

# Shady Grove

CAPO 1

**A** Em D Em

1 D A D 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 0 0 0 2 4

G D

4 T A B 5 7 5 4 2 0 3

Bm Em **B** Em

7 T A B 2 2 2 4 2 0 0 9 7 5

**Stuff You Need To Know**

**Track #: 5**  
**Tuning: dd-A-D**  
**Key: Em (Capo 1)**  
**Speed/Difficulty: Slow/Easy**  
**Repetitions: 4**  
**Length of track: 3:25**  
**Style: Swamp**

One of the great tracks to play on mountain dulcimer, “Shady Grove” has a dark and smoky mystic nature borne out of its minor chords and modal melody. Start off playing it as written, very straight, then explore with expressive techniques like sliding into notes (grace notes) and additional accents.

Though I’ve set the skill level at “easy” for this one, it requires that you pay attention to what’s happening with the rhythm track. It will change distinctly four times, once for each pass through the song. But you’ll also hear some pretty substantial fills, measures where lots of extra percussion and beats come seemingly out of nowhere. These additional dynamic bursts help to give character to a song. And what a character this arrangement is! From the murky front porches of shotgun shacks to full-blown southern rock, this is a real tour for the ears and an exciting challenge for the strum.