

# 6 Finger-picking Patterns with a Simple Song

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# Introduction

## How to learn the picking patterns & song...

Here are 6 picking patterns that you can use with any 4/4 metered song. The easiest way to understand these is to watch the video on the [jeanwelles.com](http://jeanwelles.com) blog. It's the article titled '6 Picking Patterns + Writing Songs.'

There are close-up shots of the right hand. You can find the strums written out on the next page. The chords are A, D & E7. If you are not familiar with chord charts there is a page on how to read chord charts at: [christian-guitar-resource.com](http://christian-guitar-resource.com).

Just click the button called 'Worship Chords.' There's also a page on reading guitar tab too and resources to find worship songs on the Internet.

Practice each picking pattern, then try the song. In other words, practice picking pattern #1 and then play the song with picking pattern #1. Then work on picking pattern #2 and then play the song with picking pattern #2. Each pattern builds on the previous one. It's better to master one at a time, unless you've already been playing for a while.

The song is taken from Psalm 56:3 & 4. You are welcome to use the song in your church, etc. This is an easy way to remember Scripture. As you can see, it's perfectly fine to repeat a line when you're making up songs.

To make up your own songs, start by using the first chord of the key you want to sing in. A song usually starts and ends on the first chord of a key. You can see chord charts of several keys in the 'Common Guitar Chord Chart' that's free when you sign-up for the Newsletter. Just fill out the form at the bottom of any page in the blog, or send an email to [subscribe@worshipguitarclass.com](mailto:subscribe@worshipguitarclass.com).

The I, IV & V is a good place to start. The fifth chord of a key usually adds a 7. Hence A D & E7 for the key of A... or D G & A7 for the key of D.

Blessings in HIM,  
Jean

PS. There's also an eBook with a couple hundred chord charts & their basses at [http://worshipguitarclass.com/guitar\\_chord\\_charts.html](http://worshipguitarclass.com/guitar_chord_charts.html)

Here's are 6 Finger-Picking Patterns to use with 4/4 songs.

The basses of an A Chord are the 5th & 6th String:

1.

1 2 3 4  
T Plk T Plk  
(5) (6)

2.

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &  
T i m i T i m i  
(5) a (6) a

3.

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &  
T i m a T i m a  
(5) (6)

4.

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &  
T a m i T a m i  
(5) (6)

5. Travis Pick

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &  
T - T i T m T i  
(5) (4)

6.

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &  
T - Plk T T Plk - -  
(5) (5) (6)

# I Will Trust In You (Psalm 56:3 & 4)

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A  
Whenever I'm afraid  
E7 A  
I will trust in You

Whenever I'm afraid  
E7  
I will trust in You

D A  
In God I have put my trust

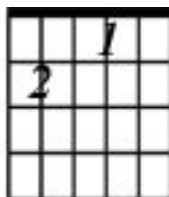
Whenever I'm afraid  
E7 A  
I will trust in You!

Basses: A = 5, 6 E7 = 6, 5 D = 4, 5
Basses for Travis Pick A = 5, 6 E7 = 6, 4 D = 4, 3

A



E7



D

