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Danielle Kittlerberger graduated from James Madison University with a degree in public health education after spending two years doing competitive show choir in high school. She does product research and sometimes writes for Guitar Chalk, usually any time a piano is mentioned. Christian worship music, even more traditional hymns, are typically handled by an acoustic guitar. And while they tend to sound very complex on the piano, the actual playing and chord progressions are remarkably easy on an acoustic guitar, using just a few chords. In this list, we'll cover eight worship songs that are particularly guitar-friendly. These songs feature simple strumming patterns that are straightforward chord progressions, and are perfect for beginners. We'll add lesson and chord sheet links for all of these. Note that all the songs use (at most) G, C, D, and Em chords. If you need to change the key, you can use our capo chord converter to do so. Acoustic guitars, earbuds, and simple worship songs all seem to go together. Perhaps the most popular hymn of all time can be played with just three basic chords: G, C, and D. Video lessonChord sheet (full lyrics)22. Blessed Be Your Name! think there are other versions of this song, but this is the Matt Redman rendition (which I believe is the original) with only four chords, G, C, D, and Em. Note that the chord sheet is also capo four. Our top online guitar lesson pick, Guitar Tricks, offers a 14-day free trial, and it's a great program. But if it's not for you, just use Em, you can also fall back on the 60-day money-back guarantee. Guitar Tricks is one of our most trusted partners. Once again, G, C, D, and Em get the job done. This song is always going to have a very '90s Christian vibe, but it's still a popular and very easy worship song on the guitar.4. Open the Eyes of My HeartThis Paul Balofiche song is C, D, Em, and G with a pretty simple strumming pattern. Knowing G, C, D, and Em will get you a ton of mileage when it comes to this genre, and others. The chord sheet is from the Sonic Flood version, but everything is exactly the same.5. Shout to the LordI think Darlene Zschech wrote this song, but a ton of Christian artists have done it. Chord progression is G, Em, C, D. Pretty simple.6. Mighty to SaveThis song is all over the place in a wide range of Christian denominations. It has become somewhat of a classic, and is very easy to play, using a C, G, Em, and D chord progression.7. Your Grace Is EnoughIn the chord sheet I linked to for this song, there are a few complex-looking chords, but they're all basically G, C, D, and Em, and you can play the song all the same.8. How Great Is Our GodSince Chris Tomlin wrote this song it has seemingly made its way into every contemporary church service. Note that in the chord sheet, the Em7 and C2 can simply be played as Em and C. What the guitar player has to do is play these "church songs" on an acoustic or electric guitar, and the context of your church. Acoustic guitars are more accessible and require less setup, making them good for quick and simple practice. However, electric guitars can be easier on your hands, particularly when dealing with songs that have more complex chord progressions. Though it's also worth mentioning that most worship leaders opt for an acoustic guitar, since their responsibility is to lay down a chord progression as structure. Are these songs written for guitar?Most of these songs were written on either the guitar or piano, but can be adapted to either instrument very easily. When you're dealing with the root notes and chord progression of a song, the process becomes a lot simpler, so it doesn't necessarily matter if they were written specifically for guitar or not. What chords do I need to know to play these songs?As the title would suggest, you only need the four chords to play these specific songs. We would also recommend learning the Am for when you expand out to other songs. Keep in mind, this does not mean that you would need to use all four chords in each song, just some amalgamation of them.G MajorC MajorD MajorE MinorA MinorMastering these fundamental chords will not only enable you to play the worship songs listed here but will also open up a ton of other songs in a wide range of styles. You'd be shocked at how much music you can play with just these chords.ConclusionThese eight worship songs are a great starting point, as they're some of the easiest we know to recommend.Do your best to master them before you branch out into new territory. If you have additional suggestions or questions about easy worship songs, please feel free to share them in the comments section. We'll consider adding new songs and will do our best to answer questions. USE OF HYMNS: © Copyright 2018 by Nathan Drake. Reawaken Hymns arrangements, including chords charts, videos, and audio may be freely used by churches and individuals for worship. For any other non-commercial use, please contact me for permission. Commercial use forbidden without written consent. In recent years quite a lot of people have become interested in learning how to play contemporary Christian worship music on the guitar. If you're one of those people looking for easy worship songs to play on guitar, you're in luck. There are a lot of easy songs that can be played with just 3 or 4 chords. Photo by Paul Williams Though the truth of the matter is that, like any other instrument, learning to play the guitar takes dedication, time, and practice, you can get some strumming and picking practice a little quicker than you might think. Let's take a look at some of the songs that are great for beginners below. List of Easy Christian Worship Songs to Play on Guitar 1. Amazing Grace by Judy Collins Released 1970 Tuning Eb Ab Db Gb Bb Ebs Tabs View Amazing Grace Tabs Here You can find the song Amazing Grace in a lot of beginner-level guitar books, and for a good reason! Published in 1779 by a man named John Newton, the song talks about redemption and forgiveness. Since its publication, many versions of the song sung by various artists have popped up, with singer Judy Collins showing up first in Google searches for the song. The song gives a somewhat sad vibe, where the lyrics are from a first-person point of view. In this song, you find forgiveness in God's warm love, thus the title. The chords are in the key of G, with the three main chords being G, D, and A7. Tomas Michaud's strumming follows a 3-count beat with a downward strum. When you are on the D chord, strum downwards from the fourth string all the way to the first. For the G chord, you strum downwards, starting from the sixth string. Finally, the A7 note can be strummed from either the sixth string or the fifth string (as a bass note). 2. Amazing Love by Hillsong Worship Released 2002 Tuning E A D G B E Tabs View Amazing Love Tabs Here This is a worship song praising God and His amazing love. The lyrics describe how being loved by God is incredibly life-changing, while the chorus speaks about spreading God's love to the world, the wonders of His creation, and honoring Him. Hillsong Worship released the song with the alternative title "You Are My King" in Amazing Love, their fifth album. Produced by Darlene Zschech, this album was released in 2002 under the genre "Contemporary Christian Music." A simplified yet close-sounding version of "Amazing Love" is played with only three chords: G, A, and D. The song also follows a 4/4 time, and there are two distinct strumming patterns for the verse and chorus each. In the tutorial below, all the strings are hit during the downward strum, while only some are hit during the upward strum. The song doesn't require a guitar pick to make it less painful on your fingers. 3. How Great Is Our God by Chris Tomlin Released 2004 Tuning E A D G B E Tabs View How Great Is Our God Tabs Here "How Great Is Our God" is another Christian worship song that evidently glorifies God. For most of the song, Chris Tomlin utilizes metaphors to emphasize the grandeur of God. He personifies God as being wrapped in light, which the darkness fears, while God's also metaphorically the Lion, with His Son, Jesus, being the Lamb. The song was released as a part of Tomlin's album "Arriving"; the same album achieved a #1 spot on Billboard's Hot Christian Songs chart. The intro makes it sound like it's a rock song, but as Tomlin begins to sing, you'll find yourself easing up to his voice and the softness of the melody. 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