



Stringwizard

Guitar Solos

For Grades I - II

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Berceuse

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This piece has a gently rocking bass line on two open strings. Though a soft lullaby, watch out for the staccato dots in bar 12 and 16 and also the brief use of the *forte*.

Mesto, $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 50$

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The bass line consists of notes on the two lowest strings of the guitar. The score is divided into systems of four staves each, with bar numbers 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, and 25 marked at the beginning of their respective systems. The first system (bars 1-4) starts with a *p* dynamic and includes a finger number '0' and a '2' above notes. The second system (bars 5-8) continues the melody with a *p* dynamic. The third system (bars 9-12) features a *f* dynamic. The fourth system (bars 13-16) returns to a *p* dynamic. The fifth system (bars 17-20) also starts with a *p* dynamic. The sixth system (bars 21-24) includes dynamics *mf* and *mp*. The seventh system (bars 25-28) begins with a *p* dynamic and ends with a *dim.* marking and a *molto ritardando* instruction. The score concludes with a final cadence in the seventh system.

Tanz

A useful exercise, in the form of a mediaeval dance, to improve the function of the Right Hand thumb. Check that the thumb (*p*) stays well clear to the left of the fingers (*ima*). The olden 'feel' of the piece is given by the use of a drone (or pedal) bass line and frequent use of the interval of a fifth. I suggest a tempo of ♩. = 104

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f *ben ritmico*

5

mp *f*

10

mp *f* *mf* *sim.*

15

p

19

mf

23

ff

Lament

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Make sure that the melody line in the bass is always clear above the accompaniment, which should be even and steady except where it fades out at the end. Note that only the 2nd finger of the LH is ever used.

Espressivo, ♩ = 84

p i m i

mp

4

7 *mf*

10

13

16 *dim.*

18 *rall.* *ppp*

The Flight of the Bouncing Bee

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Two new techniques here: pizzicato and also the use of a thumb glide across two strings to give power to the notes in e.g. bars 3 and 4. Try to capture a different mood for the middle of the piece where it goes from A major to D major and do the mordents if you can (these are just quick trills up to the next note in the scale and down again, using LH alone for the second and third notes).

Quite quickly, ♩ = 132

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 2/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff (measures 1-5) is marked 'In flight' and 'Bouncing'. It begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic, a pizzicato (*pizz.*) instruction, and a thumb glide across two strings. The second staff (measures 6-11) is marked 'Flying high and far' and 'pizz.'. It features a forte (*f*) dynamic and a pizzicato (*pizz.*) instruction. The third staff (measures 12-16) is marked 'Coming in to bounce!' and 'Fine'. It includes a forte (*f*) dynamic and a pizzicato (*pizz.*) instruction. The fourth staff (measures 17-22) is marked 'Having a bit of a rest with honey sandwiches.' and 'mp dolce'. It features a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and a dolce (*dolce*) instruction. The fifth staff (measures 23-27) and the sixth staff (measures 28-32) continue the piece, ending with a 'D. C. al Fine' instruction. The score includes various musical notations such as fingerings (e.g., 4, 2, 1, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 121, 4), accents, and dynamic markings.

Falcon Soaring

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Not too fast so that you have time to produce strong crescendi and diminuendi to give a sense of space and height. Note the accents in the bass melody. Low notes in the top voice should not distract from this line. Tempo is ♩ = 48

Larghetto, spaciouly and with rubato

X

1 3 4 1 3 0

p

5

4 1 3 4 1 3 0

mf

9 *p i m i*

0 3 2 4 0 2 1 # 1

p *fp*

11

p

13

4 1

3 2 0 2 0 3

pp *cresc.*

15

4 1

3

1. 2. *rall.*

Cider Dance

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This piece has much to do with articulation. The staccato notes in bar 1 are played using a RH apoyando (rest stroke) alternation, where the next finger to be used is brought immediately into contact with the string to stop it ringing on. For staccato chords, bring both fingers (i,m) back onto the strings. The accents (bar 1 beat 2) are typically on beat 2 of bars, thereby giving the piece a dance-like rhythmic quality. Frequent use is made of two E's of the same pitch together – one is on the open 1st string, the other on the 2nd string 5th fret. Don't worry if it's a little out of tune – it will just add a certain interesting tang to the piece (not TOO much though! You may know what drinking scrumpy is like).

Allegretto

mf

mf

9

p

p

17

f

1.

2.

25

rall. meno mosso

p

pp, calmo

34

Tempo primo

43

mp

52

1.

2.

ritardando

Lento

mf

p

play 6th. string exactly over 12th. fret.

Vals

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The main purpose of this piece is as a slur (or ligado) study.
 These should be even in tempo and clearly audible (eventually).
 The term 'rubato' literally means 'robbed' time – here used to indicate
 that you may stretch and compress the tempo for expressive purposes.
 Don't miss the change from A minor to its tonic major half way through.

Allegretto con rubato, ♩ = 144

The musical score is written in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a tempo of ♩ = 144. It consists of five staves of music, each starting with a measure number (1, 5, 8, 11, 14). The key signature changes from A minor (one sharp) to A major (no sharps or flats) at the beginning of the fifth staff. The score includes various dynamic markings: *p* (piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *f* (forte). It also features slurs, accents, and a *rit.* (ritardando) marking at the end. The notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, and rests. Fingering numbers (1-4) are provided for many notes. The bass line consists of chords and single notes, often with slurs and dynamics.

A tempo*a
m*

17

p

21

mf

24

p *mf*

27

f *mf*

30

pp

molto rall.

Night Train

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Obviously this piece is in imitation of a train. Start very quietly and slowly build up the volume. Bring the melody out strongly above the wheels (accompanying A's) and leave notes ringing on where there is the curved line following. * It is suggested that you hold the 1st finger on A on the 3rd string throughout – this helps accuracy – you always know where you are on the fingerboard. The central section has some fairly odd notes together (e.g. A ♭ and A ♯ and B) but trains don't always sound that tuneful, do they? Play them quietly and with conviction and they can sound very atmospheric.

Espresso espresso, ♩ = 144+

*
p m i m

pp

4

f

a i p i

7

m

10

13

a m i p

p

16

pp

19

22

25

28

31

33

The Teeny Weeny Dinosuar
and the
BIG FAT ONE

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Bright and Quick

p i p i p i p i

Guitar

② string

p

5

Little dots mean staccato

Slow and Hefty

10

ff

Put 2nd finger on and quickly pull it off the string

18

Bright and Quick

26

p

18th fret!

31