



# Music Generation Mayo Mhaigh Eo



## Care of a Guitar, Banjo:

- Wipe the top, sides and back of your guitar or banjo regularly with a soft cloth. Wipe down the neck with a dry cloth after every use to protect your fret board and to prolong string life. Sweat, oils, dirt and grime can accumulate very quickly, and if you wipe the fret board frequently, you can make dressing the frets a much simpler task. You will also prolong string life by removing some of the elements that cause strings to deteriorate. **DON'T USE** Household cleaning products like furniture polish or sprays. Lemon Oil can be used for cleaning guitar fret boards.
- Never expose your instrument to excessive heat or cold for prolonged periods of time. Never keep your instrument in the boot of the car for more than an hour or beside a radiator or near fireplace or direct sunlight (in a conservatory, as HEAT WARPS GUITAR/BANJO NECK). Guitars & Banjos need a cool, dry environment, so keep your instrument in that type of setting.  
Regularly check and tighten all screws, strap-pins and tuning machines. You don't want any unneeded rattling or jingling when you're playing your instrument, either at a gig or at home for your own pleasure.
- Never leave your guitar or banjo lying against a wall as it can easily fall over. Guitar/banjo stands are not expensive and will ensure the stability of your instrument when not in use. Also, a case is a good idea to protect the instrument.
- Avoid things that can cause scratches, dings and other scars on your instrument. Don't wear a belt with a buckle when you have your guitar or banjo strapped on: belt-buckle scratches can ruin the back of a guitar/banjo.
- At least once a year, bring your instrument to an instrument technician for a complete look-over. No matter how well you take care of your instrument, the truss rod will need adjusting regularly, and the intonation screws on the pickups will need to be adjusted to ensure that you are getting the balanced sound that you want. Your guitar may need bridge adjustments also, so it's always good to take it in annually to let the expert make the fine adjustments that will give you the maximum in playability.

## Items that should be in the case with the instrument when returned: (✓ if returned)

Instrument Strap (if one is provided) \_\_\_\_\_

Tuner (if one is provided) \_\_\_\_\_