

Country Gentlemen

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Chet Atkins (1924-2001)

Standard tuning

$\text{♩} = 120$

The sheet music consists of four staves of guitar tablature. The top staff shows a melodic line with hammer-ons and pull-offs. The second staff begins with a dynamic *mf* and includes the instruction "let ring" followed by a sustained note. The third staff features a repeating eighth-note pattern. The bottom staff shows a bass line with various notes and rests. The tablature uses numbers to indicate fingerings and positions on the six strings of the guitar.

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let ring ~~~~~ let ring let ring let ring ~~~~~

T 12-0 12-0 12-12 12-12 12-12 12-12 12-12
A 11-11 12-11 11-12 12-11 11-12 12-11 11-12
B 11-11 0-0 11-11 12-12 11-11 0-0

5 9 9 10 10 14-12-14-12-10 10 10 17-15-17-15-13
T 10 9 11 9 14-13-14-13-11 11 11 17-16-17-16-14
A 11 12 11 12 11 12 12 12 12 12
B 12 12 11 12 11 12 12 12 12 12

9 9 10 10 14-12-14-12-10 14-12-14-12-14-12-10 12
T 10 9 11 9 14-13-14-13-11 14-13-14-13-14-14-11 13
A 11 12 11 12 11 12 12 13 14
B 12 12 11 12 11 12 12 13 14

13 12-10 9 10 10 9 9 8 7 7 10 10 12-13-12-10 11
T 9-11 9 10-11-10-9 10-11-10-9 7-7-11 13-14-13-12-10 11
A 11 12 11 12 11 12 10 13 14 13 12 11
B 12 12 11 12 11 12 9 13 14 13 12 11

17

22

26

30

33

37

T
A
B

14—13—14—12—10
14—13—14—13—11
14—12—14—12—14—12—10
14—13—14—13—14—13—11
12
13
14

12—10
9—11
9

41

T
A
B

10—12—10—9
12
11—10—10
10—10
12—10—14—12—10
10—14—14—12
10—10—14

45

T
A
B

10—10—9—8
7
5
4
5
6
9—9
10
11

50

T
A
B

9—9—13
12—12—13
14—13—12—15—12
14—14—12—14—12—14—15

53

T
A
B

12—15—12
15—14—12
14—12
16—16
14—15
14—17—16—14
12—12—17
14—14
12

57

T
A
B

14—14—14—14
12—12—11—9—9—7
6—6—7—9—7—6—9
7—6—9—6—7
9

7

61

65

70

75

79

A musical score consisting of a staff with notes and a tablature staff below it. The top staff is in treble clef, has a key signature of two sharps, and a tempo of 84. The bottom staff shows the guitar strings with fingerings and string crossings indicated by slashes. The tablature uses letters T, A, and B to identify the strings.

84

T 8-5-2 | 2-2 | 7-5-7-7 | 6-5-6 | 7 |

A -5-2 | 6-0 | 5-6-7 | 6-5-6 | 7 |

B - | - | 7-5 | 6-5-6 | 7 |