Easy-Peasy Chords

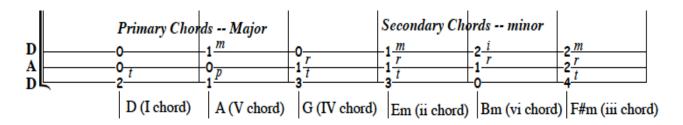
Mountain Dulcimer Workshop with Carol Walker

Primary and Secondary Chords

It is an amazing thing to realize that probably 90% of every song you know can be played with the three *primary chords* (D, A, and G) and they will sound terrific.

By adding the three *secondary chords*, (e, b, and f#) you up that to about 99.9%!

The chart below shows these chords, along with suggested fingerings. Try making your own set of warmup exercises with combinations of these chords, and get *very* comfortable making smooth transitions from one chord to the next.



Power Chords

Moving up the fretboard, you'll have the following power chords available in DAD tuning:

Open	DAD	D power chord	000
1 st fret	EBE	E power chord	111
1+ fret	FCF	F power chord	1+1+1+
2 nd fret	F#C#F#	F# power chord	222
3 rd fret	GDG	G power chord	333
4 th fret	AEA	A power chord	444
5 th fret	BF#B	B power chord	555
6 th fret	CGC	C power chord	666
6+ fret	C#G#C#	C# power chord	6+6+6+
7 th fret	DAD	D power chord (one octave higher) 777	

A power chord is missing the one note that makes it sound either major or minor -- they are simply neutral -- sometimes called "open" or "open 5th" chords. Thus, you can use a power chord as a substitute for *either* major or minor, and it will sound perfectly fine.

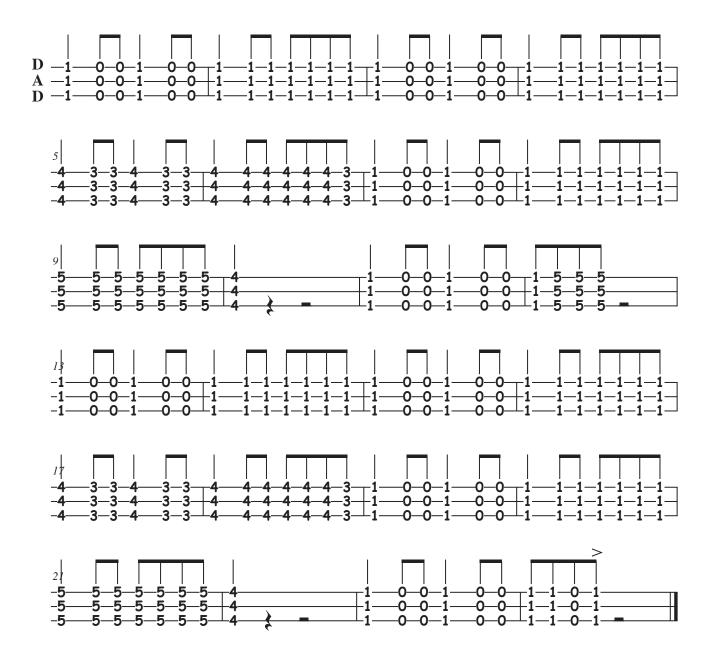
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Easy Peasy Chords in DAD Tuning

Key of D D Maj G Maj A Maj e min f# min b min	fret 0 or 7 3 4 1 2 5	Key of C C Maj F Maj * G Maj d min e min a min	fret 6 1+ 3 0 or 7 1 4
Key of G G Maj C Maj D Maj a min b min e min	fret 3 6 0 or 7 4 5 1	Key of E E Maj A Maj B Maj f# min g# min ** c# min	fret 1 4 5 2 6+
Key of A A Maj D Maj E Maj b min c# min f# min	fret 4 0 or 7 1 5 6+ 2	*F chord if you don't have a 1+ fret, you can play 6 0 4 instead **g# min chord is not available as a power chord, but can be simulated by playing 5 6+ 5	

D (0) I've been working on the railroad

G (3) D (0) All the live-long day.

I've been working on the railroad

E (1) A (4) Just to pass the time away.

D (0) Can't you hear the whistle blowing,

G (3) F# (2) Rise up so early in the morn;

G (3) D (0) Can't you hear the captain shouting,

A (4) D (0) "Dinah, blow your horn!" Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah

A (4) Someone's in the kitchen I know

D (0) G Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah

A (4) D (0) Strummin' on the old banjo!

Singin' fee, fie, fiddly-i-o

A (4) Fee, fie, fiddly-i-o-o-o

D (0) G (3) Fee, fie, fiddly-i-o

A (4) D (0) Strummin' on the old banjo.

Dinah, won't you blow,

E (1) Dinah, won't you blow,

A (4) D (0) Dinah, won't you blow your horn?

Dinah, won't you blow,

E (1) Dinah, won't you blow,

A (4) D (0) Dinah, won't you blow your horn?

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I'VE BEEN WORKIN' ON THE RAILROAD (Key of G) -- with Power Chords

G (3) I've been working on the railroad

C (6) G (3) All the live-long day.

I've been working on the railroad

A (4) D (0) Just to pass the time away.

G (3) Can't you hear the whistle blowing,

C (6) B(5) Rise up so early in the morn;

C (6) G (3) Can't you hear the captain shouting,

D (0) G (3) "Dinah, blow your horn!" Dinah, won't you blow,

A (4) Dinah, won't you blow,

D (0) G (3) Dinah, won't you blow your horn?

Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah

D (0) Someone's in the kitchen I know

G (3) C (6) Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah

D (7 or 0) G (3) Strummin' on the old banjo!

Singin' fee, fie, fiddly-i-o

Dinah, won't you blow,

A (4) Dinah, won't you blow,

D (0) G (3) Dinah, won't you blow your horn? D (0) Fee, fie, fiddly-i-o-o-o

G (3) C (6) Fee, fie, fiddly-i-o

D (0) G (3) Strummin' on the old banjo.

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I'VE BEEN WORKIN' ON THE RAILROAD (Key of A) -- with Power Chords

A (4)

I've been working on the railroad

D (0 or 7) A All the live-long day.

I've been working on the railroad

B (5) E (1) Just to pass the time away.

A (4) Can't you hear the whistle blowing,

D (0 or 7) C# (6+) Rise up so early in the morn;

D (7 or 0) A (4) Can't you hear the captain shouting,

E (1) A (4) "Dinah, blow your horn!"

Dinah, won't you blow,

B (5) Dinah, won't you blow,

E (1) A (4) Dinah, won't you blow your horn?

Dinah, won't you blow,

B (5) Dinah, won't you blow,

E (1) A (4) Dinah, won't you blow your horn?

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Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah

E (1) Someone's in the kitchen I know

A (4) D (0) Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah

E (1) A (4) Strummin' on the old banjo!

Singin' fee, fie, fiddly-i-o

E (1) Fee, fie, fiddly-i-o-o-o

A (4) D (0) Fee, fie, fiddly-i-o

E (1) A (4) Strummin' on the old banjo.