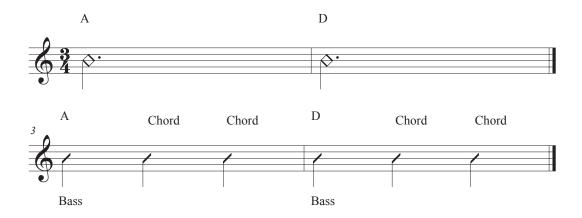
Accompaniments

An accompaniment is a chordal support for a melody. A melody is the tune of a song, what you hum. The harmony of a song is the chords. The rhythm is the speed at which those other two elements happen. Melody, harmony any rhythm are the fundamental elements of music. There are others but these are the main ones. Not all music has all three elements but all music has at least one.

Below are a coupe of basic ways to play the accompaniment for a song with three beats per measure.

- The first line shows the chords being strummed on the first beat of each measure and held for beats two and three.
- The second line shows the bass note of each chord played on beat one and the rest of the chord strummed in beats 2 and three.



Alternatively you could just strum the chords on every beat. There are many ways you could accompany this song. You could pick the notes of the chords individually. You could vary the strumming from measure to measure. Endless possibilities.

You could listen to a couple different versions of the song and listen for how the chords are played. Do the accompaniments change or not? Are the chords strummed or picked?