

Lesson 4

Common Notation

D string

"Fourth string"

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Fourth String
Open String

E

Fourth String
Second Fret
(Second finger)

F

Fourth String
Third Fret
(Third Finger)

Half rest Quarter rest

For every kind of note,
there is a rest that has the same length.

Guitar Notation

In order to play quickly, you will need to use either more than one finger, or change picking direction.

Students who are using a pick should practice with both down and up strokes. Alternate up and down when playing the same string. Otherwise, pick so that you are moving toward the string for the next note.

- p* Thumb
- i* First (index) finger
- m* Second (middle) finger
- a* Third (ring) finger

Right hand symbols for classical or finger-picking style.

Chord Diagrams

A

0 0 2 3 4 0

N.C. (no chord) or **tacet** means "don't play any chord".

If chord symbols appear over staff, or over words, strum or pluck a steady chord rhythm:

Em	N.C.	Em
tell old	Pharoah,	"let my people go!"