



CIGAR BOX GUITAR TABLATURE

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Oh Christmas Tree (O Tannenbaum)

Arranged for 3-string fretted cigar box guitar tuned to Open G GDG.

Here's a Christmas song that comes to us from Germany, where it is known as O Tannenbaum. It was not originally written to be a song about Christmas trees, but rather about evergreens in general as a symbol of unchanging faithfulness. But over the years it has become one of the best known songs about the Christmas holiday, and it is nice and easy to play on the three-string cigar box guitar. We present both the basic melody and a more advanced version with chord strumming to fill out the sound.

Version 1 - Basic Melody

G D G Am D G

G 0 0 0 2 4 4 4 4 2 4 5 2 0
D 0 4
G

O Christmas tree oh Christmas tree, how love-ly are thy branches

G D G Am D G

0 0 0 2 4 4 4 4 2 4 5 2 0
0 4

O Christmas tree oh Christmas tree, how love-ly are thy branches

C D7 G

7 7 4 9 7 7 5 5 5 5 2 7 5 5 4 4

Not on - ly green in summer's heat, but al -- so winter's snow and sleet.

G D G Am D G

0 0 0 2 4 4 4 4 2 4 5 2 0
0 4

O Christmas tree oh Christmas tree, how love-ly are thy branches

Version 2 - Melody with Chords

	G		D		G		Am		D	G			
G	0	0	0	2	4	4	4	4	2	4	5	2	0
D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0
G	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0
	O	Christmas tree oh		Christmas	tree, how	love--ly		are thy	branches				

	G		D		G		Am		D	G			
	0	0	0	2	4	4	4	4	2	4	5	2	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0
	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0
	O	Christmas tree oh		Christmas	tree, how	love--ly		are thy	branches				

	C		D7						G							
	7	7	4	9	7	7	5	5	5	5	2	7	5	5	4	4
	0	0	0	10	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	0	0	
	0	0	0	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	0	0	
	Not	on - ly green in		summer's heat,	but	al --- so		winter's snow	and sleet.							

	G		D		G		Am		D	G			
	0	0	0	2	4	4	4	4	2	4	5	2	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0
	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0
	O	Christmas tree oh		Christmas	tree, how	love--ly		are thy	branches				

Traditional German song | Arrangement by Ben Baker | C. B. Gitty Crafter Supply
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We hope you are able to make great music from this classic Christmas song tablature!

For more information about the Open G GDG tuning, [check out this article](#) in the cigar box guitar knowledgebase at CigarBoxGuitar.com.

We also have a video by Glenn Watt on how to read and play 3-string tablature like this – [click here to view it on CigarBoxGuitar.com](#).

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