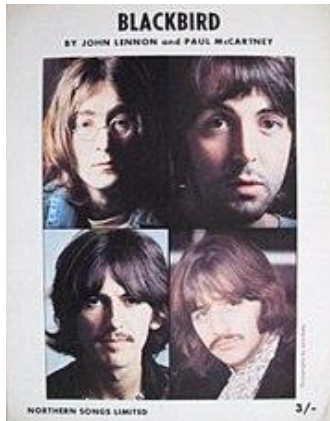


Listen Up!

'Blackbird'

By The Beatles



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Man4Xw8Xypo>

1. Listen carefully to Paul play his **ACOUSTIC STEEL STRING GUITAR**.
2. Listen again to the lyrics. What do you think Paul is trying to say with these lyrics?

Paul McCartney is interviewed about his inspiration for the music and lyrics to 'Blackbird'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpWHJkEosAA>

EXPLORE

CLASSICAL/ACOUSTIC GUITAR



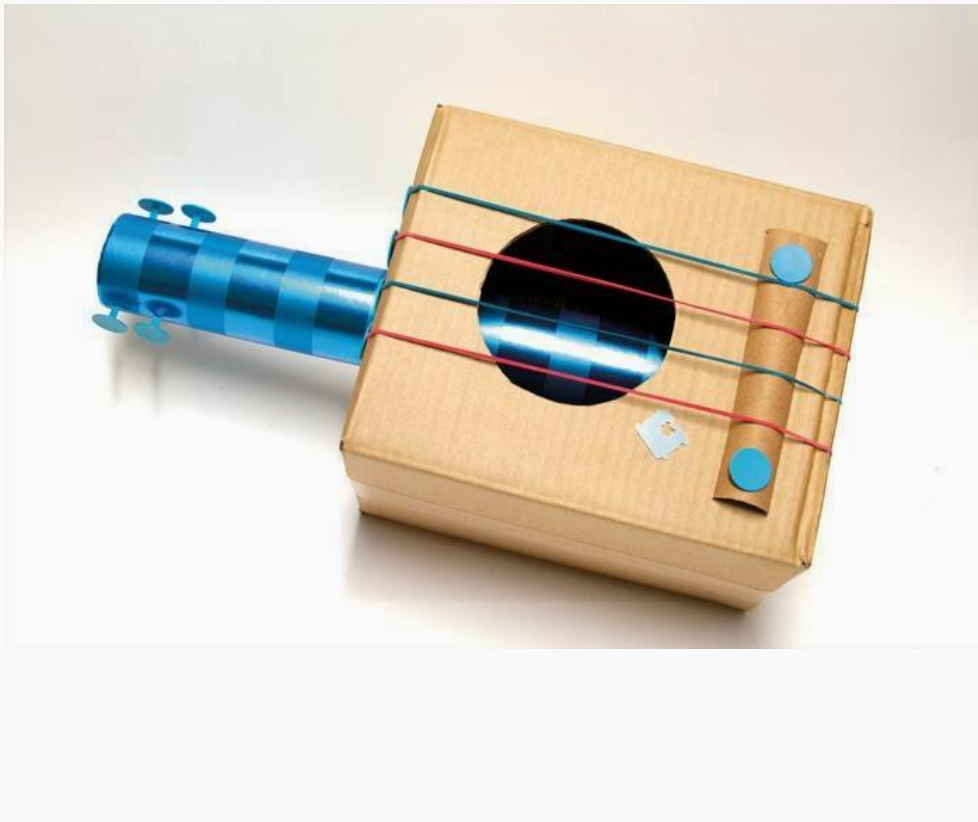
Differences between classical/acoustic guitars
By Darrell Braun Guitar

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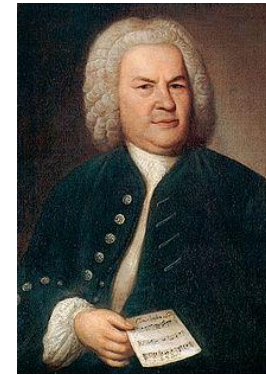
Let's get Creative!

How to make a Guitar by SuperHands

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4m5oWZixca0>



Extra fun



Bach



McCartney

McCartney explained that the guitar accompaniment for "Blackbird" was inspired by **Johann Sebastian Bach's Bourrée in E minor**, a well-known lute piece, often played on the classical guitar.

Listen to **Iryna Bryukhno age 12** play 'Bourree' on **classical nylon string guitar**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6clqJvnzNT0>

Can you hear this piece when you listen to 'Blackbird'?

The Bourrée is distinguished by melody and bass notes played simultaneously on the upper and lower strings. McCartney adapted a segment of the Bourrée as the opening of "Blackbird" and carried the musical idea throughout the song.

Listen to **Paul McCartney** play 'Blackbird' live at Glastonbury 2004 on a **steel stringed acoustic guitar**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDxfjUEBT9I>