

Somewhere Over The Rainbow

This is a relatively simple version of this song, arranged in 2 & 3 part harmony for the E9 neck, using only the 3 standard foot pedals. Once you're comfortable playing it, you'll probably be able to expand upon it, or have your pedal steel instructor help you jazz it up a little.

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For those who are familiar with my charts of the major and minor scales, I wrote it out in very similar fashion. You do not need to be able to read pedal steel guitar tablature, or standard music notation formats, to follow this chart. It is written with my own alternative way of indicating which strings, frets, and pedals to use, and most people have found this method easy to read and understand.

If pedals says "o" - no pedals are engaged

If pedals says "a" - you only engage the "a pedal"

If pedals says "ab" - you engage both the "a & b pedals" together

If pedals says "b" - you engage only the "b pedal"

If pedals says "bc" - you engage both the "b & c pedals" together

"A pedal" is the one that raises your 5th & 10th strings a whole tone / B - C#

"B pedal" is the one that raises your 3rd & 6th strings a half tone / G# - A

"C pedal" raises your 4th & 5th string a whole tone each - E & B to F# & C#

As a reference, I've indicated the names of each note you'll be playing on the various strings. This may be helpful as an overview of music theory, but you don't need to know that information to actually play the song.

I've also supplied the words to make it easier to know just where you are in the song, and I'm assuming you can hear the song pretty well in your head, so you'll know the phrasing and how long to hold each note.

The main melody is found on the line: strings * and will always be the highest pitch tone of the 2 or 3 notes being played. The other notes on strings ** & strings *** are the lower harmony parts relative to the melody.

Have fun and good luck!

Marc

Somewhere Over The Rainbow (Key of C)

Strings:	*	6	3	3	4	1	3	3	8	3	4
Strings:	**	8	4	4	5		4	4	6	4	5
Strings	***		5	5	6		5	5	5	5	6
Pedals:		b	bc	a	a	o	a	ab	o	o	ab
Fret:		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	3

Notes:	*	C	C	B	G	A	B	C	C	A	G
Notes:	**	G	A	G	E		G	G	A	F	E
Notes:	***		E	E	B		E	E	F	C	C

Verse 1: Some where o---ver the rain-bow way up high
Verse 2: Some where o---ver the rain-bow skies are blue
Verse 3: Some where o---ver the rain-bow blue birds fly

Strings:	*	6	5	5	6	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	8
Strings:	**	8	6	6			6	6	10	10	10	10	10	10
Strings	***		8	8	8	8	8							
Pedals:		o	a	ab	ab	b	o	ab	o	o	ab	o	o	o
Fret:		1	4	3	3	3	5	4	6	3	3	6	8	8

Notes:	*	A	F	E	C	D	E	F	D	B	C	D	E	C
Notes:	**	F	C	C			C#	C#	F	D	E	F	G	G
Notes:	***		Ab	G	G	G	A							

Verse 1: There's a place that I heard of once in a lul la by (to Verse 2)
Verse 2: And the dreams that you dream of really do come true (to Bridge)
Verse 3: Birds fly over the rainbow why then, oh why can't I (to Ending)

Strings:	*	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6	5
Strings:	**	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Strings	***									
Pedals:		o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Fret:		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

Notes:	*	G	E	G	E	G	E	G	E	G
Notes:	**	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Notes:	***									

Bridge: Someday I'll wish upon a star and

Strings:	*	6	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	5	5
Strings:	**	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	6
Strings	***									8	8
Pedals:		b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	a	a
Fret:		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

Notes:	*	F	G	F	G	F	G	F	G	A	A
Notes:	**	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	E	E
Notes:	***									C	C

Bridge: wake up where the clouds are far behind me

Strings:	*	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	5
Strings:	**	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Strings	***								
Pedals:		ab	ab	ab	ab	ab	ab	ab	ab
Fret:		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Notes:	*	G	E	G	E	G	E	G	E
Notes:	**	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Notes:	***								

Bridge: Where troubles melt like lemon drops

Strings:	*	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	5
Strings:	**	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	6
Strings	***								5	5	6	7
Pedals:		ab	ab	ab	ab	ab	ab	ab	a	ab	bc	bc
Fret:		2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	3	2	8

Notes:	*	F#	A	F#	A	F#	A	F#	A	B	B	D	A
Notes:	**	D#	F#	D#	F#	D#	F#	D#	F#	G	F#	A	F
Notes:	***									E	D#	F	D

Bridge: Way a--bove the chimney tops that's where you'll find me
(to Verse 3)

Ending:

Strings:	*	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6
Strings:	**	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Strings	***								
Pedals:		o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Fret:		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

Notes:	*	G	E	G	E	G	E	G	E
Notes:	**	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Notes:	***								
Ending:		If ha--ppy little blue birds fly							

Strings:	*	5	6	5	6	5	6	6	5	5	4
Strings:	**	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	5
Strings	***										6
Pedals:		o	b	b	b	b	b	b	ab	ab	o
Fret:		8	8	8	8	8	10	8	10	8	

Notes:	*	G	F	G	F	G	F	G	A	B	C
Notes:	**	C	D	D	D	D	D	E	F	G	G
Notes:	***										E
Ending:		Beyond the rainbow why oh why can't I (slowed down)									