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The Verse

The first part of the song we will learn is the verse. The good news is that, in many ways, we already know the verse! It is exactly what you have been practicing up to now. We use the chords E minor and C major 7 with the first strumming pattern that we learnt. So, before we dive in, let's just talk chord charts. The chord chart for the verse looks like this:

Em	Em	Cmaj7	Cmaj7
Em	Em	Cmaj7	Cmaj7
Em	Em	Cmaj7	Cmaj7
Em	Em	Cmaj7	Cmaj7

FYI, an easier way to write the above is to draw out one line and put (x4) in a bracket at the end. You'll see this more as the course goes on.

| Em | Em | Cmaj7 | Cmaj7 | (x4)

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Learning songs is an integral part of your guitar journey, as we can work on so many aspects of technique whilst doing so. So, in this unit we dive in and learn a whole song, written specifically for this course!

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So, how do we read this chord chart? Well, to start with, the chord names are simply shortened versions of the chords. "**Em**" is E minor and "**Cmaj7**" is C major 7. So that's the easy bit. As for the rest, it simply outlines which chord you play in which bar. Each bar is 4 beats, which will essentially mean you can do 1 full strumming pattern (see below) per bar. In this song then, you are doing 2 bars of each chord before moving on.



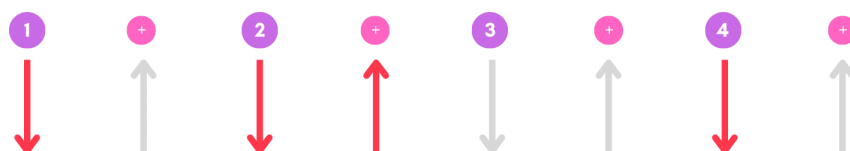
The chord chart does not give us the rhythm, just the basic outline of chords. If there is more than one chord in a bar, it is for you to still work out at what beat those chords change exactly. This is just

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outline.

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Let's now add the rhythm pattern to this verse. It is the pattern we have already used in the first unit of this course, and here it is to remind you:



Your first job is to try and play through this whole verse section with that strumming pattern. It's essentially what you have been practicing already, so you may find it easier than you think. Take your time, and when you're ready try to play it with the drum beat as well. See you in the next lesson.



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