

'Cooley's Reel'

Arranged by Stuart Ryan



I've kept this brooding reel in its commonly played key of E minor - we are in DADGAD tuning here which usually pulls you towards the key of D so getting some E minor ideas under your fingers could help you break out of any ruts you may find yourself in! As is common with fingerstyle guitar arrangements of uptempo reels a simple bassline is used to provide accompaniment and to fill things out. I use my fretting hand thumb to hold down some of these bassnotes and you'll see notes marked on the staff with a 'T'. However, using the fretting hand thumb like this is quite idiosyncratic so if it doesn't feel comfortable please use whatever fingering works for you on these passages.

DADGAD Tuning - Capo fret 2

♩ = 167

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2 2 0 2 2 2 0 2 0 2 0 0

i p m i m i p m i m a m i

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0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 0 2 2

i p m p m p m p a m i

7

2 0 2 0 2 4 5 7 4 7 0 2 0 0 2 4 0 2 0

m p i m p i m i m p i p m i p m p i m i p