

GNote2.1 - Phil's Notation for Guitar with 4 Lines

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I have always had a problem with Traditional musical Notation (TN) and I have a number of criteria for a new Guitar-centric Alternative Notation (AN). For background to the following see: <http://musicnotation.org> and <http://clairnote.org>. The intention of developing a new notation is to speed up my initial learning and playing of musical scores but if I am going to be an iconoclast about this exercise then with respect to any new AN:

1. Five lines on a staff is too many.
2. Two lines or less is too few (three or more notes in the spaces between lines is too many).
3. I would prefer to stick to the conventional open and closed oval head shapes although I think open and closed heads could represent something other than note duration.
4. Note duration can be done by the tails - more or less like TN.
5. I am not really concerned about vertical space saving on the staves at the moment - readability (for worsening eyesight) is most important for me now.
6. The bottom base note should start from E (ie open String 6).
7. The middle note should be E (ie String 4, fret 2).
8. All staves should be identical in their note order.

So this is the current result: Four staff lines; One or two notes only in spaces between strings: From low E to high E on the guitar (open String 6 to open String 1) - 25 notes

Op. 1

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C Chord

G Chord