

# Ahoy There Me Hearty! Learn to Play the Chords and Tunes of Ten of the World's Most Famous Pirate Songs

Ahoy there, mateys! Are ye ready to set sail on a musical adventure and learn to play the chords and tunes of ten of the world's most famous pirate songs? From the swashbuckling "Drunken Sailor" to the haunting "Spanish Ladies," these songs will have ye tapping yer toes and singing along in no time.

## Materials Ye'll Need

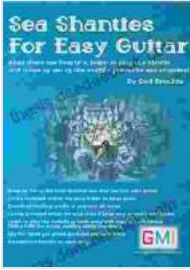
Before we set sail, gather these materials:

- A guitar or ukulele
- A tuner (optional)
- A pick (optional)
- A music stand (optional)
- A sense of adventure!

## Basic Chords

Let's start with the basics. Here are three essential chords ye'll need to play most of these songs:

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- C major: 032010
- G major: 320003
- D major: xx0232

## Tuning Yer Instrument

If ye've got a tuner, use it to tune yer guitar or ukulele to standard tuning. If not, here's a quick and easy way to do it by ear:

- Play the open A string (fifth string on guitar, fourth string on ukulele).
- Tune the other strings to match the A string.
- Play the D string (fourth string on guitar, third string on ukulele).
- Tune the G string (third string on guitar, second string on ukulele) to match the D string.
- Play the B string (second string on guitar, first string on ukulele).
- Tune the E string (first string on guitar, not present on ukulele) to match the B string.

## The Songs

Now, let's dive into the songs! Here are the chords and lyrics for ten of the most famous pirate songs:

## 1. Drunken Sailor

**Chords:** C G D

**Verse:**Way, hey, and up she rises Early in the morning  
Way, hey, and up she rises Early in the morning

**Chorus:**Drunken sailor, drunken sailor Early in the morning  
Drunken sailor, drunken sailor Early in the morning

**Verse:**She's a drunkard, a whoremonger Early in the morning  
She's a drunkard, a whoremonger Early in the morning

**Chorus:**Drunken sailor, drunken sailor Early in the morning  
Drunken sailor, drunken sailor Early in the morning

## 2. Spanish Ladies

**Chords:** C G D Em

**Verse:**As I was walking down Paradee All bound for to meet me love  
There I spied her, pretty Polly Sitting by the old oak tree

**Chorus:**With her basket on her arm Spanish ladies, Spanish ladies  
With her basket on her arm Spanish ladies, Spanish ladies

**Verse:**I took her by the lily-white hand And led her through the broom  
There I kissed her rosy red lips And swore I'd take her home

**Chorus:**With her basket on her arm Spanish ladies, Spanish ladies With her basket on her arm Spanish ladies, Spanish ladies

### 3. What Shall We Do with a Drunken Sailor?

**Chords:** C G Am F

**Verse:**What shall we do with a drunken sailor? What shall we do with a drunken sailor? What shall we do with a drunken sailor? Early in the morning

**Chorus:**Way, hey, and up she rises Early in the morning

**Verse:**Put him in the brig with a pound of salt Put him in the brig with a pound of salt Put him in the brig with a pound of salt Early in the morning

**Chorus:**Way, hey, and up she rises Early in the morning

### 4. Blow the Man Down

**Chords:** C G Am F

**Verse:**Blow the man down, bullies, blow the man down Give me some time to blow the man down Blow the man down, bullies, blow the man down To my way, hey, blow the man down

**Chorus:**Chorus: Blow the man down, bullies, blow the man down Give me some time to blow the man down Blow the man down, bullies, blow the man down To my way, hey, blow the man down

**Verse:**I went down to the old man's cellar To see what I could see There I saw his old daughter Sitting on his knee

**Chorus:**Chorus: Blow the man down, bullies, blow the man down Give me some time to blow the man down Blow the man down, bullies, blow the man down To my way, hey, blow the man down

