

Easy Guitar Lessons



25 Guitar Songs With Just 3 Simple Chords

Welcome ...

Learning to play the guitar doesn't have to be complicated.

With just three simple chords, you can play countless songs across various genres.

Whether you're a beginner or looking for easy songs to add to your repertoire, this guide provides 25 classic and popular tunes that require only three basic chords.

With that said ... let's get started!

The Three Essential Chords

Most of these songs can be played using some combination of the following three chords:



- G Major (G)
- C Major (C)
- D Major (D)

Alternatively, some songs use:

- A Major (A)
- D Major (D)
- E Major (E)

These fundamental chords are easy to learn and will allow you to play a variety of well-known songs.

Classic Rock & Pop Songs

- Knockin' on Heaven's Door - Bob Dylan (G - C - D)
- Sweet Home Alabama - Lynyrd Skynyrd (D - C - G)
- BBad Moon Rising - Creedence Clearwater Revival (D - A - G)

- Love Me Do - The Beatles (G - C - D)
- Three Little Birds - Bob Marley (A - D - E)
- Blowin' in the Wind - Bob Dylan (G - C - D)
- I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For - U2 (C - F - G)
- What's Up? - 4 Non Blondes (G - Am - C)
- The Joker - Steve Miller Band (G - C - D)
- Ring of Fire - Johnny Cash (G - C - D)

Country & Folk Songs

- Jambalaya (On the Bayou) - Hank Williams (C - G - D)
- Achy Breaky Heart - Billy Ray Cyrus (A - E - D)
- Take Me Home, Country Roads - John Denver (G - C - D)
- Tulsa Time - Don Williams (A - D - E)
- You Are My Sunshine - Traditional (C - F - G)

Pop & Modern Songs

- Someone Like You - Adele (A - D - E)
- Let It Be - The Beatles (C - G - F)
- Riptide - Vance Joy (Am - G - C)
- Save Tonight - Eagle-Eye Cherry (A - D - E)
- Wagon Wheel - Old Crow Medicine Show (G - D - C)

Easy Campfire & Traditional Songs

- Amazing Grace (G - C - D)
- This Land Is Your Land (C - F - G)
- Kumbaya (C - G - D)
- Michael, Row the Boat Ashore (G - C - D)
- Down in the Valley (C - G - D)



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How to Play These Songs

1. Learn the Chords – Practice transitioning smoothly between the three chords used in each song.
2. Strumming Patterns – Experiment with different rhythms to match the original song.
3. Sing Along – Many of these songs are great for singing along while playing.
4. Use a Capo – Some songs may sound better in a different key; using a capo allows you to play the same chord shapes but in a higher pitch.

With these 25 songs, you have a fantastic starting point for playing the guitar with just three simple chords.

Keep practicing, experiment with different strumming patterns, and most importantly—have fun!



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