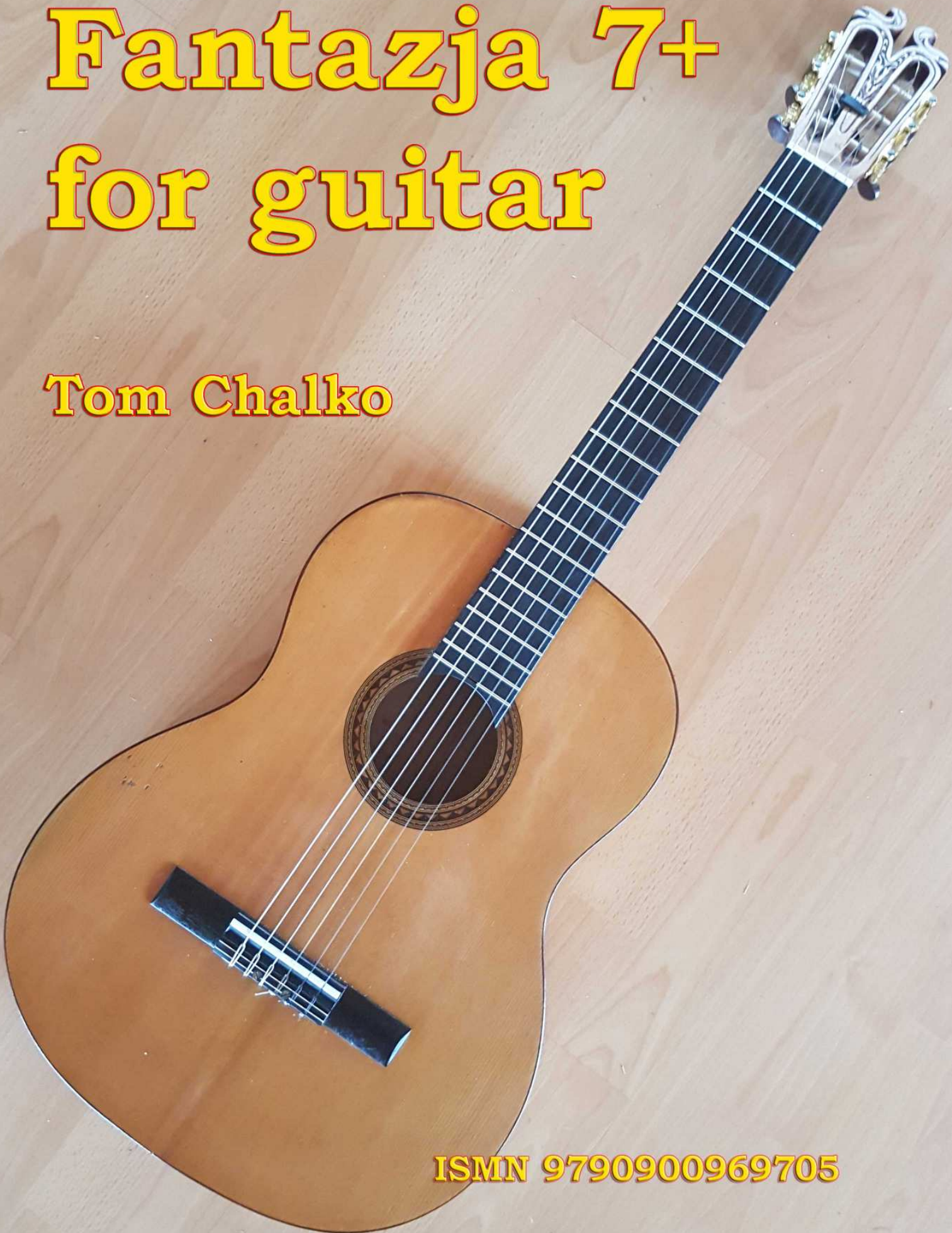


# Fantazja 7+ for guitar

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# Why guitar?

In 1965, at the age of 14, I was about to go blind.

I have inherited an eye condition from one of my grandmothers, a condition that causes irreversible damage (atrophy) to eye nerves. In 1965 there was no cure, no hope and the disease remains a mystery today.

A multi-expert prognosis was that I was likely to become blind before I reached adulthood. Experts advised that I should not study anything, because non-preventable loss of eyesight would inevitably interrupt whatever I began to study – leading to my disappointment.

I did exactly the opposite...

Back in 1965 I decided to learn as much as possible in a great hurry while I could still see. In 1967 I became a sailing instructor. In 1969 I began studying engineering at a University. In 1974 I enrolled at Musical College to study guitar, even though there was no music tradition in my family.

In 1975 I have graduated with MSc in Engineering and in 1979 gained PhD in laser holography (science of Light) with an award from a Minister of Science.

But the most important result was that I did not become blind...

However, I feel special affinity to people who struggled with vision, especially those who succeeded to make significant and permanent contributions to Humanity, like Joaquin Rodrigo for example.

Since the beginning of my guitar education I decided that music will not become my profession.

The key reason for me playing guitar is “to have something beautiful to do with my eyes closed”...

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