

HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN

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The musical notation is presented in three systems of guitar tablature. The first system contains 12 measures, the second system contains 12 measures, and the third system contains two measures labeled '1.' and '2.'. The notation includes fret numbers (0-7) and rhythmic markings (accents and stems) on the strings.

3 / 4 time . Important to hold the timing
Multiple brush thumbs to maintain rhythm

Early versions may date back to the 1800's. The oldest traceable recording was by Clarence Ashley in 1933.

Versions since include Woody Guthrie(1941)and Josh White (1942).Pete Seeger issued a version in 1958 which was subsequently re-released in 2009.

Also: Joan Baez and Bob Dylan.

The definitive modern version was recorded by The Animals in 1964.It was re-released in 1972 and 1982 making the charts on both occasions.

The 1964 original Animals version rocketed to the top of both the UK and US charts. It was a universal hit , making the charts in Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Belgium, Canada and Italy as well as the States and the UK.

The record reached Gold status (500,000 copies) in Denmark, and Platinum in UK and Italy. Uk sales exceeded 600,000 . It received a Grammy in 1999.

There have been other notable versions including Jody Miller(1973).

Metallica included it in the 2020 charity show that was broadcast round the world.