

Mandolin Lesson #1

Beginner/Intermediate

Soldier's Joy

Here's a standard American fiddle tune that's been around forever. This will get a lot of use at gigs and jam sessions. The first eight bars are a simplified version of the A section and the second eight bars are a little more difficult variation. The same pattern occurs for the B section (the last 16 bars), I've given a simpler and then a more complex variation.

Remember to play the tune with strict alternate picking. Watch my right hand closely in the video.

# SOLDIER'S JOY

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The image displays two systems of musical notation for the mandolin piece "Soldier's Joy". Each system consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The first system is divided into four measures, with a "D" chord diagram above the first measure and an "A" chord diagram above the fourth measure. The second system is also divided into four measures, with "D", "D", "A", and "D" chord diagrams above the first, second, third, and fourth measures respectively. Below each staff, fretting numbers are provided for the left hand, and a bass staff shows the corresponding fretting for the right hand. The fretting numbers for the first system are: Measure 1 (5, 2), Measure 2 (0, 4, 0, 4), Measure 3 (0, 5, 4, 5, 5, 2), and Measure 4 (0, 4, 0, 4, 5, 2, 2, 5, 2). The fretting numbers for the second system are: Measure 1 (0, 4, 0, 4), Measure 2 (0, 5, 4, 5, 5, 0), Measure 3 (2, 5, 0, 4), and Measure 4 (5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 2). A small number "5" is written at the beginning of the first staff of the second system.

**D** **A**

9

0 5 4 2 0 2 4 5 | 0 4 0 2 5 5 2 | 0 5 4 2 0 2 4 5 | 0 2 2 2 5 2

**D** **D** **A** **D**

13

0 5 4 2 0 2 4 5 | 0 4 0 2 5 5 0 | 2 5 2 5 0 3 0 | 4 5 2 0 4 0

**D** **G** **D** **A**

17

2 3 5 | 0 2 3 | 2 3 5 2 | 3 2 0 5 4

**D** **G** **D** **A** **D**

21

2 3 5 | 0 2 3 5 0 | 2 5 2 5 0 3 0 | 4 5 5 4 5 5 0

**D** **G** **D** **A**

25

2 0 2 3 5 7 5 2 | 0 5 4 5 0 2 3 0 | 2 0 2 3 5 7 5 2 | 3 2 0 5 4 0 2 4

The image shows a musical score for guitar. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eighth notes. Above the staff, the chords D, G, D, A, and D are written. The bottom staff shows the fret numbers for the bass line, with a starting fret of 5. The fret numbers are: 5, 0, 2, 3, 5, 7, 5, 2, 0, 5, 4, 5, 0, 2, 3, 0, 2, 5, 2, 5, 0, 3, 0, 4, 5, 2, 0, 4, 0.

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