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APREGGIO EXERCISES

What is an arpeggio?

An arpeggio is a broken chord in which the notes that make up a chord are played in a rising or descending order individually.

For the following exercises, try playing the open strings of the ukulele only to get used to the patterns before adding any chord shapes in.

1. The most basic arpeggio would be a quarter note pattern that starts at the lowest pitch and ends at the highest pitch and on tab would look like this:

EXERCISE:

Try playing this pattern consecutively at least 4 times round.

Tip: Listen to the pitch ascension and try singing along to tune your voice too!

2. An 8th Note arpeggio could be broken up like this:

EXERCISE:

Try playing this pattern consecutively at least 4 times round.

Tip: This pattern is used at the start of the UCL Common People arrangement.

3. A triplet arpeggio in 4/4 time would look like this:

EXERCISE:

Try playing this pattern consecutively at least 4 times round.

Tip: Think of the piano part at the start of You'll Never Walk Alone.

Once you are successfully able to complete each exercise and play each of these arpeggio patterns with the open strings, try adding some chords in. Some chord shapes work better than others. The open C moved around as a barre shape is the most effective as it contains the root note octaves.