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READING GUITAR TABLATURE

Tablature is a six-line staff that graphically represents the guitar fingerboard, with the top line indicating the highest sounding string (high E).

1st string - High E
2nd string - B
3rd string - G
4th string - D
5th string - A
6th string - Low E

By placing a number on the appropriate line, the string and fret of any note can be indicated. The number 0 represents an open string. For example:

```
\n\n\n0
1
2
2
\n\n5th string, 3rd fret \ an open \ E chord
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PERFORMANCE NOTES

Stem Direction

In music of two or more parts, notes with downward stems are played by the thumb; notes with upward stems are played by the fingers; a note with a double stem (up and down) is played by the thumb. For example:

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\n\n\nTh \ Th \ Th
\n\n\n0 \ 0 \ 0
\n\n3 \ 3 \ 3
\n\nTh = thumb, i = index finger, m = middle finger
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Left Hand Techniques

A hammer-on is indicated by the letter H. A pull-off is indicated by the letter P. A slide is indicated by the letters sl. For example:

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\n\n\nH \ P \ sl
\n\n\n2 \ 4 \ 0 \ 7 \ 4
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Right Hand Techniques

A downward strum is indicated by the symbol \udder
An upward strum is indicated by the symbol \upstrum
For example:

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