Hello and welcome once again to Flatpicking Guitar Magazine’s free lesson portion of our monthly newsletter. I’d like to say Happy Holidays to all you acoustic guitar players out there! This month I feel I have selected a tune that you will become addicted to playing, “Feliz Navidad” is a holiday song that many of us love to hear but now you will love to play it.

“Feliz Navidad” is essentially a three chord folk song in the key of D. Due to the syncopated/latin groove I strongly encourage you to spend time with the lesson mp3. Once you get the tune in your head you will have a much easier time trying to play the rhythms on the guitar. If you try to count all the beats in the music you may find it strange. This is one of those situations in which I feel reading music is more difficult than just playing what you hear. For me, I can easily “sing” this melody with my fingers, but looking at makes it more difficult than it actually is.

When it comes to playing chords for “Feliz Navidad” you will be delightfully surprised to see that the whole song is four chords. On the A section you will using Em, A7, and D. When the B section arrives just play a G chord in place of the Em as the B section chords are G, A7, and D.

I know you will love jamming on this holiday classical with your friends and family. As always, if you have any questions or comments on this e-lesson just drop me a line at michabraham@comcast.net
Feliz Navidad

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