

Author/Artist: Django Reinhardt
Title: Improvisation #2
Original Recorded: September 10, 1938
Transcribed Performance: Paul Mehling - September 7 or 8, 1993
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Uses Drop-D low tuning (DADGBE low to high).

The guitar tablature transcription is Django's masterpiece of romanticism, "Improv #2". I transcribed the piece mainly from Paul Mehling's performance, recorded by the Hot Club of San Francisco. The original Django performance was used as a point of reference for melody, not to mention rhythmic flourish. While you cannot tab out rhythm, I suspect this transcription will be used by guitarists with copies of the recording, who will add their own textures to the piece.

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Corrections, gratitude, large sums of money <g> appreciated!

-14-15-12--10-12-9---7-9--5-7--3-5--2-----3-5--2--3-5-2-----
 -12---12--10---8---7---5---3---2---3---2--3--2-----
 -14---12--11---9---7---6---4---3---4---3--4--3----- (1)

-0-2---0-----
 -----3---2-3--0---/2\
 -0-2---0-----2----- (2)
 -----4---2-4-/3---/2\
 -----0-----

--0--2-----5-----0-----2-----3-----10v~~~
 --2--2--3-----2-----2-----2-----8v~~~
 ---0--0--2-----3-----0-----0-----0-----9v~~~ (3)
 ---4-----0-----0-----8v~~~
 -0--0-----0-----0-----1-----1-----
 ---0--0-----0-----

-12--10--9--7-10\\3--2--0--5-----0-----
 -12--10--9-----3-2--3--1-2-----
 -----2--1-2----- (4)
 -----1--0-----
 -10--9--8-----7-----3--1-0-----3-4-----
 -----4-----

--0--2-----5-----0-----2-----3-----10v~~~
 --2--2--3-----2-----2-----2-----8v~~~
 ---0--0--2-----3-----0-----0-----0-----9v~~~ (5)
 ---4-----0-----0-----8v~~~
 -0--0-----0-----0-----1-----1-----
 ---0--0-----0-----

-12--10--9--7-10\\3--2--0--5-----2-----
 -12--10--9-----3-2--3-----
 -----2----- (6)
 -----1--0-----
 -10--9--8-----7-----3--1-0-----
 -----4-----

---5-----2-----
 -5---3-2---3-3-3-3--3-----
 -----2-3-2-0--1----- (7)

 -3---1-0-----
 -----4-5-4-2--3-----

-----3-2---2-3-----7-5---3-2h3p2--2-----0--0-0-0-----
 -4-0---1-0---0-----0-0---0-----0--0---0--0-0-0-----
 ----- (8)
 -----1-----2-----2-----1-----2-----
 -2-----2-----6-2-----

-1-2--5-4--4-5--9--7---5-5--4-4--3-----
 -0---3---6---9-----7---3---3-----
 -----4---10-----6---4---3----- (9)
 -0---3-----4---3---2-----
 -----8-----

--0--2-----5-----0---2-----3-----10v~~10v~~-----
 --2--2--3-----2-----2-----2-----8v~~9v~~-----
 ---0--0--2-----3-----0-----0-----0-----9v~~9v~~----- (10)
 -----4-----0-----8v~~8v~~-----
 -0--0-----0-----0-----1---1-----
 -----0--0-----

-12--10--9--7-10\\3--2--0--5-----2-----
 -12--10--9-----3-2---3-----
 -----2----- (11)
 -----1--0-----
 -10--9--8-----7-----3---1-0-----
 -----4-----

---5-----2-----
 -5---3-2---3-3-3-3--3-----
 -----2-3-2-0--2----- (12)
 -3---1-0-----
 -----4-5-4-2--4-----

-14-13-12---10--9--8---7-5--3-1-----3-7--10-12-----
 -12-11-10---10--9--8---7-5--3-1--5-4--3-7--10-12-----
 -----4-3----- (13)
 -12-11-10---9--8--7---5-4--2-0-----1-5--9-11-----
 -----3-2-----

-14-13-12-14--10--9--8---7-5---2--3-----
 -12-11-10---10--9--8---7-5--3---3-----
 -----3---4----- (14)
 -12-11-10---9--8--7---5-4--2---5-----

-14-13-12---10--9--8----7-5--3-1-----3-7--10-12-----
 -12-11-10---10--9--8----7-5--3-1--5-4--3-7--10-12-----
 -----4-3----- (15)
 -12-11-10---9--8--7---5-4--2-0-----1-5--9-11-----
 -----3-2-----

-14-13-12-----10--9--8----7-5----2--3-----
 -12-11-10-----10--9--8----7-5--3---3-----
 -----3---4----- (16)
 -12-11-10-----9--8--7---5-4--2---5-----

-1--3-0-1--3-0-1--3-0-1--3-0---12h13p12-9h10p9-5h7p5-----
 -1--1-0-1--1-0-1--1-0-1--1-0-----5h7p5-2h3p2-----
 -1--1-0-1--1-0-1--1-0-1--1-0-----2h4p2---- (17)
 -3--3-3-3--3-3-3--3-3-3--3-0-----2-----

-1--3-0-1--3-0-1--3-0-1--3-0---12h14p12-9h10p9-5h7p5-----
 -1--1-0-1--1-0-1--1-0-1--1-0-----5h7p5-2h3p2-----
 -1--1-0-1--1-0-1--1-0-1--1-0-----2h4p2---- (18)
 -3--3-3-3--3-3-3--3-3-3--3-0-----2-----

-3-3-----5h7/9---7--7-----5h7/9-11-13-15-17v~~-----
 -2-2-----6h8-----6--6-----6h8-----
 -2-2-----6h8-----6--6-----6h8----- (19)
 -1-1--7h9-----5--5--7h9-----
 -----0-----

-----repeat lines 10-16, then continue to 20 -----

-3-3-3-3-3-3-3--5--10-----7-----5h7/9-11-13-15-17v~~-----
 -4-4-4-4-4-4-4--5--10 (3x) --6-----6h8-----
 -3-3-3-3-3-3-3--6--11-----6-----6h8----- (20)
 -5-5-5-5-5-5-5--7--12-----7--7h9-----
 -3-3-3-3-3-3-3--0--0-----0-----

---5-----12-----12-----12-----5~-----
 ---5-----12-----11-----12-----5~-----
 ---4-----11-----11-----11-----4~----- (21)
 ---4-----11-----11-----11-----<12>-----4~-----
 ---0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----<12>-----0~-----
 -0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0~-----