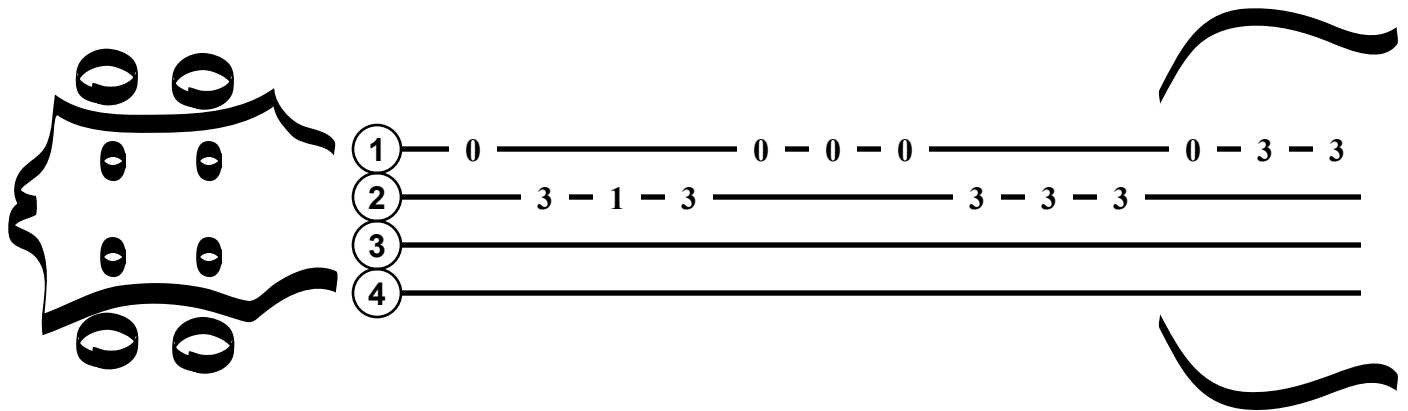


# clever ways to avoid reading music

**1. TABulature:** Tab is very simple way to write out music for plucked instruments like guitar, banjo, and ukulele. Each line represents a string. The top line is the string closest to the ground as if you are holding the uke upside down. It makes sense though if you imagine yourself looking down at the uke eh? The diagram shows the string numbers. The numbers written directly over the strings mean to play THAT STRING on THAT FRET. The example is 'Mary Had A Little Spam'. Notice that there is no way to show rhythm. There are ways to do it but none are that great.



**2. Neck Diagram:** Neck diagrams are nice for showing patterns but they don't even show the order of the notes like tab does. Even so they can be helpful. Once again the orientation of the lines is the same as TAB with the first string on top. The example shows a D Major Scale.

