

## **“Starter” Bluegrass Guitar Tunes**

*Bluegrass Guitar Lessons by Cindy Gray*

*Bluegrass Guitar players have two main skills to master – Rhythm techniques and Soloing techniques. The best way to learn both techniques is to learn Bluegrass tunes and songs. “Tunes” are played without any singing, and “Songs” are (obviously) sung, with instrumental solos taken between verses. Rhythm playing involves learning things like strumming patterns, bass runs and fill licks. Playing solos (called “breaks”) involves playing fast with a flatpick, using techniques like slides, hammers, pull-offs, riffs, triplets, melodies, harmonies, crosspicking and much more. Each of the following tunes are great “starter” tunes, as each tune includes both rhythm and solo techniques. As you master the tunes, you master the techniques! It’s best to start off with tunes/songs that are familiar to you (i.e. you can hear in your head). If you don’t know how a tune/song is supposed to sound, it’s hard to know when you’re playing it right!*

*Every title has tablature and recordings. I send you a link to a Dropbox that all your materials will be stored in.*

	Title	Super Easy (SE) or Easy (E)	Instrumental - I or Singing Song Solo (S)
	8 <sup>th</sup> of January	E	I
	Angeline the Baker	SE	I
	Arkansas Traveler	E	I
	Ashes of Love	SE	I
	Banks of the Ohio	SE	S
	Bile Them Cabbage	SE	S
	Blue Moon of Kentucky	SE	S
	Blue Ridge Cabin Home	E	S
	Cold Frosty Morning	E	I
	Cripple Creek	SE	I
	Dark Hollow	E	S
	Deep Elum Blues	SE	S
	Down Yonder	E	I
	Golden Slippers	E	I
	I’ll Fly Away	SE	S
	In the Gravel Yard	E	S
	Lonesome Road Blues	SE	S
	My Home’s Across the Blue Ridge Mountains	E	S
	Nine Pound Hammer	E	S
	Old Joe Clark	SE	I
	Red Haired Boy	E	I
	Red Wing	E	I
	Soldier’s Joy	E	I
	Tennessee Waltz	E	I
	This Land is Your Land	E	S
	Tom Dula	SE	S

## Non-Bluegrass Singing Songs

A Living Prayer  
Achey Breaky Heart  
Ain't Nothin' to Me  
All Too Well (Taylor Swift)  
Autumn Leaves  
Be Thou My Vision  
Big River  
Boom Dee Yada  
Stand By Me  
Brown Eyed Girl  
Buffalo Soldier  
Burning House  
By and By  
Crooked Tree  
Farther Along  
Folsom Prison Blues  
Freight Train  
Give it Time  
Goin' Down that Road  
Good Time Charlie's Got the Blues  
Green River  
Hard Times Come Again No More  
Home  
I Can't Help Falling In Love  
I Know Who Holds Tomorrow  
I Know You Rider  
I Will  
If I Got Jesus  
Imagine  
In Christ Alone  
In the Palm of Your Hand  
In Times Like These  
I've Just Seen a Face  
Jesus Help Me To Stand  
Kentucky Girl  
La Bamba  
Landslide  
Lead On Good Shepherd  
Lean On Me  
Lillies and Sparrows  
Love Story (Taylor Swift)  
Mighty To Save  
No Woman No Cry  
Oh Holy Night  
Ooo de Lally  
Open the Eyes of My Heart  
Peace Train  
Pilgrim  
Poor Boy's Delight  
Puff the Magic Dragon  
Rainbow Connection  
Remember When  
Ring of Fire  
Riptide  
Oh Shenandoah  
Simple Man  
Sleeping on the Blacktop  
Steamboat Whistle Blues  
Steel Rails  
Sunshine of Your Love  
Sweet Home Alabama  
Take Me Home Country Roads  
Tambourine Man  
That's How I Got To Memphis  
The Lucky One  
There is a Reason  
Three Little Birds  
Today was a Fairytale (Taylor Swift)  
Upstairs Downstairs  
Twelve Bar Blues  
Water is Wide  
Wayfaring Stranger  
Western White Pines  
Wild Bill Jones