Partita No. 3 in E Major

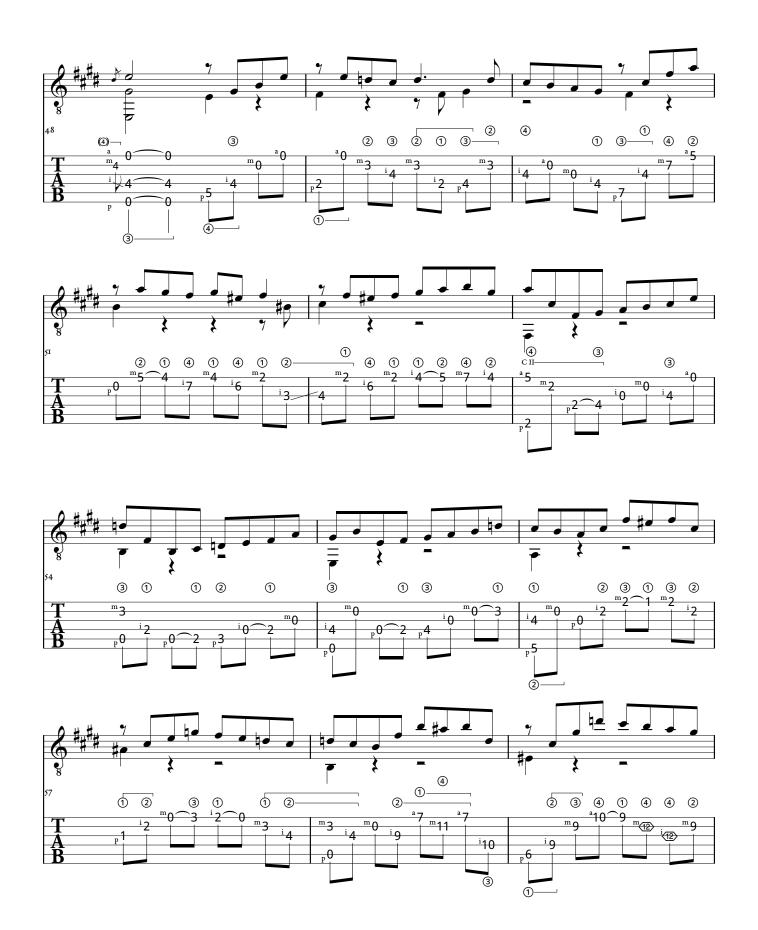




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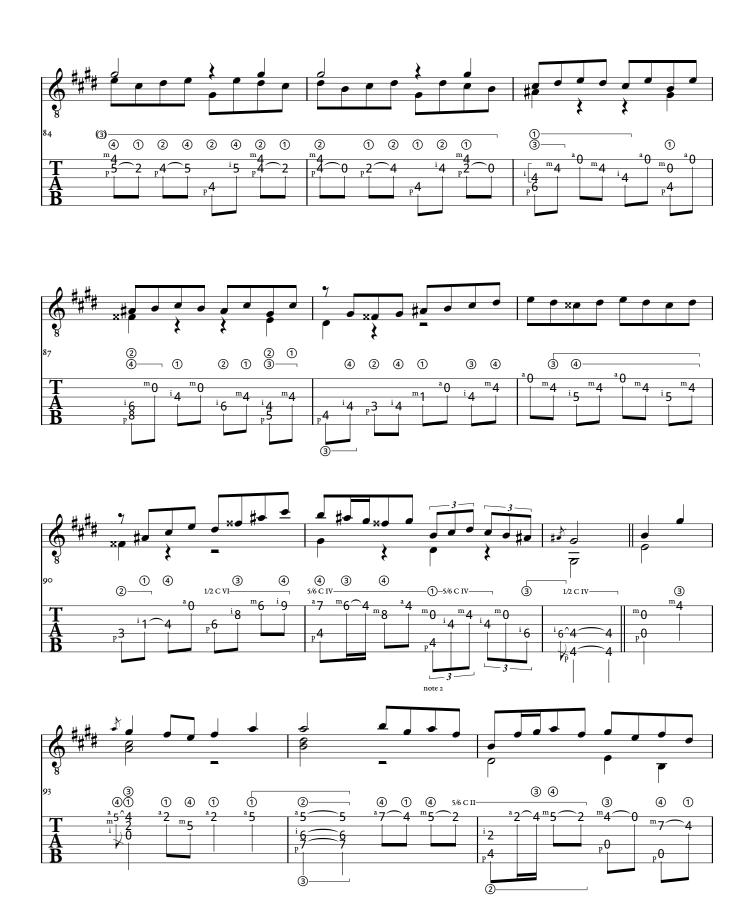


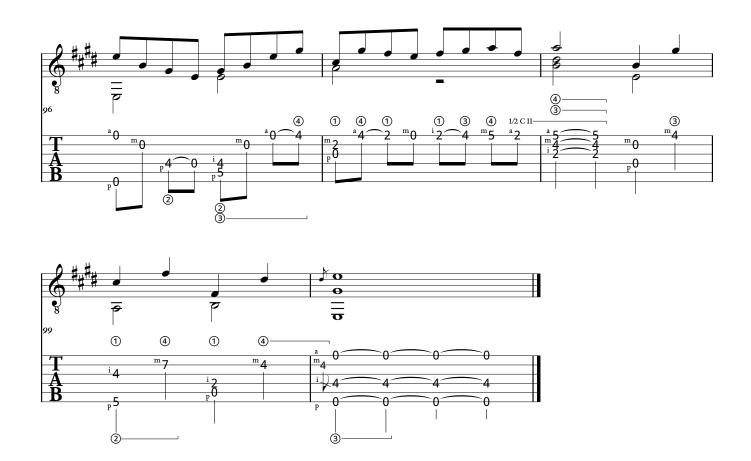












study notes for *Partita No. 3 in E Major: III. Gavotte en Rondeau*

This arrangement is based on both of the extant signed manuscripts dated 1720 and c. 1736. The first is written for violin without accompaniment. The second manuscript is J. S. Bach's arrangement for a keyboard instrument. This second arrangement has been the subject of a heated debate among lutenists and Bach scholars. The most recent research, as of this writing, notes that at the time of his death, J. S. Bach possessed three instruments by the name of *lautenwerk*, a type of harpsichord which used gut strings. This may explain the presence of a grandstaff in the notation from the c. 1736 manuscript.

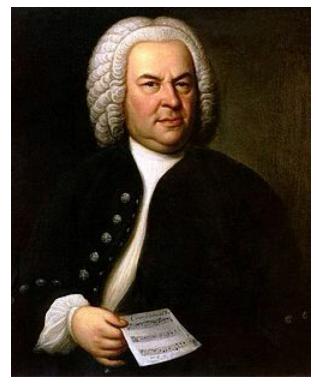
An attempt has been made to ensure that the guitar *and* the composition are respected. No extra notes have been added to the arrangement. However, note durations have been lengthened in certain places to emphasize the guitar's ability to play scales across multiple strings. There are moments when guitaristic elements shine. Enjoy this. One should have fun playing this music.

note i

At this point the left-hand first finger two-string partial barre from beat 1 adds a third string to the barre on beat 3. This barre is a continuation of the previous barre.

note 2

The first finger stays on the fifth string and quickly moves between a barre and stopping a single string.



Portrait of Bach, aged 61, by E. G. Haussmann, 1748.