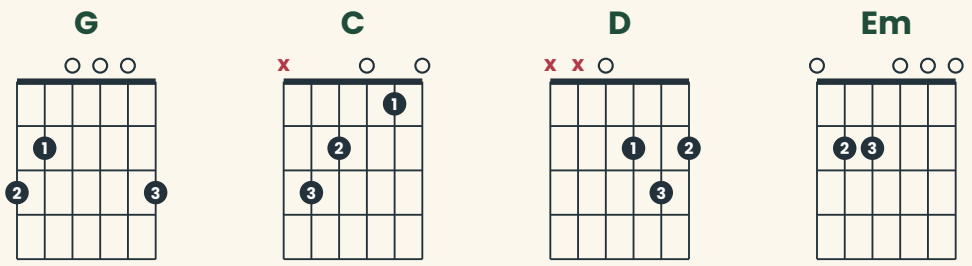
BRIGHTLEAF MUSIC

Christmas Guitar

Easy Carols with Chords

15 Christ-centered carols · chords above the words · no music reading



Most carols here use just these four chords.

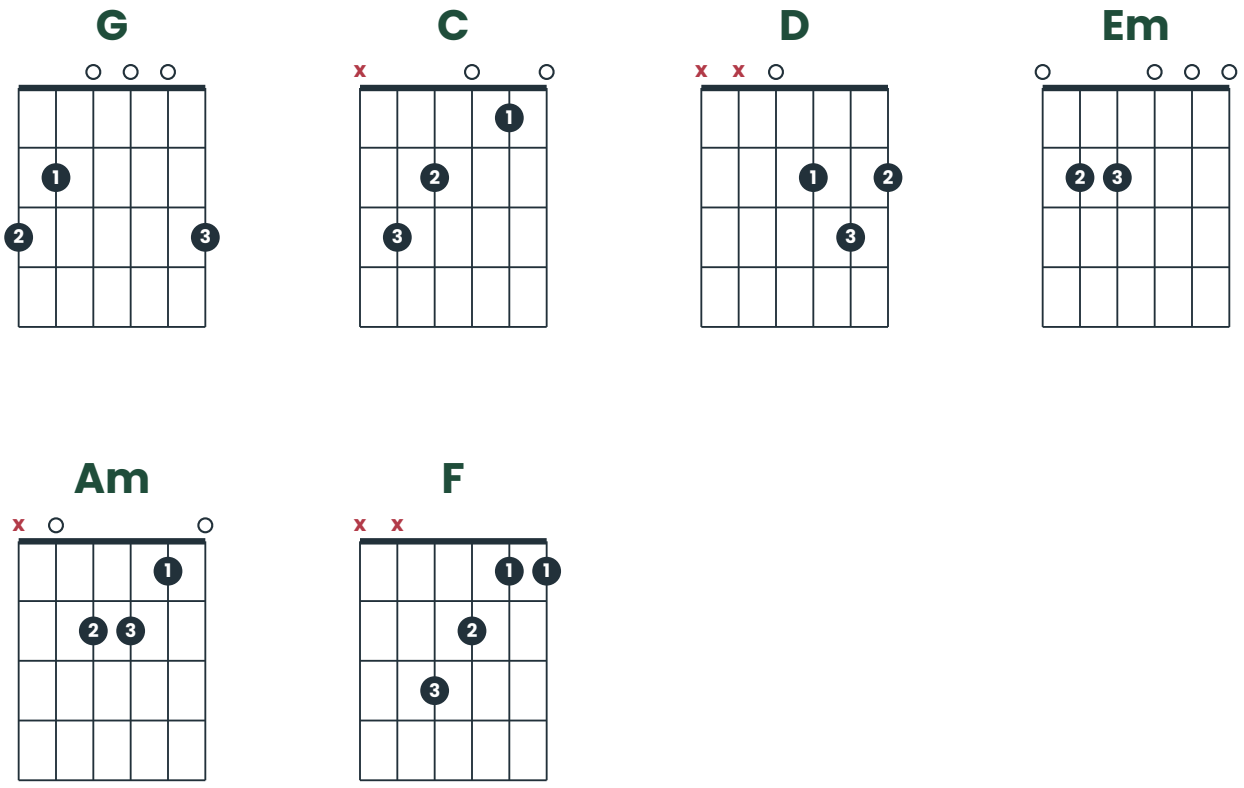
Silent Night · Joy to the World · O Come, All Ye Faithful · and more

FREE SAMPLE

All carols are traditional or in the public domain.

CHORDS

The Chords You Need



G, C and D carry most of these carols. Em and Am add the minor sound for God Rest Ye Merry, We Three Kings and O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. F (the easy four-string version) is only used in Go, Tell It on the Mountain.

STRUMMING

Two Christmas Strums

Waltz (3/4): down, down, down. Count 1, 2, 3.



Carol strum (4/4): down, down-up, down-up



Gentle (4/4): four slow downs for quiet carols

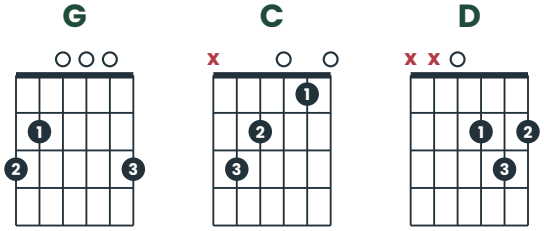


Tip: Silent Night, Away in a Manger, The First Noel and We Three Kings are waltzes. Joy to the World, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing and Angels We Have Heard on High are in 4/4.

EASY · G, C, D

Away in a Manger

Words: anonymous, 1885 · Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1895



Strum: waltz feel, down-down-down (1, 2, 3)

G C G
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,

D G
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;

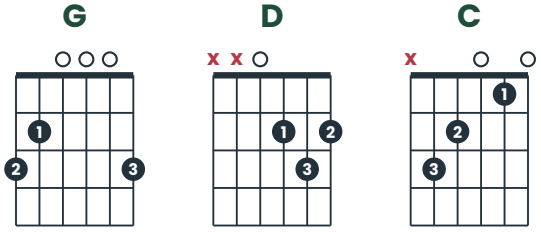
C G
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,

C G D G
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

EASY · G, D, C

Silent Night

Words: Joseph Mohr, 1818 · English: John F. Young, 1863 · Music: Franz Gruber



Strum: slow waltz, or fingerpick

G
Silent night, holy night,

D **G**
All is calm, all is bright

C **G**
Round yon virgin mother and child.

C **G**
Holy infant so tender and mild,

D **G**
Sleep in heavenly peace,

D **G**
Sleep in heavenly peace.

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Christmas Guitar: Easy Carols with Chords has 20 pages:

15 Christ-centered carols with chords
Easy, medium and minor-key songs
Chord charts and two Christmas strums
A Christmas practice tracker

Joy to the World, O Come All Ye Faithful,
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, We Three Kings and more

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