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MAKING CONNECTIONS IN OPEN TUNINGS

Tablature

Long Distance Love

DADGAD Fluidity

Little Musgrave

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When A Knight Won His Spurs

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Long Distance Love

Tuning: DADGAD

Chords for Verse

Lowell George

Chord diagrams for the verse in DADGAD tuning:

- D⁵
- D/C[#]
- Bm
- Gmaj
- A *6fr.*
- Bm *7fr.*
- Em⁷
- F[#]m
- Gmaj
- G *x*
- Dmaj
- D⁵ *7fr.*

Tab for Chorus

Chorus musical notation and guitar tab:

Chorus 1: D/C[#] Bm A/C[#] D Em⁷ (3)

Chorus 2: F[#]m A D⁵ G Dmaj (stop)

Chorus 3: Bm A⁷/C[#] G Bm A⁷/C[#] D

Tab notation includes fret numbers (0, 2, 4, 5, 6), techniques (vib., stop), and triplet markings (3).

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DADGAD: Typical fluidity exercises

1

0 H 2 H 4 H 5 0 H 2 H 4 0

2

0 H 2 H 4 0 H 2 H 4 4 0

3

0 4 4 0 0 4 7 0

4

4 P 2 P 0 4 P 2 P 0 0 4 P 2 P 0

5

0 H 2 H 4 0 H 2 P 0 4 0 H 2 H 4 0 4 P 2 P 0 4

6

0 H 2 H 4 0 H 2 P 0 4 0 H 2 H 4 0 4 P 2 P 0 4 P 2 P 0 3

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Tuning: CGDGCD, capo 3

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Verse Form

First system of the Verse Form. The treble clef staff shows a melody in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The guitar tablature staff shows fret numbers: 0 0 2 0 0 | 4 0 0 2 | 5 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 0. The second line of the tablature shows: 0 0 4 0 | 5 0 5 0 | 0 2 0 0 | 4/5 5 0 0.

Second system of the Verse Form. The treble clef staff continues the melody. The guitar tablature staff shows fret numbers: 0 2 0 0 | 4 0 4 5 | 5 0 4 0 | 0 0 0 0. The second line of the tablature shows: 0 0 4/5 0 | 0 2 4 5 | 0 0 4 0 | 0 0 0 0.

High Melody (Verse Form 2)

Third system of the Verse Form. The treble clef staff continues the melody. The guitar tablature staff shows fret numbers: 7 0 0 7 | 7 0 0 0 | 7 5 0 0 | 2 0 0 0. The second line of the tablature shows: 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 2 0.

Fourth system of the Verse Form. The treble clef staff continues the melody. The guitar tablature staff shows fret numbers: 0 7 0 7 | 7 0 0 0 | 5 0 4 0 | 0 0 0 0. The second line of the tablature shows: 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0.

Next Verse

Fifth system of the Verse Form. The treble clef staff continues the melody. The guitar tablature staff shows fret numbers: 2 0 0 0 | 4 0 0 2 | 4 0 0 0 | 5 0 0 0. The second line of the tablature shows: 4 0 4 0 | 5 0 0 0 | 5 0 0 0 | 5 0 0 0. The word "etc." is written at the end of the system.

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Polly On The Shore

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The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a guitar staff. The treble staff contains a melody with a triplet of eighth notes in the second measure. The guitar staff shows the corresponding fretting, including a triplet of eighth notes in the second measure and a final measure with a triplet of eighth notes and a half note.

The second system of musical notation includes a treble clef staff and a guitar staff. It features a repeat sign with a first ending. Above the guitar staff, there are four fret diagrams labeled '2fr.', '7fr.', '5fr.', and '5fr.'. The guitar staff includes a 'repeat optional' section and ends with a measure containing a circled zero '(0)'.

The third system of musical notation includes a treble clef staff and a guitar staff. It features a first ending section with two endings, labeled '1.' and '2.'. The guitar staff shows fretting for both endings, with the second ending concluding with a circled zero '(0)'. The text 'D.C.' is written at the end of the system.

* "Fancy" fill option

This block shows a 'Fancy' fill option, consisting of a treble clef staff with a melodic line and a guitar staff with the corresponding fretting. The guitar staff includes a triplet of eighth notes.

** Harmonized line 3 etc.

This block shows a harmonized line 3, consisting of a treble clef staff with a melodic line and a guitar staff with the corresponding fretting. The guitar staff includes a triplet of eighth notes and ends with the text 'etc.'.

Last time
Ending

The final system of musical notation is labeled 'Last time' and 'Ending'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a guitar staff. The guitar staff shows the final fretting, including a triplet of eighth notes and a final measure with a circled zero '(0)'.

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Kit's Tune/When a Knight Won His Spurs

Tuning: CGCFCD, capo 4

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A

* See variation

B

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When a Knight Won His Spurs

First system of musical notation for 'When a Knight Won His Spurs'. The treble clef staff shows a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The bass clef staff shows a guitar accompaniment with fret numbers: 2, 0, 0, 0, 4, 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 4. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, F, C/E, Dm7, G7.

Second system of musical notation. The treble clef staff continues the melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The bass clef staff shows fret numbers: 4, 0, 2, 0, 4, 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, F, C/E, Dm7, C/E, F.

Third system of musical notation. The treble clef staff continues the melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The bass clef staff shows fret numbers: 2, 0, 2, 3, 5, 0, 5, 3, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 7, 6, 7, 0, 0. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, Em, Dm, C, F, G.

Fourth system of musical notation. The treble clef staff continues the melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The bass clef staff shows fret numbers: 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 4, 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 7, 6, 0, 0. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, F, C/E, Dm7, Em, Am, G. The system ends with 'To ♪'.

* Variation in Kit's Tune

Musical notation for 'Variation in Kit's Tune'. The treble clef staff shows a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The bass clef staff shows fret numbers: 2, 4, 0, 0, 6, 7, 7, 0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9. The notation ends with 'etc.'.

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Flash Company

Tuning: DADGAD, capo to suit

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Swing tempo, very staccato

Intro

Fill

3 times

Verse & Chorus

1. (Verse)

Fill to Chorus

2. (Chorus)

D.S. (Fill to Verse 2x)