

Travis Picking Style

Travis Picking, a fingerstyle technique named after Merle Travis (1917-1983), is common in popular styles of music, including folk, country, and bluegrass. The right-hand pattern in *Dust in the Wind* is: **m - p - i - p - m - p - i**. Notice that the index finger always plays the 3rd string and the middle finger always plays the 2nd. The thumb always alternates between the 4th and 5th strings.

Dust in the Wind

Kansas

Freight Train

Elizabeth Cotten
(1895 - 1987)