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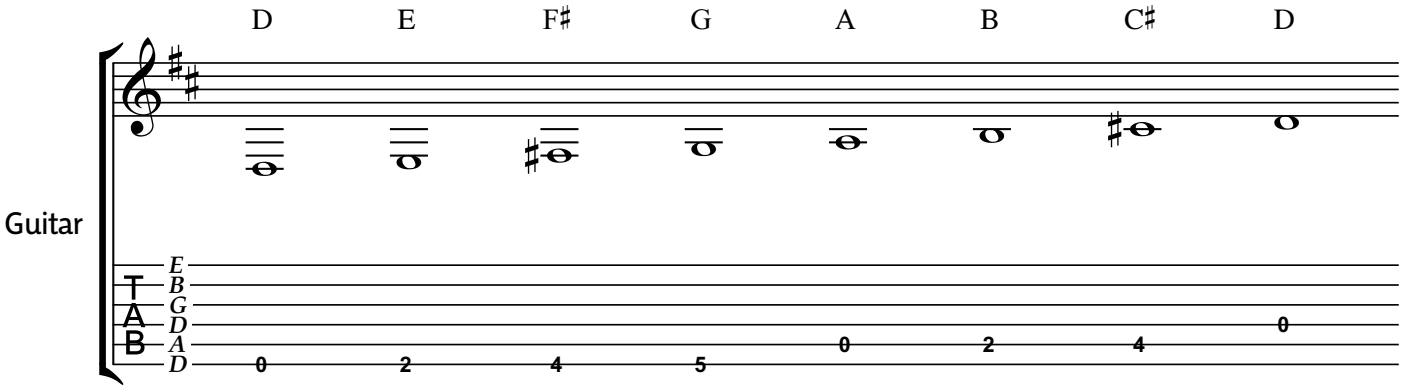
D Major Scale In Low Register



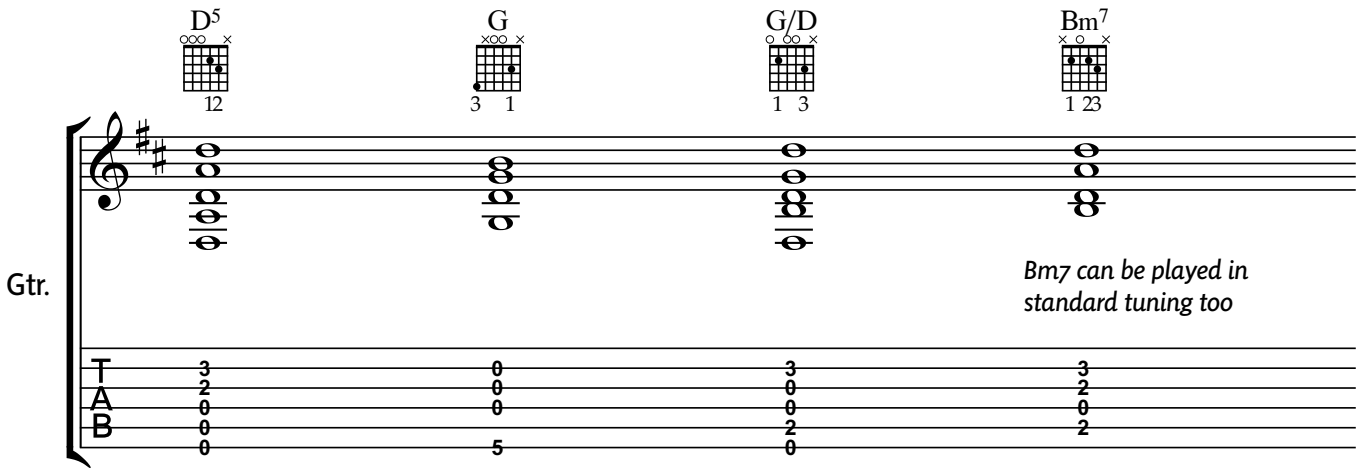
Anns an leasan seo, bidh sibh ag ionnsachadh mu gleusadh le "E" gu "D" - "drop D tuning."

