

Greensleeves

Anonymous (16th Century)

The image displays a guitar score for the piece "Greensleeves" by an anonymous 16th-century composer. The score is written in 6/8 time and consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a guitar-specific bass staff with a capo on the first fret. The melody is written in a single voice, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written above the treble staff, and fingering numbers (0-4) are indicated below the notes. The score is divided into four systems, each starting with a measure number (1, 5, 9, 13) and a box containing a number (1, 2, 3, 4) indicating the system's position. The lyrics are:
1 i m i m a m a m i m i m 2 a m i m a m i 1 i
5 m i m a m a m i m i m 3 a m i m i m m i m
9 a m i m i m a m i m i m 2 a m i m a m i
13 a m i m i m a m i m i m 3 a m i m i m m i m

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1 *i m i m a m* *a m i p m i i m* 2 *a m i p i m i m a m i* 1 *i*

TAB: 2 | 1-3 0-2-0 | 3-0 0-2-0 | 1-2 2-2 1-2 | 0-1 2-2

5 *m p i p m a m* *a m i p m i i m* 3 *a m i p m i m i m m i p*

TAB: 1-3 0-2-0 | 3-0 0-2-0 | 1-0 2-1 4-1 | 2-2 2-2

9 *a m i p m i p m* *a m i p m i i m* 2 *a m i p i m i m a m i*

TAB: 3-3 2-0 | 3-0 0-2-0 | 1-2 2-2 1-2 | 0-1 2-2

13 *a m i p m i p m* *a m i p m i i m* 3 *a m i p m i m i m m i p*

TAB: 3-3 2-0 | 3-0 0-2-0 | 1-0 2-1 4-1 | 2-2 2-2

Musical Tip Sheet

The Big 5:

1. Reduce work with posture and a positive attitude
2. Troubleshoot - Everything should be easy
3. Breathe
4. Trust yourself to play accurately and musically inspired (instead of judging)
5. Always play as a gift to yourself and others

The 7 Steps to Learn Any Piece:

1. Make small sections
2. Know all the notes and musical markings
3. Clap and count the rhythm aloud
4. Play the right hand alone, counting aloud
5. Play the left hand alone, counting aloud
6. Play hands together, pausing when needed (no mistakes!)
7. Play hands together slowly in rhythm, counting aloud

Musical Starting Points:

1. Decide which notes are melody (probably stems up), and play the others quieter
2. Connect all melody notes smoothly (no gaps)
3. When a musical line or melody goes up in pitch, get quieter
4. When a musical line or melody goes down in pitch, get louder
5. Don't let the high notes stand out (any note higher than the ones before and after)

Practice Tips:

1. Before slowing down or speeding up (rubato) master it at a steady pace.
2. For tricky spots, state out loud exactly what the problem is, in every detail.
3. Memorize every piece (even if you don't, you'll learn it faster if you try)
4. Have a purpose behind each repetition (so you don't ingrain bad habits).
5. Video yourself for performance practice, and to hear what is working.

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