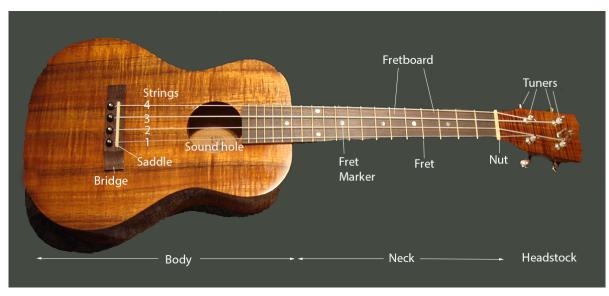
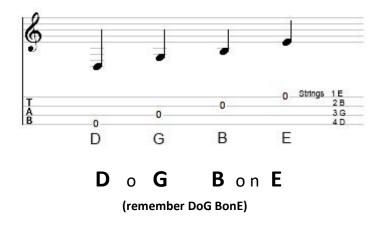
# **Ukulele Basics**

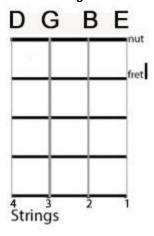
### Parts of the baritone ukulele



## **Open Strings**

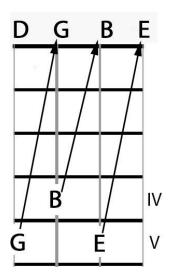


The same as guitar for strings 1-4, but no 5 or 6th string



## Tuning the ukulele to itself

Fret the 4<sup>th</sup> string at the 5<sup>th</sup> fret and compare to 3<sup>rd</sup> string. Use 4<sup>th</sup> fret for 3<sup>rd</sup> string, 5<sup>th</sup> for 2<sup>nd</sup>.



If you don't have an electronic tuner, you can fret the uke strings to tune it to itself as above. This is for linear (low D) tuning.

Most often, the ukulele string is flat. To tune higher, turn the tuning peg counter-clockwise and re-check.

For a high G 4<sup>th</sup> string, fret it at the second and play with the first string

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## Three Rules: 1. Smile 2. Just keep strumming 3. Big finish

### **Strumming** - right hand - two methods

1. Use a pick – curl your fingers into loose fist, then place the pick on your index finger with ~3/8" sticking out – clamp with thumb so that little shows below thumb – you can also use the pick to pick individual strings down or up – use a rotating motion like starting a car



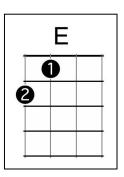
- 2. Hold hand palm towards chest
- point index finger at yourself
   Strum down with <u>back of index fingernail</u>



- 3. Strum with thumb only best for down only, softer effect
- Strum comes from wrist always keep it loose and easy, like shaking water off your hand we will get to fingerpicking later

**E Chord** - Long finger left hand 2<sup>nd</sup> fret fourth string, and index finger on 1<sup>st</sup> fret of 3<sup>rd</sup> string

Don't hold in a death grip – just press when you play, but keep your fingers in the same configuration in between



**Strum Patterns**: D=down U=up Count 1,2,3,4, 1,2,3,4

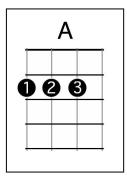
Tap your foot on all beats- 1, 2, 3, 4 or 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 (1+2+3+4+) 1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+2+3+4+|1+

- 1. D |D lD lD ID ۱D | D l D 2. D D D D D | D D D | D

There is a practice sheet on strums on ukeeducation.org website

### **Chord Practice**

Now that you are more comfortable with the E chord, let's learn an **A** chord so we can play a song. To play **A**. rotate your wrist clockwise and put your index finger on the 2<sup>nd</sup> fret of the 4<sup>th</sup> string, your long finger on the 3<sup>rd</sup> string, second fret and put your ring finger on 2nd string 2nd fret. The x above the 6<sup>th</sup> string means don't play that string – you want A on the bottom as your bass note (that is the root of this chord) now, use E and A to play Jambalaya – use the dD dD dD dD strum



### Jambalaya • Hank Williams first note=F#

Goodbye Joe, me gotta go, me oh my oh

Δ

Me gotta go pole the pirogue down the bayou

Ε

My Yvonne, the sweetest one, me oh my oh

Α

Son of a gun, we'll have good fun on the bayou

#### **CHORUS:**

Jambalaya, a-crawfish pie and-a fillet gumbo

'Cause tonight I'm gonna see my cher a mio

E

Pick guitar, fill fruit jar and be gay-oh

Α

Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou.

