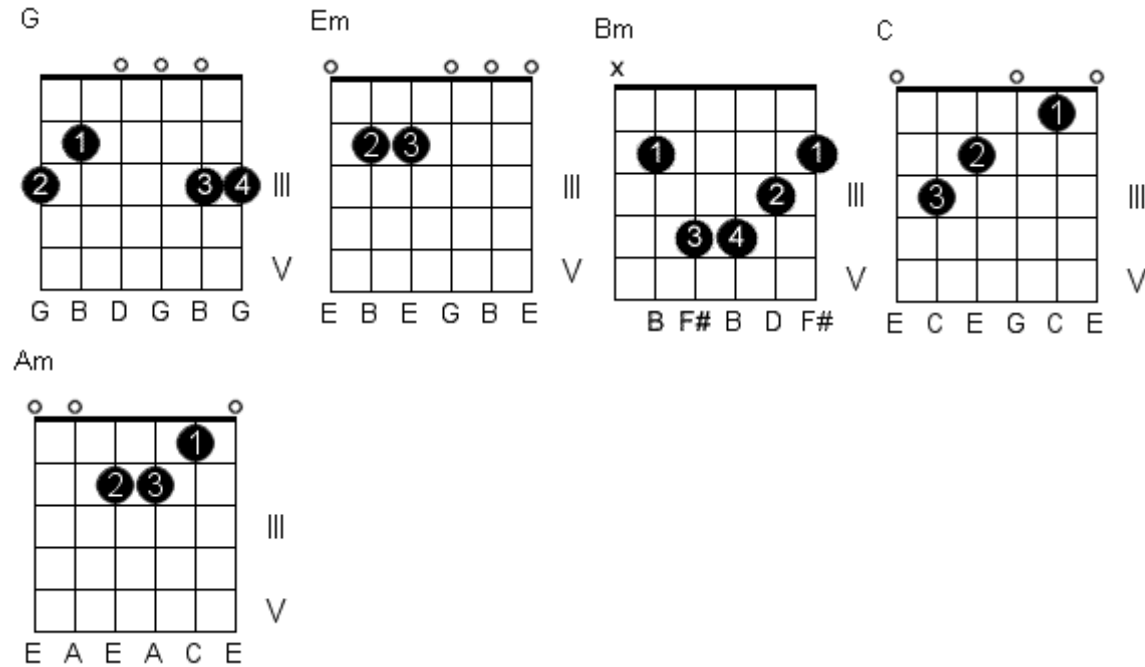


The Minstrel Boy (Traditional – no added lyrics)

Strumming Pattern: NA

Fingerstyle: see fingerstyle guide

Chords Used:



Intro: G – Em – Bm – C – G – Em – Am - G

G Em Bm C
The minstrel boy to the war has gone.
G Em Am G
In the ranks of death you will find him.
(G) Em Bm C
His father's sword he has girded on
G Em Am G
And his wild harp slung behind him.
(G) Em Bm C
Land of Song!" said the warrior bard,
G Em Am G
"Tho' all the world betrays thee,
(G) Em Bm C
One sword, at least, thy rights shall guard,
G Em Am G
One faithful harp shall praise thee!"
(G) Em Bm C
The Minstrel fell! But the foeman's chain
G Em Am G
Could not bring that proud soul under;
(G) Em Bm C
The harp he lov'd ne'er spoke again,
G Em Am G
For he tore its chords asunder;

(G) Em Bm C
And said "No chains shall sully thee,
G Em Am G
Thou soul of love and brav'ry!
(G) Em Bm C
Thy songs were made for the pure and free,
G Em Am G
They shall never sound in slavery!"
G Em Am G
They shall never sound in slavery!"