

First 50 Songs You Should Play On Mandolin

Welcome to the world of mandolin playing! The beautiful sound of this versatile instrument is captivating and timeless. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced musician looking to expand your repertoire, we have compiled a list of the first 50 songs you should play on mandolin. These songs cover a wide range of genres and difficulty levels, ensuring there's something for everyone.

1. "Wish You Were Here" by Pink Floyd

from Pink Floyd - Wish You Were Here
Wish You Were Here
Words and Music by Roger Waters and David Gilmour

Chords: F A G B C (from low to high) D-G-B-G-B-G

Intro
Slowly ♩ = 60

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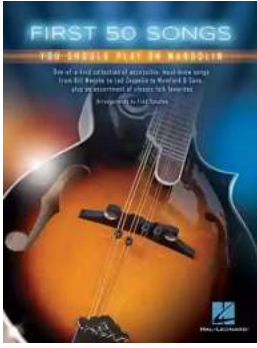
This iconic song by Pink Floyd sounds absolutely mesmerizing when played on the mandolin. The gentle strumming and delicate plucking of the strings create a captivating rendition that is sure to impress.

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2. "The Cave" by Mumford & Sons

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Intro Am C

It's empty in the valley of your heart
The sun, it rises slowly as you walk
Away from all the fears
And all the faults you've left behind

The harvest left no food for you to eat
You cannibal, you meat-eater, you see
But I have seen the same
I know the shame in your defeat

But I will hold on hope
And I won't let you choke
On the noose around your neck

And I'll find strength in pain
And I will change my ways
I'll know my name as it's called again

Cause I have other things to fill my time
You take what is yours and I'll take mine
Now let me at the truth
Which will refresh my broken mind

So tie me to a post and block my ears
I can see widows and orphans through my tears
I know my call despite my faults
And despite my growing fears

But I will hold on hope
And I won't let you choke
On the noose around your neck

And I'll find strength in pain
And I will change my ways
I'll know my name as it's called again

So come out of your cave walking on your hands
And see the world hanging upside down
You can understand dependence
When you know the maker's hand

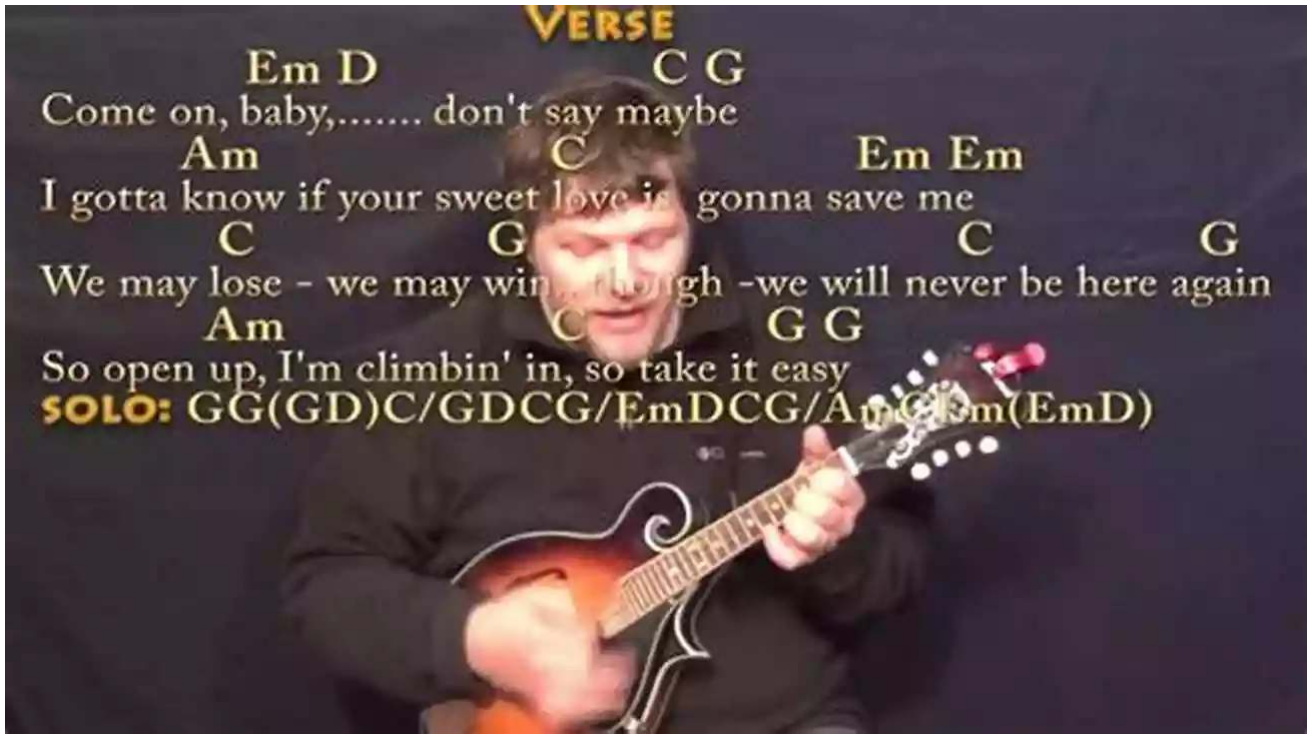
So make your siren's call
And sing all you want
I will not hear what you have to say

Cause I need freedom now
And I need to know how
To live my life as it's meant to be

But I will hold on hope
And I won't let you choke

Mumford & Sons' "The Cave" is a fantastic choice to showcase your mandolin skills. With its infectious rhythm and catchy melody, this song is bound to get your fingers dancing on the strings.

