



Choosing Strumming Patterns for Songs **DAY 4 (6/8 Time)**

Strum Patterns to apply:

1 - 2 - & - 3 - & 4 - 5 - & - 6 - &

D - D - U - D - U | D - D - U - D - U

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6

D - D - D - D - D - D

1 - 2 - & - 3 4 - 5 - & - 6

D - D - U - D | D - D - U - D

Genres: Classic pop, waltzes, country, folk

Try the patterns with these 6/8 songs:

House of the Rising Sun (The Animals)

We Are The Champions (Queen)

Rainy Day Woman #35 (Bob Dylan)

Norwegian Wood (The Beatles)

Oh Darlin (The Beatles)

Notes/Tips:

- 1.** Count into a song **1, 2, 3 or 1,2,3,4,5,6** for the 6/8 time signature.
- 2.** Remember: Accent the 1st and 4th beat to really drive home the 6/8 feel.

Practice Exercises:

Metronome Optional: @70bpm, 80bpm, 90bpm

-Try the exercises with each pattern. Pick your favorite and work on it for a week or so.

Pattern 1: D-D-U-D-U

Pattern 2: D-D-D-D-D-D

Pattern 3: D-D-U-D

- 1.** Am (2x) - C (2x) - Am (2x) - C (2x)
- 2.** Am (1x) - C (1x) - G7 (1x) - F (1x)
- 3.** C (2x) - Em (2x) - Am (2x) - F (2x)
- 4.** G (1x) - D (1x) - F (1x) - G (2x)
- 5.** G (1x) - C (2x) - F (1x) - C (2x)