

Guitar: Open Chords

Music

The eight shapes that between them play most songs ever written.

Fret numbers, low E string to high E. 0 = open, X = do not play.

Major

E – 0 2 2 1 0 0

A – X 0 2 2 2 0

D – X X 0 2 3 2

G – 3 2 0 0 0 3

C – X 3 2 0 1 0

Minor

Em – 0 2 2 0 0 0

Am – X 0 2 2 1 0

Dm – X X 0 2 3 1

What these unlock

G · C · D – thousands of songs

Am · F · C · G – thousands more

E · A · D – every blues

Em is E with two fingers lifted. Am is A moved down one string. The shapes repeat.