

Twinkle

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Arpeggio

♩ = 100

Traditional
Dates to 18th Century

The musical score consists of six systems, each containing four measures of music. The key signature is G major (one sharp, F#). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 100. The music is written in a treble clef with a 6/8 time signature. Each measure contains a single eighth note, which is an arpeggiated chord. The chords are indicated by letters G, C, D, and G above the notes. The sequence of chords across the six systems is: System 1 (G, C, G, G), System 2 (C, G, D, G), System 3 (G, C, G, D), System 4 (G, C, G, D), System 5 (G, C, G, G), and System 6 (C, G, D, G). The final measure of the sixth system ends with a double bar line.

This heavily arpeggiated version of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star can be used as an exercise for hammered dulcimer. You could also use it as a demonstration, after playing a straight Twinkle, to demonstrate that simple tunes can also be complex.