Thibay-deaux, Fountaineaux, the place is buzzin'

E

Kinfolk come to see Yvonne by the dozen

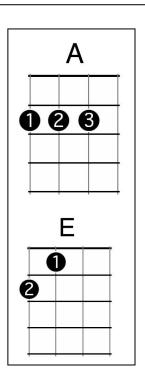
Dress in style, go hog wild, me oh my oh

Α

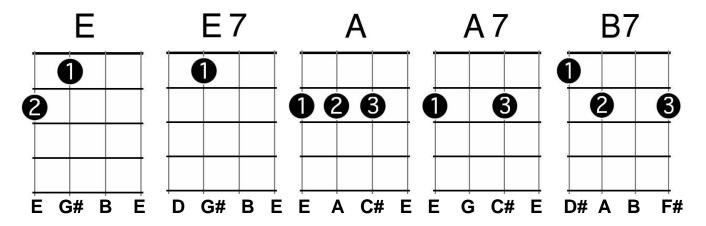
Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou.

**REPEAT CHORUS** 

(learn to feel and anticipate the chord changes)



Let's try a blues song - we need 2 new Chords - A7 and B7 - Key of E



From **E**, **E7** takes the E down 2 steps to D, so remove the long finger from the 4<sup>th</sup> string.

From **A**. play **A7** by not removing your long finger from the 3<sup>rd</sup> string. A to G for the flatted 7<sup>th</sup>.

To play **B7**, move your index finger back to the fourth string, first fret, your ring finger over to the third string second fret and the small finger on the first string 2<sup>nd</sup> fret. The A is the flatted 7<sup>th</sup>.

7<sup>th</sup> chords made by adding a flatted 7<sup>th</sup> with the 1 3 5 triad For instance, the E scale is E F# G# A B C# D# E So E7 includes 1 3 5 b7 E G# B and **D** (the flatted 7<sup>th</sup>)

Play **E**, **A**, **B7** These chords work well together and are particularly useful for playing blues songs. Try plucking each string to make sure you are playing clean.

Try some new strums like down/down/up/up/down DD U UD E x8, A x8, B7 x8. E x4, A x4, B7 x4. E, A and B7 then play EEEE E7E7E7E7 AAAA A7A7A7A7 EEEE B7B7B7B7 AAAA

### First note=E

E E7
How long, baby how long,

A A7

Has that evening train been gone?

E B7 E B7

How long, how how long, baby how long?

E7

Went to the station, didn't see no train.

A 7

Down in my heart, I have an aching pain.

E B7 E B7

How long, how, how long, baby how long?

E E7

I feel disgusted, I feel so bad

A A7

Thinking 'bout the good times that I once had had.

E B7 E B7

How long, how how long, baby how long?

E E7

You're gonna be sorry you'll feel so blue.

A7

When you want me, baby, I declare I want you.

How long, how how long, baby how long?

Solo

Repeat first verse

E7

Don't have no money for to ride the train.

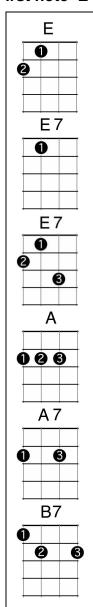
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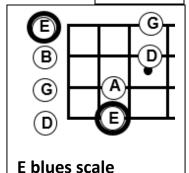
I would ride the rails, baby, to be with you again.

E B7 E B7

How long, how how long, baby how long?







E B7

I got the key to the highway

A A

Billed out and bound to go

**E7** 

I'm gonna leave here running

B7 E B7

Walking is most too slow

E B7

I'm going back to the border,

A A7

Where I'm better known

**E7** 

You know you haven't don't nothing,

B7 E B7

But drove a good man away from home

E B7

When the moon peeps over the mountain

A A7

I'll be on my way.

**E7** 

I'm gonna roam this old highway

B7 E B7

Until the break of day

E B7

So give me one, one more kiss mama

A A7 Just before I go.

**E7** 

Cause when I leave this time,

B7 E B7

I won't be coming back no more.

