



Free Guitar Ensemble Music

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Tumbalalaika - Russian/Jewish

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Tumbalalaika is a Russian/Jewish folk and love song in Yiddish.

Tum is the Yiddish word for noise and a balalaika is the triangular-bodied Russian stringed musical instrument, fitted with three strings.

This arrangement has two verses - the second verse is slightly more complicated in terms of the number of notes in the accompaniment.

The lower two parts are pretty much all in First position, but the top part has a bar or two in the Fifth position. For those who are not confident about playing up the neck for extended periods, there is an opportunity to play an open E string before and after the high notes, to give you time to get up the neck and back to First position.

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The sheet music for Tumbalalaika is arranged in four systems. Each system contains three staves, each with a treble clef. The music is in common time. The key signature changes between systems, indicated by double bar lines and key signature changes. The first system starts in G major (no sharps or flats). The second system starts in A major (one sharp). The third system starts in B major (two sharps). The fourth system starts in C major (no sharps or flats). The music consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with various rests and dynamic markings.