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A vihuela has 10 strings in pairs and can be thought of as the same as strings 1 through 5 on the modern guitar (with the 3rd pair tuned to F#). These compositions are typically played in the key of D. Many modern guitartists, notably the great maestro Narciso Yepes, tune the 6th string down to D and add bass notes to go to this low D. I'm not a proponent of altered tunings unless absolutely necessary. Canários is lively and bright so to my ears, adding the low D and additional bass notes are gilding the lily.

Emilio Pujol was one of the last students, along with Miguel Llobet, of the father of the modern guitar, Francisco Tárrega. This version is based on Pujol's transcription with the exception of a low E in Measure 34. Sanz would have played an E on the 4th string. But following the style of his arrangement, using open strings where possible for the bass notes, I used an open 6th string to obtain this note. The E played on the 4th string doesn't create any particular difficulty; therefore, I leave it in your discretion as to which E you prefer to play.

When Canários is played as a stand alone composition, often guitarists will divide the piece into 4 measure phrases and repeat each phrase. This makes the composition at least twice as long. If one desires to do so, it's not very difficult and a great learning exercise for beginning TablEdit students.