## 5. Yo Ho (A Pirate's Life for Me)

**Chords:** C G Am F

**Verse:**Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me We'll sail the seas for gold and wee Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me We'll sail until we're old

**Chorus:**We'll sail away to distant lands And find our fortune on the sand We'll take our chances, find our own way And live a life of adventure every day

**Verse:**We'll fight the sharks and whales, my lads And hoist our sails to distant lands We'll search for treasure, find our fame And leave our mark upon the game

## 6. Pirates of the Caribbean Theme

**Chords:** G Em Am D

**Intro:**D G Em Am

**Verse:**Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me We'll sail the seas for gold and wee Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me We'll sail until we're old

**Chorus:**But I'm a trickster, a rogue, a devilish delight I'll steal your gold and kiss your wife I'm Captain Jack Sparrow, savvy? And I'm here to save the day

**Verse:**I've got a ship, a crew, and a map And I'm bound for treasure, that's a fact I'll find the treasure, and I'll spend it all And then I'll sail away, to adventures new

## 7. The Wellerman

**Chords:** C Am F G

**Verse:**There once was a ship that put to sea And the name of that ship was the Billy o' Tea The winds blew hard, the seas were rough The sailors worked with might and stuff

**Chorus:**Haul away, me lads, haul away Haul away, me lads, haul away Haul away, me lads, haul away We'll reach the Horn before the break of day

**Verse:**The Wellerman came and brought us meat And then we all had something to eat We ate our fill and drank our share And then we sailed away with a hearty cheer

**Chorus:**Haul away, me lads, haul away Haul away, me lads, haul away Haul away, me lads, haul away We'll reach the Horn before the break of day

## 8. Seven Seas of Rhye

**Chords:** Am G F C

**Verse:**He came from the desert with nothing but a coat He came to find his fortune and he found a silver boat He sailed away to the seven seas of Rhye He sailed away to the seven seas of Rhye

**Chorus:**Seven seas of Rhye Seven seas of Rhye I've seen the sunrise  
from the Western Skies Seven seas of Rhye Seven seas of Rhye

**Verse:**He came to the city with nothing but a smile He came to find a job  
and he found a singing style He played his guitar and he sang his heart  
away He played his guitar and he sang his heart away

**Chorus:**Seven seas of Rhye Seven seas of Rhye I've seen the sunrise  
from the Western Skies Seven seas of Rhye Seven seas of Rhye

## 9. Sloop John B

**Chords:** C G Am F

**Verse:**I met a man, his name was John He had a boat, we sailed along We  
sailed for many a mile And we sang a song, and it went like this

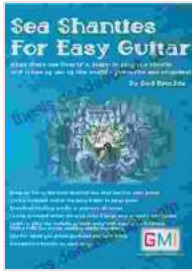
**Chorus:**Sloop John B, yeah, yeah, yeah Sloop John B, yeah, yeah, yeah  
Sloop John B, yeah, yeah, yeah And we sailed along, we sailed along

**Verse:**We sailed across the ocean blue And we sang our songs, and we  
sailed through We sailed for many a day And we sang our song, and it went  
like this

**Chorus:**Sloop John B, yeah, yeah, yeah Sloop John B, yeah, yeah, yeah  
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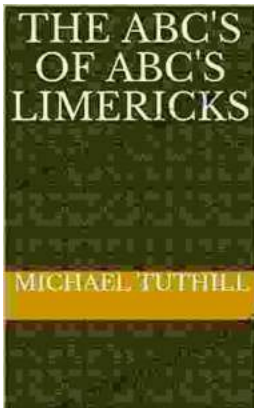
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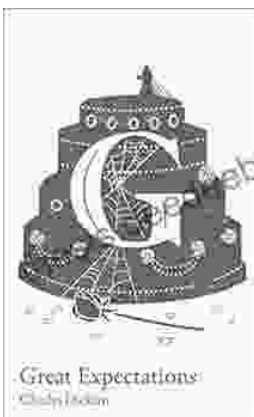
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