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- Ways to identify tonal centers, keys, and key changes
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- Tips on putting guitar theory into practice
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