st Ending

2nd Ending

C G A7 D7 G

4/4

O Come All Ye Faithful

Key of G - gDGBD
Tab by David Brooks

Verse

4/4

G D G C G D

Em A D G D G D A D

G C G D G D G Em A D

Chorus

G D G D G D

D G D G D G D G

Silent Night

Key of G - gDGBD
Tab by David Brooks

Guitar tablature for "Silent Night" in G major, 3/4 time. The piece is divided into four systems of six measures each. The first system starts with a G chord and a 3/4 time signature. The second system includes a C chord. The third system includes a D chord. The fourth system includes a G chord and ends with a double bar line and repeat signs. Fingering numbers (0-5) are placed above the strings, and 'h' indicates a hammer-on. The strings are numbered 1-6 from top to bottom.

The First Noel

Key of G - gDGBD
Tab by David Brooks

Verse

G

3
4

h

t

h

h

h

C G C D7 1st Ending G 2nd Ending G

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

Chorus

G

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

h

p

C D7 G

5 0 1

We Three Kings

Key of Em - gDGBD
Tab by David Brooks

Em B7 Em Em

The first line of guitar tab consists of six measures. The first measure is in Em (3-0, 2-0, 0-2) with a 3/4 time signature. The second measure is in Em (2-0, 2-0, 0-2). The third measure is in B7 (4-0, 0-4). The fourth measure is in Em (2-0, 2-0, 0-2). The fifth measure is in Em (0-2, 0-2, 0-2). The sixth measure is in Em (0-2, 0-2, 0-2).

B7 Em Em D G

The second line of guitar tab consists of six measures. The first measure is in B7 (4-0, 0-4). The second measure is in Em (2-0, 2-0, 0-2). The third measure is in Em (0-0, 0-0, 0-0). The fourth measure is in D (2-2, 1-2, 0-2). The fifth measure is in G (0-0, 0-0, 0-0). The sixth measure is in G (0-1, 0-1, 0-0).

Am B7 Em Pause D7

The third line of guitar tab consists of six measures. The first measure is in Am (2-0, 0-2). The second measure is in B7 (0-0, 0-0, 0-4). The third measure is in Em (2-2, 2-2, 0-0). The fourth measure is a 'Pause' with a D7 chord diagram (0-1, 2-2, 0-0) shown. The fifth measure is in D7 (0-1, 2-2, 0-0). The sixth measure is in D7 (0-1, 2-2, 0-0).

Chorus G C G G

The fourth line of guitar tab consists of six measures. The first measure is in G (0-0, 0-0, 0-0). The second measure is in G (0-0, 0-0, 0-0). The third measure is in C (0-2, 1-2, 0-2). The fourth measure is in G (0-0, 0-0, 0-0). The fifth measure is in G (0-0, 0-0, 0-0). The sixth measure is in G (0-0, 0-0, 0-0).

C G Em D7 C D7

The fifth line of guitar tab consists of six measures. The first measure is in C (2-1, 0-2). The second measure is in G (0-0, 0-0, 0-0). The third measure is in Em (2-0, 2-0, 0-2). The fourth measure is in D7 (2-2, 1-2, 0-2). The fifth measure is in C (1-1, 0-2). The sixth measure is in D7 (2-2, 1-2, 0-2).

G C G

The sixth line of guitar tab consists of three measures. The first measure is in G (0-0, 0-0, 0-0). The second measure is in C (0-0, 0-0, 0-0). The third measure is in G (0-1, 0-1, 0-0) with a double bar line and repeat dots.

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Key of G - gDGBD
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Verse

G C A D7 G Em

3/4

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

h h p h t

Chorus

C D7 G G Bm Em D7

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

G D7 C D7 G

0 2 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 2 2 0 4 | 0