


Frere Jacques

Tablature



The tablature is presented on two systems of six-line staves. The first system contains measures 1 through 4, and the second system contains measures 5 through 8. Each measure is numbered at the top. The notes are represented by numbers 0-3 on the strings. The time signature is 4/4, indicated by a '4' over and under the first measure. The strings are labeled 'T' (top) and 'B' (bottom) on the left side of each system.

System 1 (Measures 1-4):

- Measure 1: 0 2 0 0
- Measure 2: 0 2 0 0
- Measure 3: 0 1 3
- Measure 4: 0 1 3

System 2 (Measures 5-8):

- Measure 5: 3 0 3 1 0 0
- Measure 6: 3 0 3 1 0 0
- Measure 7: 0 0 0
- Measure 8: 0 0 0

Tips

- This French nursery rhyme, also known as 'Are You Sleeping' or 'Brother John', is a great riff to get used to playing on more than one string.
- Because it uses more than one string you have to think about what string your picking hand is playing to make sure you are matching the string that your fretting hand is holding a note on.
- Break the song down into 4 smaller segments and learn them one at a time. Each segment repeats twice.
- The 3rd segment - in bars 5 and 6 - is the trickiest so take your time and discuss with your tutor the best fingering to use to be able to time it correctly.
- See 'how to read guitar tablature' PDF for how to read tab if you are uncertain.