3. "Take It Easy" by Eagles



Get into the groove with the classic hit "Take It Easy" by Eagles. The mandolin adds a delightful touch to this beloved song, transporting listeners to a place of pure musical bliss.

4. "Losing My Religion" by R.E.M.

Losing my Religion

www.traditionalmusic.co.uk

The image displays a musical score for the song "Losing My Religion" by R.E.M. The score is written for guitar and includes a mandolin part. It is set in 4/4 time and features a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is organized into six systems, each with a treble clef staff and a guitar staff. The first system includes a 4/4 time signature. The music consists of a series of chords and melodic lines, with some measures containing accidentals and dynamic markings. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

R.E.M.'s "Losing My Religion" is known for its memorable mandolin intro. Learning to play this song on your mandolin will undoubtedly impress your friends and fellow musicians.

5. "Ho Hey" by The Lumineers



The infectious folk-pop tune of "Ho Hey" by The Lumineers instantly brightens any mood. With its simple yet catchy mandolin chords, this song is perfect for beginners looking to build their repertoire.

6. "Blue Moon of Kentucky" by Bill Monroe



As a mandolin player, exploring bluegrass music is a must, and "Blue Moon of Kentucky" by Bill Monroe is a great place to start. The fast-paced picking and energetic rhythm will challenge and delight you.

7. "Sweet Child O' Mine" by Guns N' Roses

Sweet Child o' Mine

Words and Music by W. Axl Rose, Slash, Izzy Stradlin, Duff McKagan and Steven Adler

A
Moderately

D C

G

B
D D

She's got a smile...

C G

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You might not expect to hear Guns N' Roses on the mandolin, but "Sweet Child O' Mine" translates surprisingly well to this instrument. Give it a try and watch jaws drop at your next jam session!

8. "Hotel California" by Eagles

from Eagles - *The Very Best of Eagles*
Hotel California
 Words and Music by Don Henley, Glenn Frey and Don Felder

Chords: (Em) (B7) (Dsus2/A) (A7) (C) (G) (Am7) (G#m) (B7b9)

Capo VII

Intro
 Newby ♩ = 74

Em (12 or more frets) **RR A**

mf
 = Lead for string throughout

mp

*Symbols in parentheses represent chord names negative or signed for
 Symbols above reflect actual sounding chords. Chord symbols reflect original harmony

Am7 (Dsus2) E7/G# (A7/C#) G (C)

D (G) Em7 (Am7) F#7 (B7) **End RR A**

Ch. 1 = RR A
 Em (Em) F#7 (B7) Am7 (Dsus2)

Ch. 2 (more...)
mp

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"Hotel California" is an all-time classic by Eagles that can be beautifully adapted for mandolin. The soulful melodies and intricate picking patterns will challenge and inspire you as a mandolin player.

9. "Ripple" by Grateful Dead



Grateful Dead's "Ripple" is a heartfelt and melodic song that resonates beautifully on the mandolin. Embrace the rich harmonies and delicate picking to create a mesmerizing rendition.

10. "Hey Jude" by The Beatles

Hey Jude

Words and Music by John Lennon
and Paul McCartney



To match recording, capo 1



Verse 1

E B7
Hey Jude, don't make it bad.

E
Take a sad song and make it better.

A E
Re-member to let her into your heart,

B7 E
Then you can start to make it bet - ter.

Verse 2

E B7
Hey Jude, don't be afraid.

E
You were made to go out and get her.

A E
The minute you let her under your skin,

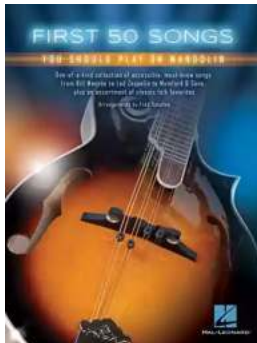
B7 E E7
Then you be - gin to make it bet - ter.

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Bring a touch of the '60s to your mandolin playing with The Beatles' "Hey Jude." The uplifting lyrics and cheerful melodies will bring a smile to your face every time you strum those strings.

These ten songs are just the beginning of your mandolin journey. Expand your horizons, experiment with different genres, and have fun along the way. The mandolin is a beautiful instrument that allows for endless creativity and

expression. So, gather your mandolin, tune those strings, and dive into the world of melodious strumming!



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(Mandolin). A fantastic collection of 50 accessible, must-know favorites for the beginner who's learned enough to start playing popular songs! This book features melody, lyrics, and chord diagrams. Includes: Amazing Grace * Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain * Crazy * Cripple Creek * Folsom Prison Blues * Friend of the Devil * Going to California * Hallelujah * Ho Hey * I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow * I Walk the Line * I'll Fly Away * Losing My Religion * Maggie May * Mr. Bojangles * Redemption Song * Ripple * Rocky Top * Take Me Home, Country Roads * Tennessee Waltz * Wagon Wheel * Wildwood Flower * Yesterday * Your Cheatin' Heart * and many more.



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