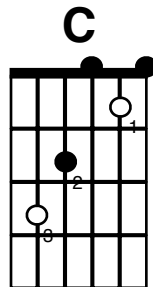


# The Key of G

Most of the music we listen to is called tonal music. It means that songs or parts of songs are based around a particular note. That note feels like “home”. Most of the time a song begins with the chord with the same name as the key it’s in, but not always.

The most important chords in a key are called the primary chords. The primary chords in the key of G are G, C and D. Below is a version of the C chord. They’re are dozens of ways to play a C chord on the guitar. This is the most common version.



Here are 3 songs in the key of G with G, C and D chords. The songs are somewhat simplified from their recorded versions.

## Louie Louie- The Kingsmen

Musical notation for the first part of "Louie Louie" by The Kingsmen. It is in 4/4 time and G major. The notation shows a sequence of chords: G (two measures), C (two measures), D (two measures), and C (two measures). Each chord is represented by a square symbol above the staff.

## The Joker- Steve Miller

Musical notation for the first part of "The Joker" by Steve Miller. It is in 4/4 time and G major. The notation shows a sequence of chords: G (two measures), C (two measures), D (two measures), and C (four measures). The C chord is played with a "V" (slide) technique, indicated by a 'V' symbol above the staff.

## Knocking on Heaven's Door- Bob Dylan

Musical notation for the first part of "Knocking on Heaven's Door" by Bob Dylan. It is in 3/4 time and G major. The notation shows a sequence of chords: G (two measures), D (two measures), and C (three measures). Each chord is represented by a square symbol above the staff.