

Fingerstyle Patterns in Popular Music

Typically, fingerstyle patterns in popular styles, such as rock, folk, and country are *very* basic and easy compared to classical guitar. This is true with *Hey There, Delilah* below. The pattern is: *p-im-p-im* throughout.

Tips:

- The index finger is assigned to 3rd string and the middle finger is assigned to the 2nd string.
- You will not play the 1st string at all.
- You will constantly alternate between the thumb and index/middle fingers.
- The thumb plays the bass notes on the 4th, 5th and 6th strings.
- In the left hand, your index finger will 1/2 bar the 2nd fret throughout the song.

Note: This will work your muscles in the left hand! In that sense, this song is useful as an *etude*. It will help strengthen your left hand muscles, preparing you to play the opening section of *Stairway to Heaven*.

Hey There, Delilah

(Excerpt)

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