

# STEP UP YOUR BARITONE STRUMMING | EP 1

# Strum Pattern 1: D - D - U

### 1 - 2 - &

## HOW TO APPROACH A NEW STRUM PATTERN:

- 1. Mute strings on the neck with your fretting hand. Touch the strings, but do not compress them.
- 2. Strum the pattern while watching your strumming hand and saying the pattern to yourself
- 3. Repeat #2 while holding a single chord such as G.
- 4. Gradually move your eyes away from your strumming hand and begin to *feel* yourself playing the pattern.
- 5. Try the exercises below. The metronome is your friend!

#### **PRACTICE EXERCISES:**

#### Pattern #1: @ 65bpm, 75bpm, 85bpm, 95bpm

- 1. G (4x) Em (4x)
- 2. G (4x) Em (4x) C (4x) D7 (4x)
- 3. C (4x) D7 (4x) C (4x) Em (4x)
- 4. G (2x) D7 (2x) C (2x) Em (2x)

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- 1. E (2x) A (2x) E (2x) A (2x)
- 2. E (4x) A (4x) D (4x) A (4x) A7 (4x)