

Mixolydian

D-A-DD

strings: bass middle first

Tune bass string to D below middle C. Match bass string at 4th fret to open middle string (A note). Match bass string at 7th fret to open first string (D note).

Christ Was Born in Bethlehem

Traditional, Arranged by Aubrey Atwater 2000

Fingerpicking Patterns

These patterns have a "bump-ditty, bump-ditty" rhythm.

Three-string set-up: Pinch the outer strings with thumb and ring fingers of the fingerpicking hand. Then play the middle string in quick succession first with thumb, then with the middle finger.

Four-string set-up: Pinch the outer strings with thumb and ring fingers of the fingerpicking hand. Then play the second and third strings in quick succession with thumb, then with the middle finger.

Note: for some of the quick notes (sixteenth notes), you won't have time to complete the pattern but instead will just pinch the outer strings several times in a row to maintain the melody.

Handwritten musical notation for the first system. The staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff. Chords D, A, and D are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "Christ was born in Beth-le-hem, Christ was born in Beth-le-hem,". Below the staff, the fingerpicking patterns are written: D 2 0 2 3 4 5 4 | 1 4 4 3 2 1 0.

Handwritten musical notation for the second system. The staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff. Chords D, G, C, A, and D are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "Christ was born in Beth-le-hem and in a manger lay. And in a manger lay, and". Below the staff, the fingerpicking patterns are written: D 2 0 2 3 4 5 6 4 | 1 2 3 2 1 0 0 | 4 4 5 7 2 3.

Handwritten musical notation for the third system. The staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff. Chords G, D, D, G, C, A, and D are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "in a manger lay, Christ was born in Beth-le-hem and in a manger lay." Below the staff, the fingerpicking patterns are written: D 4 4 5 4 3 5 4 2 0 | 2 0 2 3 4 5 6 4 | 1 2 3 2 1 0.

1. Christ was born in Bethlehem (3x), And in a manger lay
And in a manger lay (2x), Christ was born in Bethlehem, And in a manger lay
2. Joseph stood anigh them....To keep them both from harm....
3. Sheep and cattle by Him...To keep the baby warm...
4. Kings and shepherds kneeling...To welcome in his birth...
5. Angels sang him lullabies...That rang around the earth...

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