

Bass Guitar Notation

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Bass Clef

3rd Str. Open

3rd Str. 3rd Fr.

2nd Str. 2nd Fr.

1st Str. Open

4th String 3rd Fret

3rd Str. 2nd Fr.

2nd Str. Open

2nd Str. 3rd Fr.

1st Str. 2nd Fr.

3 The Open Strings (Standard Tuning)

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Important Notes:

- String numbers:** the 1st string is the highest-sounding open string and the 4th string is the lowest-sounding open string.
- Trick for remembering your **open strings** (starting with the 6th string): **E**ddie **A**te **D**ynamite, **G**oodbye!
- Bass Guitar is a **transposing instrument**. The sounding note (what you hear) is an octave lower than written (what you read).