

Ave Maria

Bach/Gounod

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D Em A7 D Bm Em

A D Bm Bsus4 Em

Bsus4 G Em A7 D

D7 G Bm D G A

The tablature shows two staves of guitar music. The top staff starts with a D chord (D-A-D) at measure 25. It then moves through Em, A, G, D, and Em chords. The bottom staff starts with a D chord at measure 31. Fingerings are indicated above the strings: 25: D2, A3, D4; 26: 1, 1; 27: 6+, 7; 28: 3, 3; 29: 7; 30: 1, 1. Measures 31-35 show chords A7, G, A, and D respectively. Fingerings below the strings: 31: D3, A2, D4; 32: 0; 33: 0; 34: 1; 35: 2.

Measure 10 requires a bend to get the G# note. If you do not have a 1½ fret, you can substitute a 0-3-4 (D chord) for the D7 in measure 19. Measure 22, second note, requires a F natural, a 1½ if you have it, or bend the melody string at the 1st fret.

The Ave Maria by Bach/Gounod is a popular and much-recorded setting of the Latin text Ave Maria, originally published in 1853 as Méditation sur le Premier Prélude de Piano de S. Bach. The piece consists of a melody by the French Romantic composer Charles Gounod that he superimposed over an only very slightly changed version of the Prelude No. 1 in C major, BWV 846, from Book I of J.S. Bach's The Well-Tempered Clavier, written 137 years earlier.