

# Cannonball Rag

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Standard tuning

♩ = 266

Main Gtr

*f*  
Capo. fret 2  
*let ring* -----|

T  
A  
B

6	7	5	7	5	7	6	7	5	7	(6)
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*let ring* -----|

T  
A  
B

(7)	(5)	(7)	(6)
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♩ = 276

*let ring* -----| *mf*

T  
A  
B

7	5	7	5	7	7	5	7	5	7	7	5
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♩ = 286

Musical notation for measures 9-11. The key signature is one sharp (F#). Measure 9 starts with a treble clef and a sharp sign. The melody is marked *f* and includes the instruction "let ring". Measure 10 is marked *mf*. Measure 11 is marked *f*. The guitar tablature (TAB) below shows fret numbers for the strings: 5-7-5-7-5-7 for measure 9; 5-7-5-7 for measure 10; and 9-11-9-11-9-10-9-11 for measure 11.

Musical notation for measures 12-14. Measure 12 is marked *mf* and includes "let ring". Measure 13 is marked *f*. Measure 14 is marked *mf*. The guitar tablature (TAB) shows: 9-11-9-10-9-11 for measure 12; 7-9-8-9-8-9-7-9 for measure 13; and 8-9-8-9-7-9 for measure 14.

Musical notation for measures 15-17. Measure 15 is marked *f* and includes "let ring". Measure 16 is marked *mf*. Measure 17 is marked *f*. The guitar tablature (TAB) shows: 0-9-7-9-7-8-0-9 for measure 15; 7-9-7-8-0-9 for measure 16; and 5-7-5-7-5-7-5-7 for measure 17.

Musical notation for measures 18-20. Measure 18 is marked *mf* and includes "let ring". Measure 19 is marked *f* and includes "let ring". Measure 20 is marked *mf*. The guitar tablature (TAB) shows: 5-7-5-7-5-6 for measure 18; 7-9-7-9-7-8-7-9 for measure 19; and 7-9-7-8-7-8 for measure 20.

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*f* let ring ----- *mf* | *f* let ring ----- |

TAB

9	7	8	7	8	10	9	7	8	7	8	10	9	0	10	11	10	11	10	12	10	11
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24

let ring ----- *mf* | *f* |

TAB

10	11	10	12	10	11	12	14	12	14	12	13	12	14	12	13	(12)	14	12	13	(14)	(12)	3/
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TAB

9	10	0	9	8	0	7	9	0	7	6	0	6	5	0	5	4	0
8	9		10	7		6	5										

30

P.M. ----- |

TAB

5	4	5	7	5	7	7	5	7
3	0	7	6	6	6	0	7	0

33

mf f

TAB

36

TAB

38

TAB

40

1/2

TAB

System 1: Musical notation and guitar tablature. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tablature consists of two staves: the top staff shows fret numbers 6, 5, 8, 5, 5, 5, 6, 5, 4, 4; the bottom staff shows fret numbers 0, 5, 0, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5.

System 2: Musical notation and guitar tablature. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tablature consists of two staves: the top staff shows fret numbers 6, 6, 5, 4, 4, 3, 0, 2, 3, 3, 5, 4, 5; the bottom staff shows fret numbers 5, 4, 5, 4, 3, 0, 2, 3.

System 3: Musical notation and guitar tablature. The system number 46 is indicated. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tablature consists of two staves: the top staff shows fret numbers 5, 4, 3, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 0, 5, 4, 5, 4; the bottom staff shows fret numbers 3, 2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4.

System 4: Musical notation and guitar tablature. The system number 48 is indicated. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tablature consists of two staves: the top staff shows fret numbers 3, 4, 0, 5, 4, 3, 4, 0, 3, 4, 0, 4, 5; the bottom staff shows fret numbers 5, 4, 5, 4, 3, 5, 3, 3.

50

T  
A  
B

53

T  
A  
B

56

T  
A  
B

59

T  
A  
B

Musical notation system 1 (measures 61-63). The system includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The guitar tablature below shows fingerings for measures 61, 62, and 63. Measure 61 has a 7th fret barre. Measure 62 features a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 63 has a triplet of eighth notes and a 5th fret barre.