REPEAT FIRST VERSE

Intro/ Turnaround

WALKDOWN B7

E ----0----0-----|-2-2--2-2-2-2-2-|
B --3---3-2---2-1---1---|-0-0--0-0-0-0-0-0-0-|

### The C Scale

We will often play in the key of C major. C is the "root" note, we begin there.

This key, C uses a scale consisting of the notes CDEFGABC

You have probably seen the major scale on a piano as the white keys.

Note also the black keys, called sharps or flats - these are not used in the C scale.

To develop any scale you count the steps, including sharps using 221 2221 formula

C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C All the notes C 2 D 2 E 1 F 2 G 2 A 2 B 1 C C scale

2 2 1 2 2 1 Steps - this works for any major scale



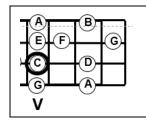
For any scale, remember 2 2 1 2 2 2 1 steps- like a phone #

There is no note between E and F or B and C.

- r visualize a keyboard

Play the C scale with only the 2nd string – (**B** string ) -frets 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13. Starting at the first fret, go up 2 frets, play. Then, go up 2 more, then 1, 2, 2, 2, 1 Or play it across the fretboard at the 5<sup>th</sup> fret as you would with a GCEA tuned uke



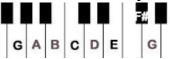


What about the **G scale** ?- start with the open 3rd string, G and then you could ascend the 3<sup>rd</sup> string as above - 221-2221 nut III

or playing it near the nut, ending on the G on the  $3^{rd}$  fret of the  $1^{st}$  string

How do we know which notes are appropriate for the key of G?

To find the **scale** in **G**: first write all possible notes G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G use the formula for the major scale steps 221-2221 **G** 2 **A** 2 **B1C** 2 **D** 2 **E** 2**F**#1**G** 



G major scale is **G A B C D E F# G 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 1** 

### What are chords and how are they formed?

A chord is a group of notes plated at the same time - play strings 4, 3 and 2 DGB=G

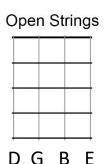
Remember the G scale with the notes

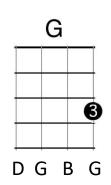
GABCDEF#G

We could assign numbers to each note relative to G 12 34 56 7 1

G B D

If we start at G and choose every other note, we get a **G major chord**, **G B D – 1 3 5** (Play one, skip one, play one, skip one) – then begins again at the root = 1 For the ukulele, we have 4 strings, so you could play are 2 G's in the G chord DGBG These are in a different order and will have a different sound than CEG Let's look at your first chord - **G**. Place your left ring finger behind the third fret of the first string as illustrated below - this changes the 1st string E to G for DGBG. Remember the G scale



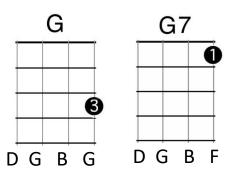




Ring finger behind (at the) third fret of first string

Fingering - 1=index, 2=long finger, 3=ring finger, 4=small finger

### Your next chord - G7



When you lower the pitch of the first string to F, fretting it at the first fret rather than the 3rd, and add this note to the G chord GBD, it creates a G7 chord DGBF. This is sometimes called a dominant 7<sup>th</sup> chord, but don't let that worry you. The 7<sup>th</sup> tone is flatted (a step lower) – F rather than F# -as the 7<sup>th</sup> position in the G scale.

### Chord Practice G to D7

For G, your ring finger (#3) is on the 3rd fret playing the G note. Slide it back to the second fret on the first string. Put your long finger on the 3rd string, 2nd fret and your index finger on the 2nd string 1st fret for D7

Practice changing from G to D7 and back.

Row, Row Your Boat First note = C
G

Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream

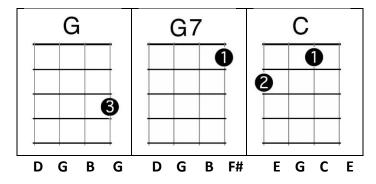
D7

G

Merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream!

