

First Steps in Reading Music

The chart on the preceding page illustrates the dulcimer string-board and the names of the strings. The next page shows the numbering system that can be used to locate the notes on the dulcimer.

D Scale:

Dulcimer

2 3 4 5 2 3 4 5 5 4 3 2 5 4 3 2

D E F# G A B C# D D C# B A G F# E D

D Arpeggio

5 2 4 2 5 5 2 4 2

D F# A D D A F# D

G Scale:

9 5 6 7 8 5 6 7 8 8 7 6 5 8 7 6 5

G A B C D E F# G G F# E D C B A G

G Arpeggio

13 5 7 5 8 8 5 7 5

G B D G G D B G

Rhythms on D & A

17

D/A D/A D/A D/A D A D A D A D A

Count: 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

21

D D D D A A A A D D A A D A D/A

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4