

# Keyworth Ukulele Strummers

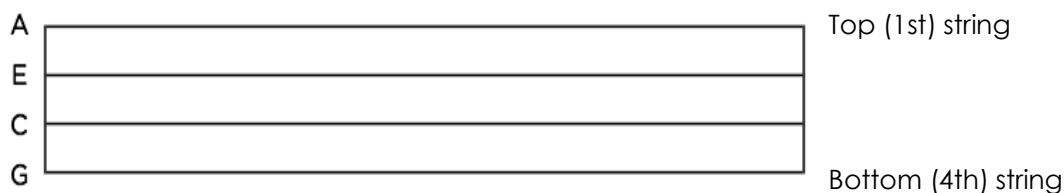
## How to read, and play, Ukulele Melody Tablature (Tab)

Ukulele Tab is a simple way to play melodies on the Ukulele without needing to read, or understand, standard musical notation.

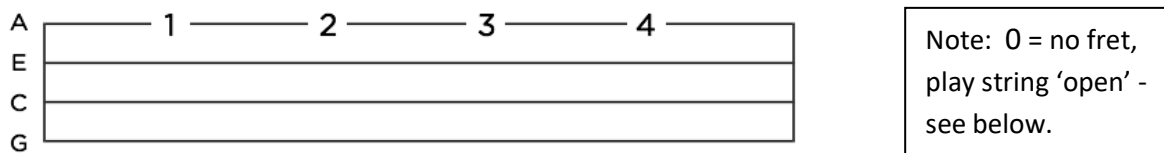
Ukulele music written in tab form is quite easy to understand.

Ukulele tab is composed of lines and numbers.

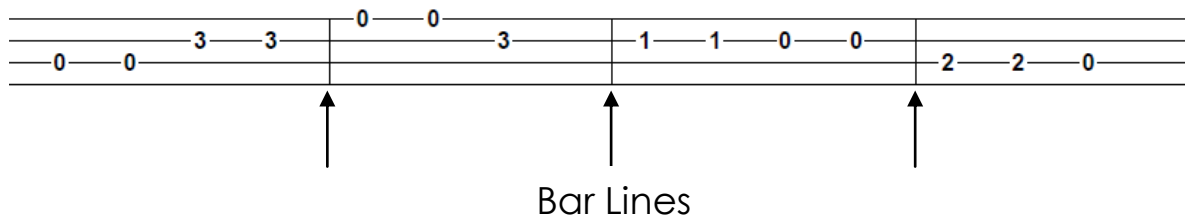
The 4 horizontal lines below relate to the strings on your ukulele:



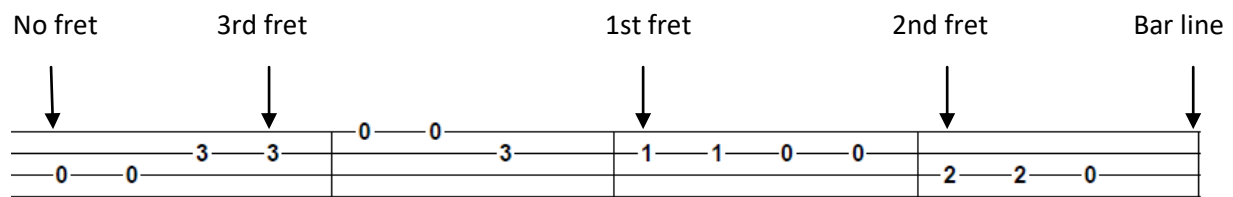
The individual notes to be played on the strings are indicated by numbers:



The numbers are grouped into bars and separated by bar lines:



The numbers relate to the frets on the fingerboard:



To play this example, play the

- C string open x 2;
- E string at 3rd fret x 2;
- A string open x 2;
- E string at 3rd fret x 1;
- E string at 1st fret x 2;
- E string open x 2;
- C string at 2nd fret x 2;
- C string open x 1.

*Initially, to play the note pluck the string with your index finger or thumb.*

*[Note: Once you are familiar with how the tab works you should consider learning classical fingering for the LEFT hand. Classical fingering allows for smoother, more fluent playing and enhanced sound.]*

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Now try playing Ode to Joy, available on the KUS Website under TAB