**Chord Practice – G to C** 

Use 1 finger on your left hand for each fret



**G to C** To change from G to G7, fret the 1st string, first fret with your index finger and release your ring finger. To change to C, roll your index finger over to second string and stretch your ring finger to the 4<sup>th</sup> string, 3<sup>rd</sup> fret and your long finger to the 4th string 2nd fret for **C**. Practice **G to G7 to C** and **C to G.** 

Do Wah Diddy	/		Key of G	First note=D	
G	C	G	G	C	G
There she was just	t a-walkin' dow	n the street,	singin' "Do wah di	ddy diddy dum didd	ly do"
G	C	G	G	C G	j
snappin' her finge	rs and shufflin'	her feet, sing	gin' "Do wah diddy	diddy dum diddy d	о"

# SWING LOW, SWEET CHARIOT

### **TRADITIONAL**

STRUM D D D D	KEY OF G	FIRST NOTE = B
Chorus		
G C G D7		
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home		
G C G D7 G		G
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home		
G C G		
I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,		8
G D7		
Comin' for to carry me home.		
G C G		C
A band of angels comin' after me,		•
G D7 G		2
Comin' for to carry me home.		
Chorus		
		D7
G C G		0
If you get there before I do,		9 8
G D7		
Comin' for to carry me home.		
G C G		
Just tell my friends that I'm a comin' too,		
G D7 G		
Comin' for to carry me home.		
Chorus		
Cilorus		
G C G		
I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,		
D7		
Comin' for to carry me home.		
G C G		
But still my soul feels heavenly bound		
G D7 G		
Comin' for to carry me home.		
Chorus melody TAB		
E0		
B00000-0-3-33-030-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0		

A-----E-----BG BGGED GGGBBDD EDB DGG EDGGGABGAG

### YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

### **OLIVER HOOD - MODIFIED**

Intro G D7 G Key of G First note=D

G

The other night dear as I lay sleeping,

I dreamed I held you in my arms

С

G

But when I awoke dear, I was mistaken

D7

And I hung my head and I cried.

Chorus

G

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.

C

G

You make me happy, when skies are grey.

С

G

You'll never know dear, how much I love you

D7 G

Please don't take my sunshine a-way.

Chorus

G

I'll always love you and make you happy

If you will only say the same.

C

G

But if you leave me and love another

7

You'll regret it all someday.

**Chorus** 

G

But if you stay dear, I'll always love you

C

G

And then you'll love me one the same

3

G

We'll have each other and be so happy,

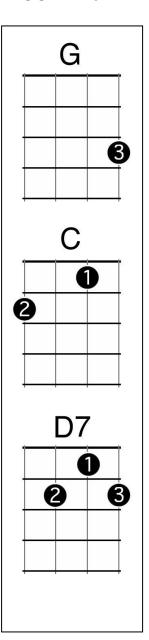
D7

G

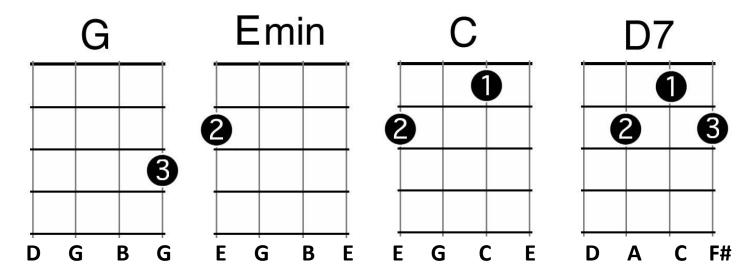
Our love will burn a brighter flame

**Chorus** 

Strum pattern: DD DD DD - can strum only 4th string on first down stroke



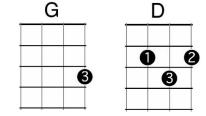
Chord Practice - new chord - Em (E minor) and the G Em C D7 sequence



**G to Em, then C to D7** Start with your ring finger (#3) on the third fret for **G.** Reach your long finger to the fourth string, second fret for E minor (**Emin or Em**). Then place your index finger on the second string first fret for **C**. Then shift your long finger to the third string second fret and put your ring finger down on the first string second fret for **D7** -you may need to rotate your wrist to the left to play D7 comfortably.

Practice G to Em x8, Em to C x8, C to D7 x8 - many, many songs use this G x4, Em x4, C x4, D7 x4, then drop the strums to 2, then 1 - G Em C D7

# **G to D**D chord is constructed of **D A D F#**



Start with your ring finger (#3) on the third fret for **G**, then move it over to the third fret on the second string. Put your index finger on the third string, second fret and then your long finger on the first string second fret. Practice **G** to **D**. For D to G, **D** to G 8 strums each, x 4 then x1 G / D The sequence G Em C D7 is found especially on early rock "n roll.

