

# Hills of Mexico -- Clawhammer Banjo (gDGBd)

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This tab is for the traditional tune Hills of Mexico as it is played on my album Honey Baby. This version was learned by listening/watching the videos of Willie Watson and Meredith Moon. There are two sections: the instrumental section (measures 1 - 32) and the singing section (measures 37 - 67). The four measures from 33-36 and from 68 - 71 represent a vamp where you can transition into either the instrumental or vocal section.

While this tab is presented in 4/4 time, this song's timing is perhaps a bit more complicated. Listening to the song accompanying this tab can help you find the timing for the vocals. The (T) symbols show where I drop thumb -- you can replace drop thumbs with a normal bum ditty pattern (simpler) or with an up-strum (more complicated). I use the up-stream technique a fair bit in this song in lieu of a drop-thumb -- a video on how to play the upstrum is available here [<https://youtu.be/lapDs856NQU>]

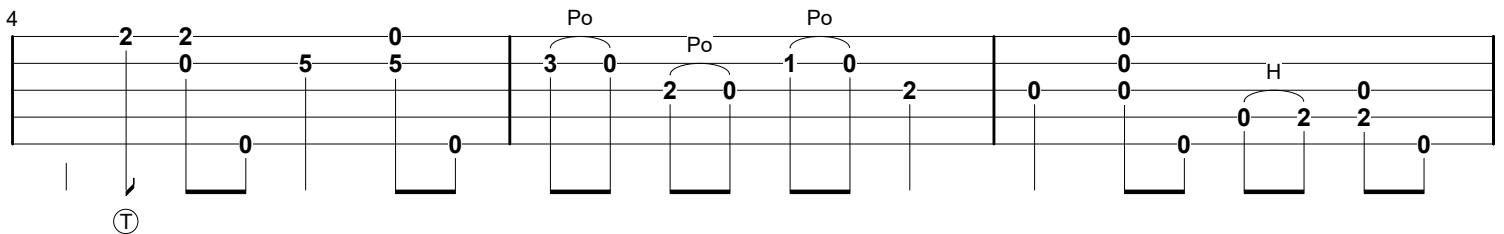
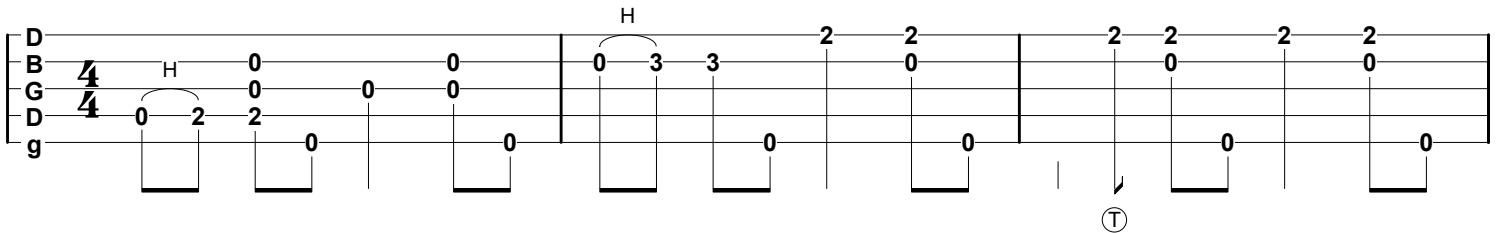
