

Guitar Tablature

Tablature is a form of musical notation. It provides information on where to play the pitches on the guitar itself. The six lines of the TAB represent the six strings of the guitar. The top line is the highest-sounding string. Numbers written on the lines signify the fret in which your left hand would play.

Here is the TAB for every note we have learned in 1st position:

Using the notes in 1st position, fill in the TAB for the following OPEN strings. Be sure to include BAR LINES when a measure has been completed.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

Fill in the TAB and include the counting below each note as shown in the example. This will help you review rhythms while you continue to learn tablature.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

Fill in the TAB for the 5th and 6th strings of the guitar

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

Here is an example of TAB as it would be used in a song:

Hush, Little Baby

Southern Lullaby

C G7 C

Hush, lit-tle ba-by, don't say a word, Pa-pa's gon-na buy you a mock-ing-bird.

T
A
B

G7 C

If that mock-ing-bird don't sing, Pa-pa's gon-na buy you a dia-mond ring.

T
A
B

Practice writing in the TAB for *Down in the Valley*.

Down in the Valley

Kentucky Mountain Song

C

Down in the val-ley, Val-ley so

Count: 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3

T
A
B

G7

low. Hang your head o-

T
A
B

C

ver, hear the wind blow.

T
A
B