T	6	7	5	5	4	(4)	5	5	7
A	6	5	5	4	5	(5)	4	0	0
B	5	0	5	5	4	5	4	0	0

Musical notation system 2 (measures 64-66). The system includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The guitar tablature below shows fingerings for measures 64, 65, and 66. Measure 64 has a 3rd fret barre. Measure 65 has a 3rd fret barre. Measure 66 has a 3rd fret barre and a 7th fret barre.

T	3	3	3	(3)	8	7						
A	5	5	5	(5)	5	5						
B	4	4	5	(4)	7	7						
	3	0	3	3	3	2	3	4	0	6	7	6

Musical notation system 3 (measures 67-69). The system includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The guitar tablature below shows fingerings for measures 67, 68, and 69. Measure 67 has a 4th fret barre. Measure 68 has a 5th fret barre. Measure 69 has a 4th fret barre and a 7th fret barre.

T	4	5	7	5	7
A	6	7	6	6	5
B	5	6	6	5	5
	0	7	0	5	0

Musical notation system 4 (measures 70-72). The system includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The guitar tablature below shows fingerings for measures 70, 71, and 72. Measure 70 has a 3rd fret barre. Measure 71 has a 3rd fret barre. Measure 72 has a 3rd fret barre and a 6th fret barre.

T	3	4	0	3	0	3	6	3
A	5	4	4	5	3	4	5	3
B	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	0
	5	5	5	4	4	4	3	3

74

T  
A  
B

77

G

T  
A  
B

80

let ring -----

T  
A  
B

83

T  
A  
B

86

let ring -----

T  
A  
B



89

let ring

TAB

92

let ring

TAB

95

let ring

let ring

TAB

98

let ring

let ring

TAB

101

let ring

TAB

104

TAB

5	3	2	0	5	4	3	2	0	3	2	0	0
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107

TAB

3	2	3	4	5	3	2	0	3	4	3	2
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110

TAB

0	3	5	7	8	9	10	0	9	8	0	7	9	0	7	6	0
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113

TAB

6	5	0	5	4	5	4	5	7	7	5	6	6	0	0
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TAB

7	5	7	6	5	6	5	6	7	5	7	5	5	5	0	5
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119

T  
A  
B

121

T  
A  
B

T  
A  
B

127

T  
A  
B

*mf*

130

*f*

TAB

7 5 5 | 7 0 0 | 3 4 0 | 3 4 0 | 5 4 5 | 4 5 4

133

TAB

3 4 0 | 3 4 0 | 3 4 0 | 3 4 0 | 3 3 3 | 3 3 3 | 5 4 4

136

*f*

TAB

3 4 0 | 3 2 1 0 | 4 3 2 0 | 3 2 1 0 | 4 3 2 0 | 3 2 1 0 | 4 3 2 0

139

TAB

9 10 0 | 9 8 0 | 7 9 0 | 7 6 0 | 6 5 0 | 5 4 0 | 8 9 10 | 7 6 5

142

*f*

TAB

7 5 3 | 9 10 0 | 9 8 0 | 7 9 0 | 7 6 0 | 10 9 7

145

TAB

6	5	0	5	4	0	7	9	10	0	9	8	0
6			5			3	8			9		

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TAB

7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
10	9	0	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

151

TAB

5	5	5	6	6	6	6	5	3	0	6	3	0	6
5	4	5	5	5	5	5	4						

154

TAB

3	0	5	3	0	5	3	0	5	3	0	4	5	3	(3)	3	3	3	3	3	3
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157

TAB

(3)	(3)	15	15	14	14	2	2	3	3
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The image shows a musical score for guitar. At the top, a treble clef staff is shown with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains two measures of music. The first measure has a whole note chord with notes on strings 1, 2, 3, and 4. The second measure has a whole note chord with notes on strings 2, 3, and 4. Below the staff is a TAB system with three lines labeled T, A, and B. The T line has fret numbers (2) and (2). The A line has fret numbers (3) and (3). The B line has fret numbers (3) and (3).

T	(2)	(2)
A	(3)	(3)
B	(3)	(3)