# Below are exercise to work both Right and Left hands: strumming, muting and hammer-on patterns.

These techniques are applied to both acoustic and electric guitars. These exercises serve as ideas to employ in your music playing and enjoyment. Simply practice each pattern until you are comfortable; pick one style and plug in the selected pattern into a song - play the pattern over the song's chord progression while keeping good time and pulse; ideally, your rhtyms need to lock into the other members of the ryhthm section.

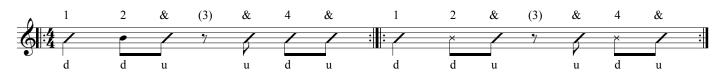
### **Right Hand Technique - Strumming Patterns:**

All beat patterns consist of down and up beats. In a standard beat sequence "down" strums occur on down beats and "up" strums occur on the up beats (as followed). Strumming patterns are also indicated by style and tempo.

 $/ = strum \ note \ x = muted \ note \ (mute \ with \ left \ hand \ \& \ strum \ with \ right).$ 

### 1. Standard Strum - Folk & Country @ 80 - 120 bpm.

### 2. Standard Backbeat - Folk & Country @ 80 - 120 bpm.



## 3. Standard Cut Time Feel - Pop @ 120-150 bpm.

# 4. Gallop in Cut Time - Folk & Rock @ 100-150 bpm.



### 5. 16th Drum Feel - Pop @ 120-150 bpm.

## 6. Free Range Chicken - Pop @ 120-150 bpm.



### 7. Swing-Pop Feel - Hip-hop @ 80-100 bpm.

8. Free Reggae Pop @ 80-100 bpm. alternative down/up patterns to help feel the down beat.



### 9. Eagles Sunrise - Country @ 70-100 bpm.

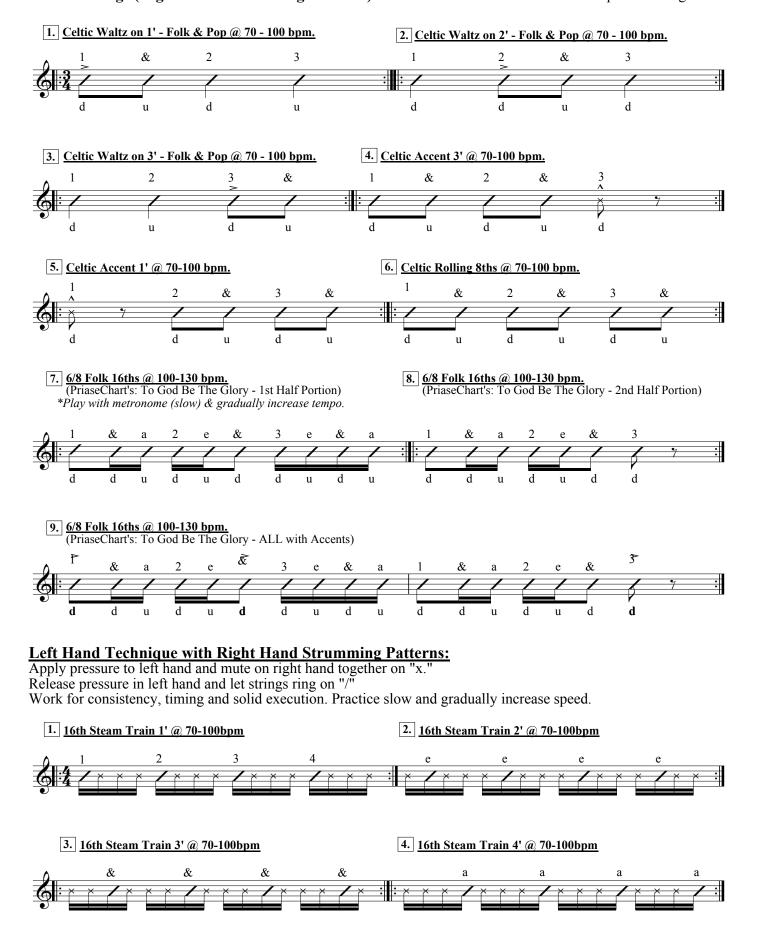
## 10. Alternative - Pop/Rock/Funk @ 70-100 bpm.



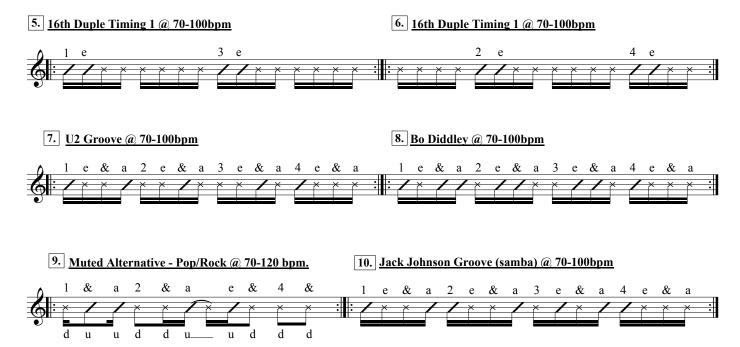
#### 11. Slow to Medium Ballad - Folk/Pop/Rock/Country @ 70-100 bpm.



3/4 Timings (Right Hand Strumming Patterns) Patterns are the same for 6/8 and 9/8 upon doubling bars.



# <u>Left Hand Technique with Right Hand Strumming Patterns (continued).</u> Now accent on ringed (slash) notes.



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