

A Message to Parents

I created this book to provide children with a positive, fun and successful musical experience while learning to play the Mountain Dulcimer.

I tried to make this book understandable and easy to use. To keep things simple, all of the melody notes are played using only the melody string(s). To do this, I've made some small changes in the original rhythms and/or melodies. I hope I've provided you and your child with a method for immediate music making success.

Here are some suggestions that will increase the chance of your child succeeding with this book.

1. Guide your child through the book page by page.
2. Help with the placement of color stickers.
3. Help with the coloring. The Color Code is found at the bottom of each page that needs to be colored.
4. Write the fret numbers on the color stickers.
5. Partner with your child.
 - you do the strumming and let them press the strings
 - you press the strings and let them do the strumming
6. Play along with your child on a second dulcimer.

Strum Rhythm 2



<i>"strum"</i>	↑ out		↑ out		↑ out		↑ out	↓ in
<i>"say"</i>	bum		bum		bum		did	dy
<i>"written"</i>								
<i>"count"</i>	1		2		3		4	and

1. Strum across all of the strings.
2. Strum away from your body.
3. Strum and say the rhythm out loud.
4. Stum while keeping a slow and steady tempo (speed).



Great Big House

Track 27-28



↑ 2	↑ 4	↑ 4	↑ 5	↑ 2	↑ 4	↑ 4	↑ 4	↓ 4	↓ 4
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Great big house in New Or - leans,

↑ 2	↑ 4	↑ 4	↑ 5	↑ 2	↑ 2	↓ 2	↑ 1	↑ 1	↓ 1
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↑ 2	↑ 4	↑ 4	↑ 5	↑ 2	↑ 4	↑ 4	↑ 4	↓ 4	↓ 4
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Ev - ry room that I've been in,

↑ 2	↑ 4	↑ 2	↑ 1	↑ 0	↑ 0	↓ 0	↑ 0	↑ }
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Filled with pump-kin pie.

DAD



0 white

1 pink

2 lt. blue

4 green

5 red