# Octopus's Garden

**Ringo Starr** 

Strum D D U UD or D D D D

Key of G First Note=D

[G] I'd like to be [Em] under the sea
In [C] an octopus' garden in the [D7] shade
[G] He'd let us in, [Em] knows where we've been
In [C] his octopus' garden in the [D7] shade.

[Em] I'd ask my friends to come and see
[C] An octopus' [D7] garden with me
[G] I'd like to be [Em] under the sea
In [C] an octopus' [D7] garden in the [G] shade.

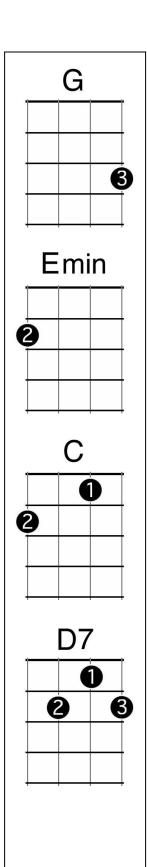
[G] We would be warm [Em] below the storm
[C] In our little hideaway beneath the [D7] waves
[G] Resting our head [Em] on the sea bed
In [C] an octopus' garden near a [D7] cave

[Em] We would sing and dance around
[C] Because we know we [D7] can't be found
[G] I'd like to be [Em] under the sea
In [C] an octopus' [D7] garden in the [G] shade

- [G] We would shout [Em] and swim about
- [C] The coral that lies beneath the [D7] waves
- [G] Oh what joy for [Em] every girl and boy
- [C] Knowing they're happy and they're [D7] safe

[Em] We'd be so happy you and me [C] No one there to tell us what to [D7] do [G] I'd like to be [Em] under the sea In [C] an octopus' [D7] garden with (C)you.

In [C] an octopus' [D7] garden with [G] you. [Em] In [C] an octopus' [D7] garden with [G] you [C] [G]



### LITTLE EVA

### **Key of G First note = G**



[G] (Come on baby, [Em] do the Locomotion)

[G] I know you'll get to like it if you [Em] give it a chance now

[G] (Come on baby, [Em] do the Locomotion)

[C] My little baby sister can [Am] do it with me

[C] It's easier than learning your [A7] A-B-C's

So [G] come on, come on and [D7] do the Locomotion with [G] me



You gotta swing your hips, now [C] Come on, baby. Jump [G] up Jump back Well, I [D7] think you've got the knack.

[G] Now that you can do it, [Em let's make a chain, now

[G] (Come on baby, [Em] do the Loco-motion)

[G] A chug-a chug-a motion like a [Em] railroad train, now.

[G] (Come on baby, [Em do the Loco-motion)



[C] Do it nice and easy, now, [Am] don't lose control:

[C] A little bit of rhythm and a [A7] lot of soul.

So [G] come on, come on and [D7] do the Loco-motion with [G] me

You gotta swing your hips, now [C] Come on, baby. Jump [G] up Jump back Well, now, I [D7] think you've got the knack.



[G] Move around the floor in a [Em] Locomotion.

[G] (Come on baby, [Em] do the Locomotion)

[G] Do it holding hands if [Em] you get the notion.

[G] (Come on baby, [Em] do the Locomotion)

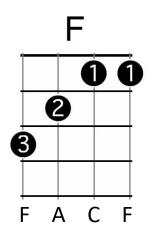


There's [C] never been a dance that's so [Am] easy to do. It [C] even makes you happy when you're [A7] feeling blue, So [G] come on, come on and [D7] do the Locomotion with [G] me

You gotta swing your hips now [C]
That's right [G] You're doin' fine
[C] Come on baby [G] Jump up Jump back [C]
You're looking good [G] [G7]



Congratulations! You have arrived – at the crossroads – you now need to choose whether you will languish in a state of Bariuke **F** ignorance, or take on a challenge – **the F chord** – believe me, it's worth it. This will enable you to play in the key of C – many uke songs are in C – and this is the first step towards moving up the neck.

