

Understanding String Tablature

Higher Sounding Strings are at the top.

Lower Sounding Strings are at the bottom.

These six lines represent the six strings of the guitar.

Instrument String Examples

High E
B
G
D
A
Low E

Guitar: { E A D G B E }
 Ukulele: { C A G C }
 Bass Guitar: { G D A E }

Time Move from left to right. Rhythmic markings

are rarely used, but when they are they are identical to traditional music markings.

When using tablature to read music, it

is vital to listen carefully to the tune you are learning and/or learn how to read traditional rhythmic markings.

The numbers on the lines represent the frets on your instrument. This is where you place your fingers. 0 is an open string with no fingers on the string.

3 0 3 0 2 0 2

Multiple numbers directly on top of one another are meant to be played simultaneously. These are often called chords.

0 2 5
 0 2 5
 1 0 2 5
 2 0 2 5
 0 3