

The Stars And Strips Forever

- You should be able to play this song in less than a week, if you can't, please play songs from [level 4](#)
- Melodies are longer, and specially timing is very important in this level, you should play more in time, if you can play along with the music is better.
- The best way to learn this song, or any other song, is to watch the video at least 10 times. Songs in level 5 are made specially to help you learn longer melodies and use more your memory. Some of the songs are in the bass line area, others are in the higher register, for solos or complete melodies.
- Once you are familiar with the song, and how it sounds, then print the music score PDF below.
- Now, with the actual music sheet on your hands, play the video a few more times and put your eyes on the paper, and read along with the music, listen to the song while looking at the music sheet. If you can play along with the actual video is much better, this will get you to play more in time, little by little.
- TIMING is everything, read the music and respect the rests and the longer or shorter notes.
- Count the measures in the song, the same as you did it in level 3 and level 4. Some songs have bass line and melody. Play the song IN TIME.
- Some songs have chords and melody, play the rhythm with the chords, without affecting the timing in the melody.
- Play the video and ALWAYS PLAY ALONG WITH THE VIDEO. It's the only way to create timing and feeling the music, in this level this is the most important thing.
- Now you can play the melody of the song. Melodies for these songs are longer and nicer, because now you are in level 5. If you get into the habit to play along with the video all the time, it will be better.

The Stars And Strips Forever - John Philip Sousa - Traditional Song For Guitar In Level 5

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- Play only 2 or 3 measures or any part of the song for that day, think of it, as the complete song. Play it over and over and practice until you can play those few measures. If you get tired of practicing, take a break, and then come back to keep doing it.

- Once you can play those measures without mistakes at least 5 to 10 times. Then relax, and the next day do the same, with the next few measures. If you practice like that, steady and constantly everyday, you will learn to play the song, and you will be able to play the guitar much better. Now is time to use your memory more.

- Level 5 is made for you to learn MELODIES. And of course you will keep learning more CHORDS.

- STRUMMING RECOMMENDATIONS: For level 5 you can start learning to play different strumming patterns, and some easy picking.

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