

Brother John

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French (1780-ish)
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for Guitar

Left Hand
Open 0
Index 1
Middle 2
Ring 3
Pinky 4

Right Hand
P - Thumb
I - Index
M - Middle
A - Ring

Repeats:
0 thru 8
1 thru 7
9 to end

Chords
& Lyrics

Guitar
Melody

Chords & Lyrics

♩ = 80

Play all notes with your right hand thumb for now.

Fre - re Jac - ques, Fre - re Jac - ques, dor - mez vous?
Are you sleep - ing, are you sleep - ing, Bro - ther John?

Open Middle Pinkie Open Open Middle Pinkie Open Index Middle Pinkie

Guitar Melody

Slide your middle finger back.

Dor - mez vous? Son - nez les ma - ti - nes. Son - nez les ma - ti - nes.
Bro - ther John? Morn - ing bells are ring - ing. Morn - ing bells are ring - ing.

Index Middle Pinkie Middle Pinkie Middle Middle Index Open Middle Pinkie Middle Middle Index Open

On the first time through, play measure 8, on the second time through, skip 8!

Repeat to #1!

Tie these two notes together.

Hold the final tied note for six beats.

Ding. Dang. Dong. Ding. Dang. Dong. Ding. Dang. Dong.

First String Second String First String First String Second String First String First String Second String First String

Teaching Points to Remember:

- Tempo Markings: Don't take them seriously in the beginning! You'll reach this speed eventually.
- Time Signature: How many beats in a measure (4!) and what type of note counts (Quarter Note). Measures are the vertical lines.
- Fingering Numbers: Left Hand 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and Right Hand PIMA. This'll keep coming up, so memorize it.
- Tablature: Which string and which fret. Remember String #1 is on the top of the paper and on the bottom side of your guitar.
- Repeats: Handling first and second repeats. Make sure not to play Measure 8 the second time through.
- Note Values: Eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, ties. Count the longer notes as you play or you'll come in too early.
- Reading Chord Grids: How to make the E chord based on the grid. Remember, String #1 is on the right.