

Pick-Up Notes

One or more notes that come before the first *full* measure of a song. When a song begins with **pick-up notes**, the last measure will be short the exact number of beats used as pick-ups.

The next two songs contain three of the chords you have learned so far. After you feel comfortable playing the chords, try singing *and* playing the chords. Notice the pick-up notes in the first partial measure of the song. Sing the first words, "This land is..." then begin strumming the steady beat where you see the C chord symbol. Additional verses are listed below the song; just follow the chord names shown above the words as you continue strumming and singing the same melody.

30. THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

Chorus

Woody Guthrie

Pick-up Notes

This land is your land, this land is my land,

from Cal - i - for - nia to the New York Is - lands;

from the Red - wood for - ests to the Gulf Stream wa - ter;

this land was made for you and me.

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1. As I was walking that ribbon of highway

I saw above me that endless skyway;

I saw below me that golden valley;

This land was made for you and me.

To Chorus

2. I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps;

To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;

And all around me a voice was sounding;

This land was made for you and me.

To Chorus

Woody Guthrie (1912–1967) is considered one of the most important American musicians of the 20th century. Woody traveled America, singing songs and working odd jobs where he could. He wrote hundreds of songs over the course of his short lifetime, one of the most popular being "This Land is Your Land."