

NOTATION LEGEND

The music in this book is transcribed with the utmost attention to detail. However, it is recommended that you listen to the recording and pay close attention to subtle nuances and untranscribable rhythm of the music.

Please note that the music for each part is transcribed in a different format. For instance, for the male vocal, guitar and bass guitar parts, the music is noted an octave higher than the actual sounding pitch. The music for a keyboard instrument such as the piano is noted at actual pitch. Please keep the foregoing in mind when playing the keyboard part using a guitar.

Now we would like to explain the notation in this book for the guitar, the bass guitar and the drum parts respectively.

GUITAR

The following are the explanations for each symbol:

1) C : Bend

- C → Bend (whole step)
- HC → Bend (half step)
- 1HC → Bend (whole and half steps)
- 2C → Bend (two whole steps)
- QC → Slight Bend (microtone)

Letters or numbers printed before the C represent how high a note is to be bent.

2) U : Prebend (string bent before picking)

The U is considered different from C as the string is bent before picking.

3) D : Release

Release the bent string to its normal pitch. This D is equivalent to the latter half of Bend (or Prebend) and Release.

4) H : Hammer-On

5) P : Pull-Off

6) S : Legato Slide

7) tr : Trill (a combination of a fast Hammer-On/Pull-Off)

*Even if any of the above specified notes are combined with slurs, only the first note is to be struck.

8) gliss : Glissando

The Glissando is similar to the Legato Slide (S), however it does not designate exactly where the slide starts or where it ends. Since Glissando occur frequently, in some areas the note "gliss" may be omitted. Instead, slanted lines are used to express ascending and descending.

9) ~~~ : Vibrato

10) Harm : Natural Harmonic

11) (Ph) : Pinch Harmonic

Add the edge of the thumb or the tip of the index finger of the pick hand to the normal pick attack.

12) ↓ : Tapping

Hammer the fret indicated with the pick hand finger.

13) ✕ : There are three meanings to this note.

1. A vague note which its actual pitch cannot be recognized.
2. A note impossible to tell its pitch (rare).
3. Fret-Hand muting with the left hand in a chord form (percussive tone).

BASS GUITAR

The notes are in bass clef (F clef). Some symbols for the bass are similar to those of the guitar, so it would be necessary for you to learn the above-mentioned guitar notations before you play.

DRUMS

From the space above the top line of the staff;
G: Tom-tom, E: Snare drum, C: Bass tom-tom,
A: Kick drum, ◇ on higher B: cymbal, ✕ on higher
B: high hat (○ → open, ✕ → close), ✕ on lower
F: high-hat (hit by pressing the pedal)