

SHADY GROVE

This arrangement is in the key of E minor, but the dulcimer is tuned in the mixolydian mode. Sixteenth notes indicate that forward-backward strumming should be used, with four strokes per beat. The first two beats of the song contain an eighth note followed by two sixteenths (the most common strumming rhythm on the dulcimer). Arrows above the first two measures show which strokes make contact with the strings. Broken-line arrows represent strokes which miss the strings. In the second measure, the little finger bars across the first fret on all three strings, while the thumb is added to the melody string. The pull-off is accomplished by taking the thumb off of the second fret and allowing the 1, which is still barred, to sound. In the fifth measure, the 3-3-7 may be quite a stretch for some players, but do not let that chord stop or interrupt the rhythm of the song.

D
A d4 Em ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ D mixo

Sha - dy Grove my true love

Em **G**

Sha - dy Grove my own

D

Sha - dy Grove my own true love

Em **D** **Em**

Down by the Sha - dy Grove