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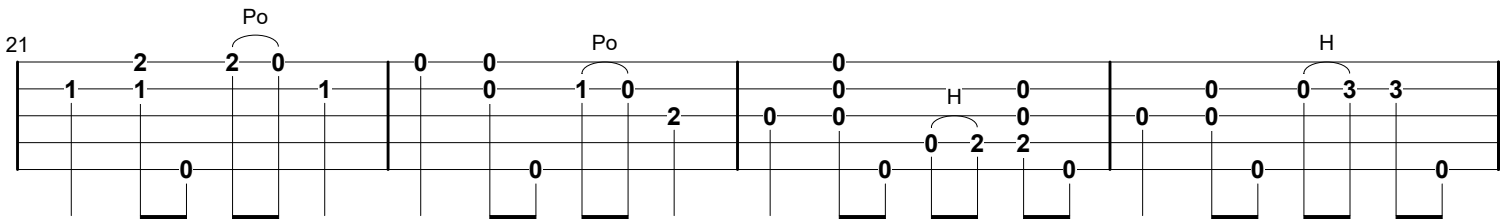
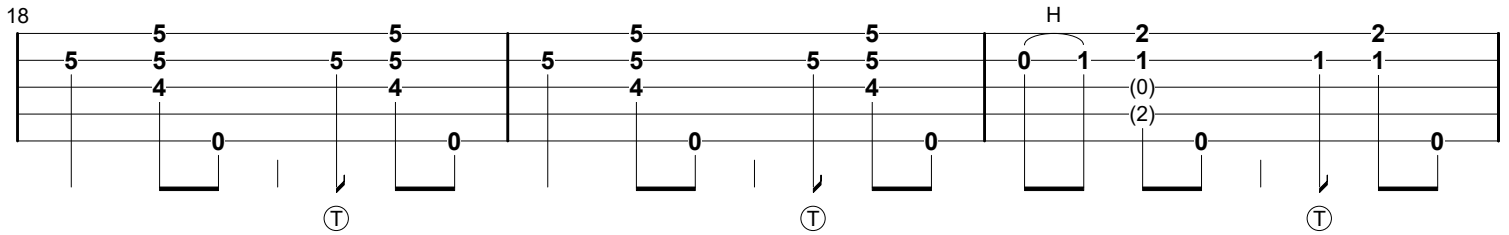
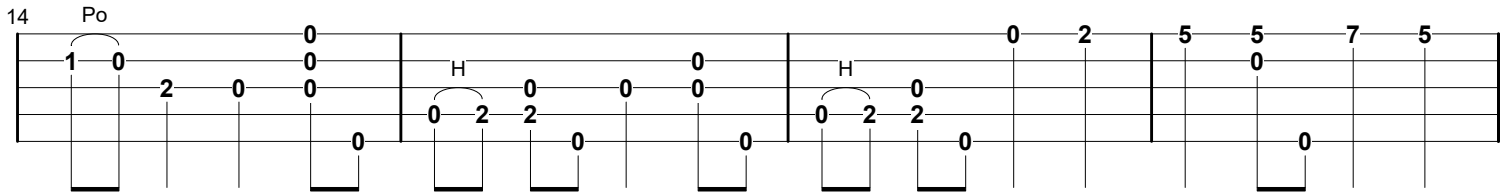
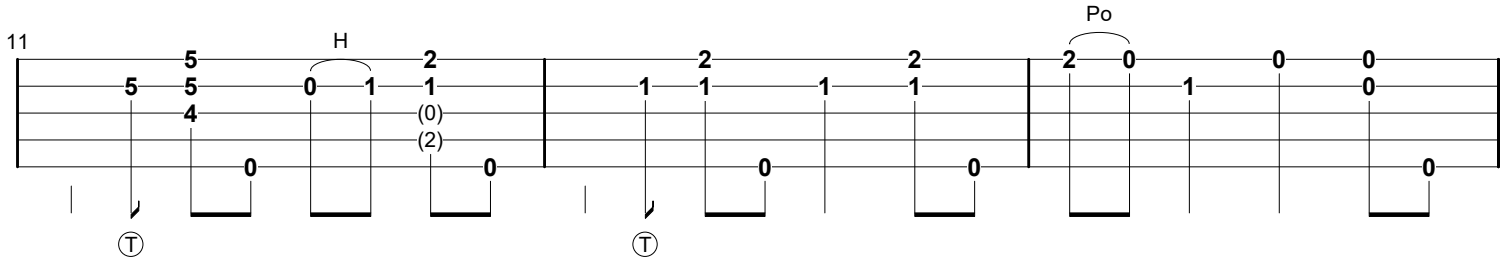
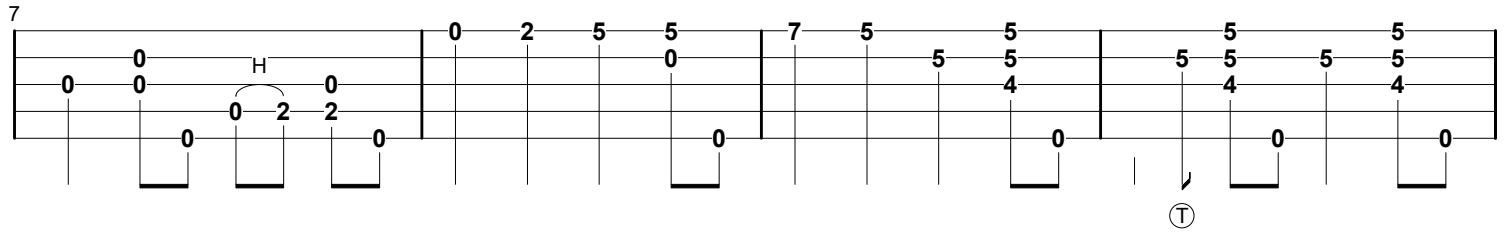
Now when I's in old Fort Worth in 18 and 83  
This old Mexican cowboy came stepping up to me  
Saying "How are you young fella, how would you like to go  
For to spend a summer season, with me in Mexico?"

Now I had no employment so back to him did say  
"It's according to your wages, according to your pay"  
He said "I'll pay you good wages and often to you know"  
"If you'd spend a summer season with me in Mexico"

So I went up to that cowboy and offered him my hand  
And he gave me string of horses so old they could not stand  
And I nearly starved to death boys and this I'll have you know  
That I did not save a dollar 'neath them hills of Mexico

So I called up for my paycheck on that steamboat I did board  
How those bells did ring and the whistles they did blow  
How those bells did ring and the whistles they did blow  
For that god forsaken treasure 'neath them hills of Mexico





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