Canjo – How to Play

The Canjo is the same scale as the Mountain Dulcimer or the Strum-stick. It is a diatonic scale: **DO**, **Ra**, **Mi** or **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, **E**, **F**, **G** which are the major notes of the music scale. This makes the instrument the easiest of all instruments to play. You place your finger on the string and move it up the neck. At every fret there will be a full note.

Music for the strum-stick, Canjo, and mountain dulcimer is all the same. The music will be in numbers or letters. Put your finger on the number and strum (keeping your fingers to the left of the fret). Follow the numbers in the song and you will be playing a song in no time. Below is

You Are My Sunshine

0 3 4 5 5-

5 4 5 3 3-

3 4 5 6 8-

8 7 6 5--

3 4 5 6 8-

8 7 6 5 3-

3 4 5- 6 4- 4 5 3--

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a diagram of a neck layout so you can see how the numbers and notes are placed on the fret board.

Have fun with your new instrument.

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A-Tuning below, D-Tuning works great too! Remember there is only one string to keep in tune!

