If you're a pianist, guitarist, or mandolin player looking for new tunes to play this weekend, then I've got just the thing for you. The Tagalog Songbook With Chords PDF contains 43 well-known Filipino folk songs with chords and English translation. This page has links to various free tablatures in various formats so that you can find the one that suits your needs best. If these are still too hard to use for you then there is also a handy plain text file included on this page which contains all 43 of the songs in an easy-to-read format. The songs are arranged in the key of C major although some, such as "Kahibap na Pag-iisa," have a G major key. It's very common to find other Filipino songs in other keys, so if you need to transpose them for other instruments then just note it down on the next page. I'm hoping this will be a great source of inspiration for you when you're stuck for new tunes to play over the next few weekends. Whether it's just for jamming or you're planning an actual performance later, hopefully these can get you out of your blues. The songs included here were collected by music teacher and ethnomusicologist Marjorie Aguilar and published in the 2006 book Tagalog: The National Language: English-Tagalog Dictionary. My two favourite Filipino songs from the collection are "Binatilyo" and "Binatilyo sa Morion (Cannibal Mountain)." But each song is fantastic regardless, so I urge you to download them all at this page and try them out on your instrument.

This page contains in-depth tabs for all 43 songs in the collection, in various formats. If you need to transpose them for other instruments then just download the HTML file which has all the chords and key signatures in it. My personal favourite is "Mga Kababaihan." This page contains a PDF of all 43 songs arranged into the key of C major: 4.3Mb, typically takes less than 1 minute to download on a broadband connection. Enjoy! If you're looking for more folk songs from Filipinos then check out my Filipinosongs page or my Filipinosongbookpage.

If you're wondering about the musical instruments used in this song, the following list should provide you with enough information. The sound files for these instruments can be downloaded via my Filipino Music Sound Files page.

"Tablature Legend": Left Handed Guitar Right Handed Guitar Mandolin & Mandola