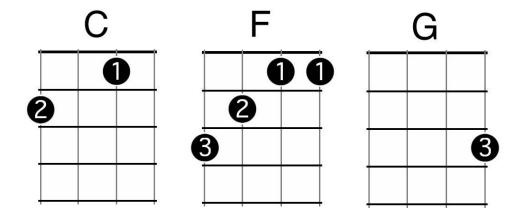


The key to getting this chord is the pinch on the first 2 strings with your index finger – you may need to move your thumb more to the back of the neck. Once you have it, play these 2 strings to see if the sound is clear. Adjust until it is.

Then, just place your long finger on the third string second fret and ring finger on the fourth string third fret. Again, play each string individually to seek out a plunker. If it's a bit off, play it that way for now, but practice getting this chord to ring clear. Move it up a fret to play F# - pretty easy? You could play it at the 5<sup>th</sup> fret for A.

This is the great thing about moveable chords – we will learn others too.

For now, let's learn a chord progression in key of C - C F G



Play 8 strums on each chord, then 4 strums per chord

## This Land Is Your Land

Woody Guthrie

Key of C First note=C

C This land is your land this land is my land From California to the New York Island From the Redwood forests to the Gulfstream waters G7 This land was made for you and me C As I was walking that ribbon of highway

I saw above me an endless skyway I saw below me a golden valley This land was made for you and me

C I roamed and rambled and followed my footsteps Through the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts

And all around me a voice was sounding G7

This land was made for you and me

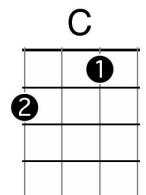
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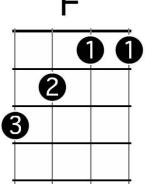
From California to the New York Island

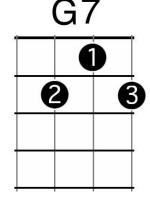
From the Redwood forests to the Gulfstream waters

This land was made for you and me

Strum pattern: DD DD DD DD







Key of C First note = C

## THREE LITTLE BIRDS - BOB MARLEY

Key of C First note = C

C	
Chorus:	C
C	
Don't worry, about a thing	2
F C	
Cause' every little thing, gonna be alright	
Singin' don't worry, about a thing	
F C	_
Cause' every little thing, gonna be alright	F
Verse:	00
С	2
Rise up this mornin'	<b>3</b>
G	
Smile with the rising sun	
C F	G
three little birds sit by my doorstep	
C Singin' sweet songs	
G	
of melodies pure and true	6
F C	
sayin', this my message to you-oo-oo	
Chorus:	
C	
Don't worry, about a thing	
F C	
Cause' every little thing, gonna be alright	
Singin' don't worry, about a thing	
F C	
Cause' every little thing, gonna be alright	

**Repeat Verse** 

**Repeat Chorus** 

Reggae strum Tap, Up strum, tap Up strum or dD dD - strum on counts 2 and 4

			С
I'm a Believer	Neil D	iamond	0
Strum D D U U D or D D D D C G C I thought love was only true in fairy tale C G C Meant for someone else but not for me F C F Love was out to get me That's the way F C G7 Disappointment haunted all my dreams	C it seemed	First Note=G	<b>G 3</b>
(tacet) C F C Chorus: Then I saw her face F C F C Now I'm a believer F C F C F C F C Not a trace of doubt in my mind C F C I'm in love, (hmmm) I'm a believer, F G7 I couldn't leave her if I tried ( riff )			G7  F
C G C I thought love was more or less a givin C G C Seems the more I gave, the less I got F C F What's the use in trying All you get is p F C G When I needed sunshine I got rain	С	Riff- Bar 1 <sup>st</sup> fret 2 s E1 B- 1h3 (h mea G fret 1 a D on to	ns to hold and "hammer
Chorus F C F Love was out to get me That's the way F C G Disappointment haunted all my dreams Chorus play) (tacet) C F C F C		d (tacet means sing	only, don't

Not a trace of doubt in my mind well, I'm a believer yea, yea yea

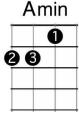
Three new minor chords - A minor D minor and B minor

**Am** easy from C - just put your ring finger on the third string second fret

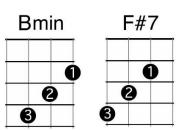
C x4, Am x4, C x4, Am x4 C x2, Am x2, C x1, Am x1

