

# Louie Louie

The Kingsmen



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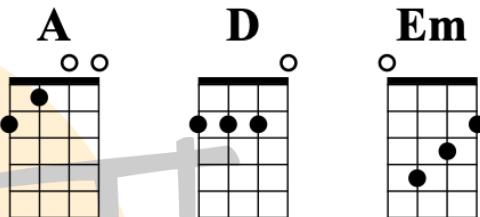
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Key: A Mixolydian

Chords: A, D, Em

Video Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMz2tjMhScc>

Chord Shapes:



Strum Pattern/Chord Progression

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |  
A D | Em | D | A | D | Em | D |  
D U D U D | D U D | D U D | D U D | D U D | U D |

Melody

Guitar tablature for the melody of "Louie Louie". The tab shows a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns. Chords indicated above the staff are A, D, Em, D, A, D, Em, D, A, D. The lyrics are: Uh Lou-ie Lou-ie sl. oh, no, say-in' we got-ta go yeah, yeah, yeah yeah yeah said uh Lou-ie lou- ie sl.

Scale Used

Guitar tablature showing the A Major scale and A Mixolydian mode. The tab is in 7/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The A Major scale is played across the first two measures, and the A Mixolydian mode is played in the third measure. The 7th degree of the scale is highlighted with a sharp sign. The tab includes fingerings (e.g., 0, 4, 4, 4, 4/5) and string numbers (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 5).

- What is Mixolydian?

- Mixolydian is a mode of the major scale with a b7th interval instead of a 7th interval.

## Example Lick

A                    D                    Em                    D  
12                    13                    14  
0                    3                    0                    0  
0                    0                    3                    0  
0                    0                    0                    0  
3                    0                    2                    0  
0                    0                    2                    0  
0                    0                    2                    0

## Lyrics/Song

### [Chorus]

**A      D      Em      D      A      D      Em      D**  
Louie Louie, oh no, we gotta go.  
**A      D      Em      D      A      D      Em      D**  
Louie Louie, oh baby, we gotta go.

### [Verse 1]

**A      D      Em      D**  
A fine girl, who waited for me.  
**A      D      Em      D**  
I catch a ship across the sea.  
**A      D      Em      D**  
I sailed the ship all alone.  
**A      D      Em      D**  
I wondered when I'm gonna make it home.

### [Chorus]

**A      D      Em      D      A      D      Em      D**  
Louie Louie, oh no no no, we gotta go.  
**A      D      Em      D      A      D      Em      D**  
Louie Louie, oh baby, we gotta go.

### [Verse 2]

**A      D      Em      D**  
Three nights and days I sailed the sea.  
**A      D      Em      D**  
I think of the girl constantly.  
**A      D      Em      D**  
On the ship, I dream she there.  
**A      D      Em      D**  
I smell the rose that's in her hair.

**[Chorus]**

**A      D      Em    D      A                  D    Em    D**

Louie Louie, oh no, we gotta go.

**A      D      Em    D      A                  D    Em    D**

Louie Louie, oh baby, we gotta go.

**[Verse 3]**

**A      D      Em      D**

I see Jamaican moon above.

**A      D      Em      D**

See the girl I'm thinking of.

**A      D      Em      D**

I take her in my arms and then

**A      D      Em      D**

Say I'll never leave again.

**[Chorus - Finish on A chord]**

**A      D      Em    D      A                  D    Em    D**

Louie Louie, oh no, we gotta go.

**A      D      Em    D      A                  D    Em    D    A**

Louie Louie, oh baby, we gotta go.