In this lesson, you will learn about **drop D tuning**. Drop D is an **"alternate tuning"**, which gives you the option to play different types of chords and to play in a lower range. Drop D tuning is particularly useful for playing in **D major**.

The best way to tune your guitar to drop D is to use an **electronic tuner**. Turn the **tuning peg of the low E string clockwise**, and loosen the string until it is an in tune **D note**. You can also tune to the A string by loosening the low E string until the **7th fret note matches the open A string**. Remember to always turn the pegs a little bit at a time to avoid loosening or tightening the string too much!

On this page, you can have a go at playing the **D major scale** in the lower register, and there are some **new chords** to learn using drop D.

New Chords in Drop D



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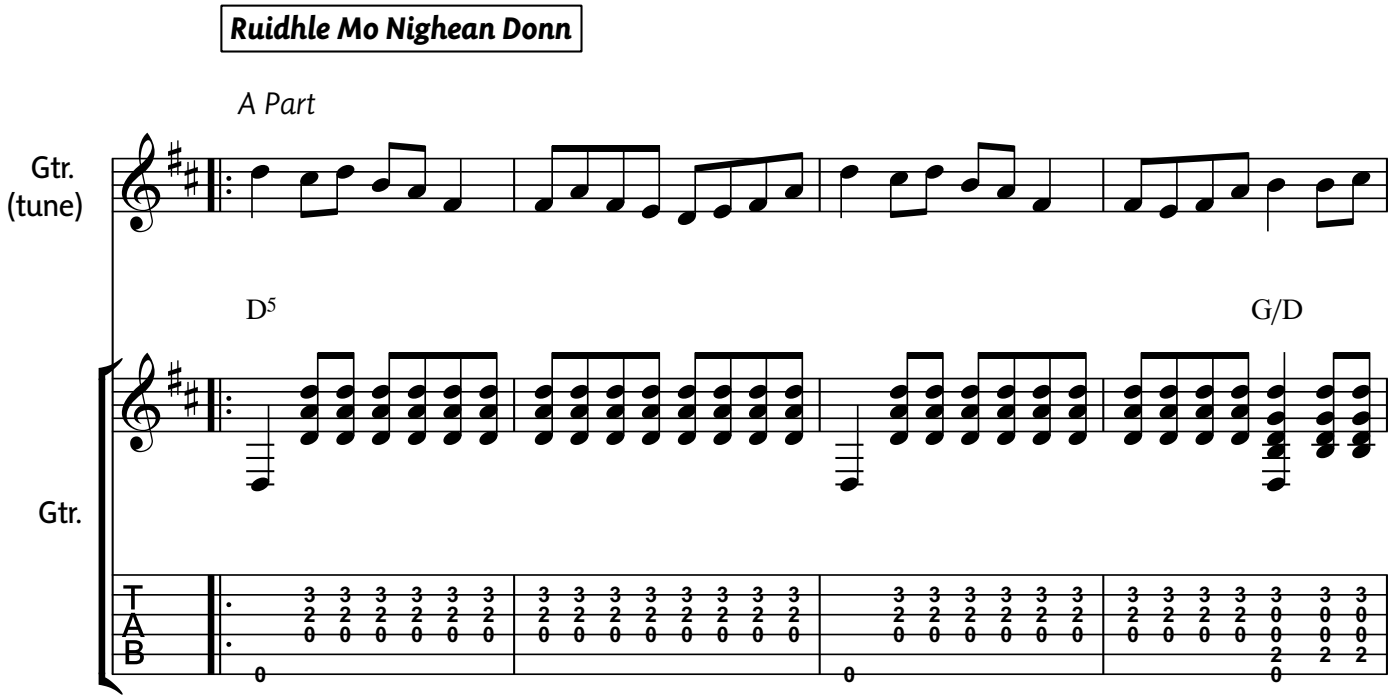
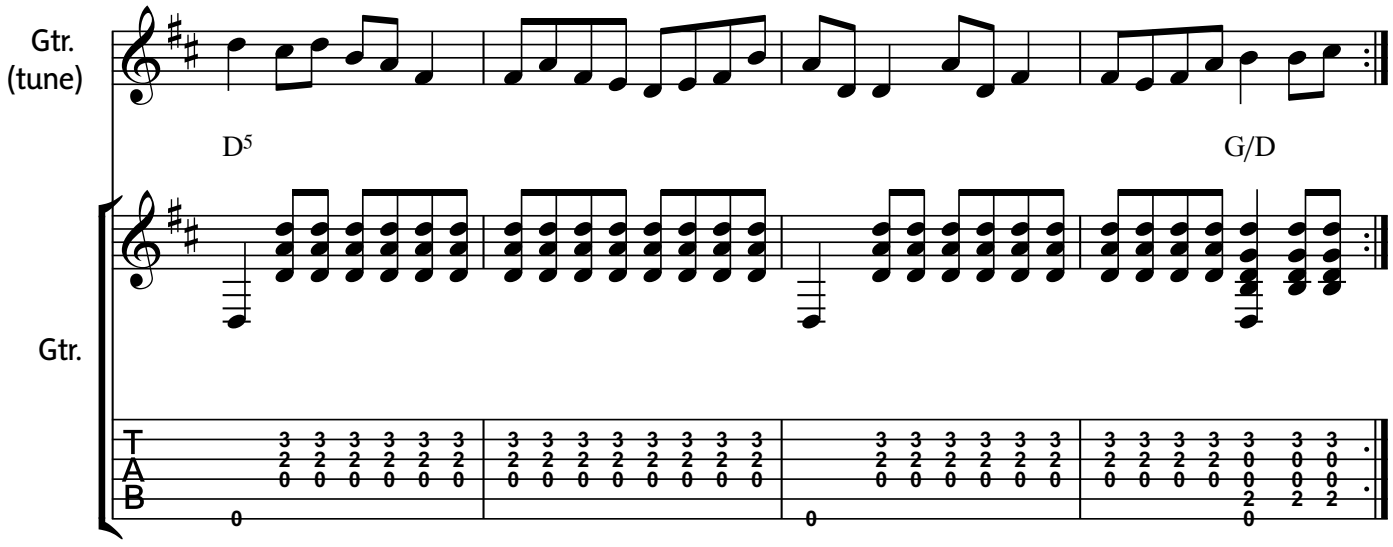


