

BALALAIKA – THE BASICS

\*Playing position  
(here – start of rt. hand down-stroke/nice suit!)

PLAYING (techniques & pieces)NOTATION/THEORY

\*Pizzicato/thumb



\*Left hand position and fingering  
(here- 1<sup>st</sup>. position, notes A – E)

Notes – A, B, C on 1<sup>st</sup> string  
E, F#, G on middle string (also on 3<sup>rd</sup> string).  
Piece – “In the Garden”

Time 2/4  
Crotchets, quavers

1<sup>st</sup> position A – E

Piece - “In the Garden” 1<sup>st</sup> variation

\*Use of left thumb

Note – G# (middle string)

Chords - Am, E, Em, B/B7

Off-beat rhythm

Quaver rests

Piece - "In the Garden" tune + variation + chords

### In the Garden

Tune

Musical notation for the main tune of "In the Garden" in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff in treble clef. The chords are handwritten below the staff: Am, E7, Am, Am, Am, E, Am, Am. The second line of notation includes a second staff with handwritten chords: Em, B7, Em, Em, Em, B7, Em, Em.

Variation 1

Musical notation for Variation 1 of "In the Garden". It consists of two staves of music in treble clef, 4/4 time. The first staff contains a melody of quarter notes, and the second staff contains a melody of quarter notes with some eighth-note patterns.

Variation 2

Musical notation for Variation 2 of "In the Garden". It consists of two staves of music in treble clef, 4/4 time. The first staff contains a melody of eighth notes, and the second staff contains a melody of eighth notes with some quarter notes.

Chord: Amin                      E                      Amin

Fingers of left hand:                      2nd                      1st                      2nd

Left thumb :                      T                      T                      T

Emin                      B                      Emin

1st                      1st                      1st

T                      T                      T

(on both lower strings)

(OR instead of B) B7

1st                      3rd

T



\*Strumming – use of rt. index

Up- & down- strokes

Piece – In the Garden (strummed)

Indicators ▼ ▲

Note – C#

Piece – “Kumushki” (simple version, single notes)

Key signature – A major

Piece – “Kumushki”/“All You Gossips Go Home” (strummed)

Pts. 1,2,4,5.

Amended 24/03/20 to “All You Gossips Stay at Home”

New Chords – A, E7