PAT METHENY

And I LOVE Her

Words and music by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, arranged by Pat Metheny



"And I Love Her" closes our Pat Metheny's tribute to his pop-music roots, When's It All About. While all of the artists represented on this record contributed to Metheny's musical beginnings, none may have been more influential than the Beatles. As Metheny says on his website, "Without them, I don't know if I even would have become a musician or a guitar player."

Most of the songs on What's it All About are played on a steel-string bantone guits; but Metheny plays "And I Love Her" on a standard-tuned nylon-string. Along with the natural loping rhythm found in the song, the chord choices, and the chordal staks, the nylon-string guitar gives the song a touch anore bossa nova flavor than the Beatles' original track. Metheny plays the melody and chordal notes with his fingers (shown in upstems in the transcription), plucking out the bass notes beneath with his thumb (shown with downstems). He also frets all of the notes on the sixth string with his thumb over the neck of the guitar. This frees up more fingers for melody lines and chordal backup, enabling him to let notes ring out more easily than if the notes were all fretted with the fingers. But don't worry if you have trouble thumb fretting; you can still play the piece without it, though you may need to cut a few notes short while getting your hand in position for upcoming notes or chords. If you play the song this way, watch out for measures 30-31 and measure 49, where you'll need to fret across two frets with your index finger. To do this, hold down the sixth fret of the lowest suring with your index finger and roll that finger back to simultaneously grab the fifth fret of the first string. -ANDREW DUBROCK