You can now use the new chords from page 1 to play along to **"Ruidhle Mo Nighean Donn"** in drop D. Pay attention to the **low bass notes** and where you need to play them and where you don't.

Start slowly and practise up each hand. Try playing the rhythms slowly on one chord to practise the right hand, and practise the chord changes slowly to practise the left hand.



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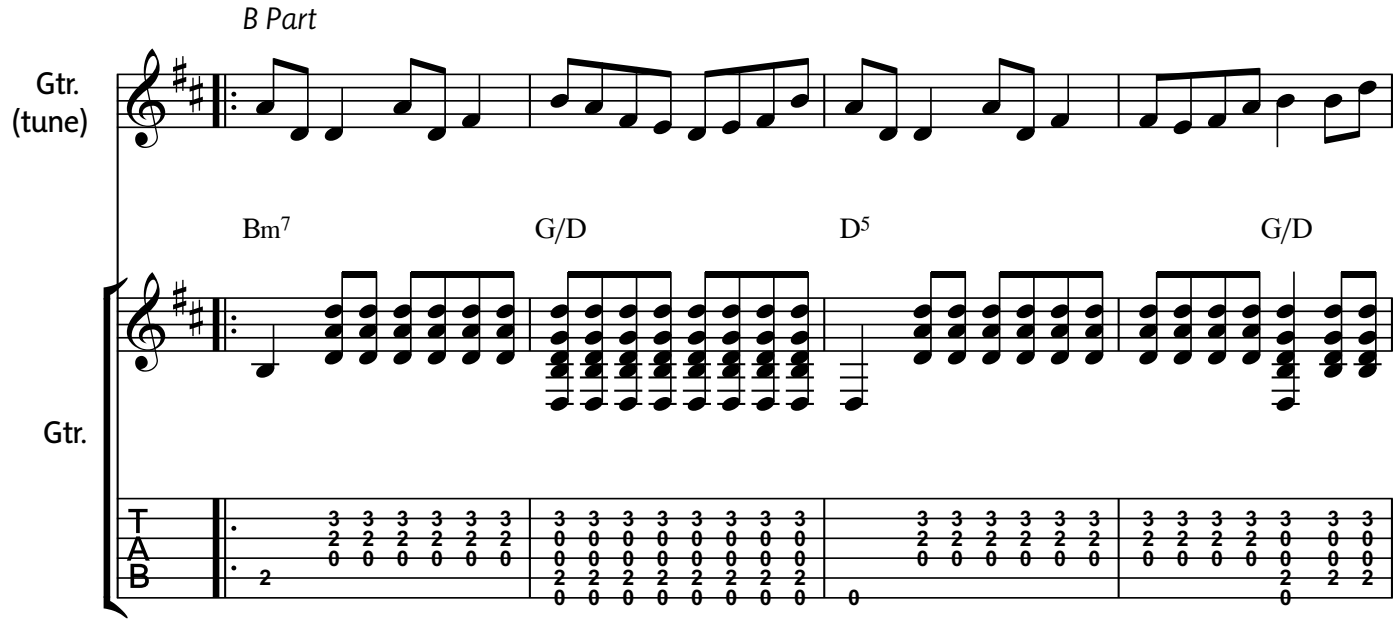

