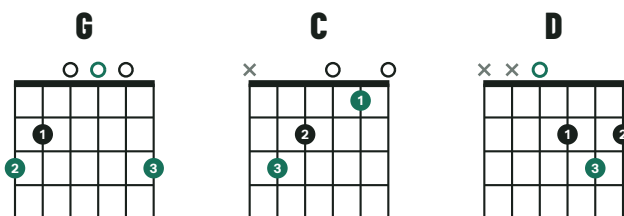


Amazing Grace Guitar Chords

Three chords, three beats to the bar, and a melody almost everyone already knows. The best possible first song in 3/4.

KEY **G major** TIME **3/4** LEVEL **Easy** TEMPO **84 BPM** CHORDS **G, C, D**



VERSE

G	1	G	2	C	3	G	4
G	5	G	6	D	7	D	8
G	9	G	10	C	11	G	12
G	13	D	14	G	15	G	16

STRUM **D D D**

How to learn it

1. Get G, C and D ringing cleanly on their own. Pick each string one at a time and fix any that buzz. 2. Practise the changes in pairs: G to C, then G to D, then C to G. One minute each. 3. Strum three times per bar on G alone, counting one, two, three out loud. 4. Play the first four bars: G, G, C, G. This is most of the song already. 5. Add the rest of the chart and play along at a slow tempo.

Tips

Three beats, not four. If it starts feeling like four, stop and count out loud again. Keep the strum even. A beginner's instinct is to hit beat one hard and let two and three fade. Aim for three strums of equal weight. Then try the bass-strum-strum. Once even strumming is comfortable, play the bass note of the chord on beat one and strum on two and three. It sounds much more like a real accompaniment.

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