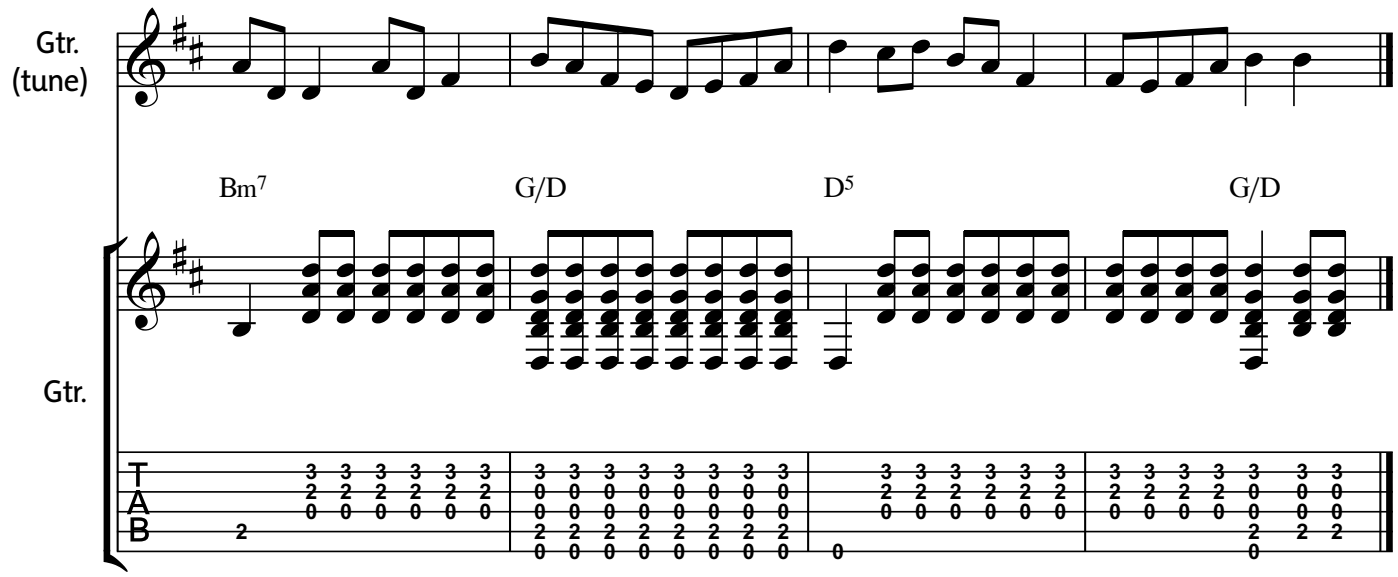

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