**Dm** from Am, move ring finger to third fret of second string, then slide long finger over to third string second fret, then put index finger on first string first fret **Play Am x4**, **Dm x 4**, **repeat then Am x2**, **Dm x2** 

Dmi	n	•
	0	
0		0
•	3	



**Bm** Place your ring finger (#3) on the fourth fret of the third string, then put your long finger on the second string, third fret and then your index finger on the first string second fret. Remember, you can play a F#7 just by moving this shape toward you. These 2 chords are often paired in songs like the bridge in Elvis's Can't Help Falling in Love with You



Minor chords have a flatted 3<sup>rd</sup>

So for a C m chord, let's look to the C scale C D E F G A B C

Assign numbers relative to C 12345671

C chord is C E G

C minor chord has flat 3<sup>rd</sup> – Eb C Eb G

Now, challenge yourself to sort out the notes of an Am chord

A scale is A B C# D E F# G# A – using 221-2221 to select scale notes

A chord A C# E 1 3 5

Am A C E 1 b 3 5

How are we playing the Am? (E A C E) – Don't worry, be happy

### Don't Worry, Be Happy

Bobby McFerrin 1986

Key of C

First note=E

Intro: 2 measures of each [C] [Dm] [F] [C] Till Ready [D DU UDU] strum or reggae strum

[C] Here's a little song I wrote,[Dm] you might want to sing it note for note,Don't [F] worry, Be [C] happy

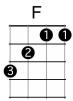
[C] In every life we have some trouble,[Dm] when you worry you make it double,Don't [F] worry, Be [C] happy / / /

(Chorus) (Ooh's) [C] [Dm] [F] [C] X 2

Dmin
2
3

[C] Ain't got no place to lay your head,[Dm] Somebody came and took your bed,Don't [F] worry, Be [C] happy

[C] The landlord says your rent is late,[Dm] He may have to litigate,Don't [F] worry, Be [C] happy / / /



(Chorus) (Ooh's) [C] [Dm] [F] [C] X 2

[C] Ain't got no cash, But I've got style,
[Dm] Playin' my ukulele makes me smile,
Don't [F] worry, Be [C] happy

[C] 'Cause when you worry, your face will frown, [Dm] And that will bring everybody Down, So Don't [F] worry, Be [C] happy / / /

(Chorus) (Ooh's) [C] [Dm] [F] [C] X 2

[C] Now there's the little song I wrote,[Dm] I hope you learned it note for note,Don't [F] worry, Be [C] happy

[C] In your life expect some trouble,[Dm] but when you worry you make it double,Don't [F] worry, Be [C] happy / /(Chorus) (Ooh's) [C] [Dm] [F] [C] X 2

### Chorus Melody

E -855 B85-8-5 G D	5 7-5-77
E5 B-8-55 G7-5-72	5

Find the C @ 8th fret 1st string

D-----7---

### I Can't Help Falling in Love with You

Hugo Peretti, Luigi Creatore and George David Weis Strum= D DUD D DUD OR Pick 4, 3, 2, 1, 2, 3

Intro: F G Am Dm C G C Key of C First note=C

C Em Am Dm C G Wise men say, only fools rush in,

F G Am Dm C G C but I can't help, falling in love with you.

C Em Am Dm C G Shall I stay, would it be a sin,

F G Am Dm C G C

If I, I can't help falling in love with you.

### **Bridge**

Em B7 Em B7 Like a river flows, surely to the sea,

Em B7 Em Dm G darling so it goes, somethings are meant to be

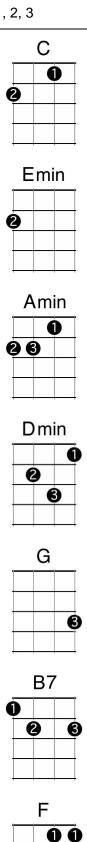
C Em Am Dm C G
Take my hand, take my whole life too,

F G Am Dm C G C for I, can't help falling in love with you

Solo
E  3
B   -3-5-6-5-3-  5-6-5
G  -55-  4-5- -77- -5-
D     -5-7

### Repeat Bridge and last verse

F G Am Dm C G C
No I, I can't help, falling in love with you...

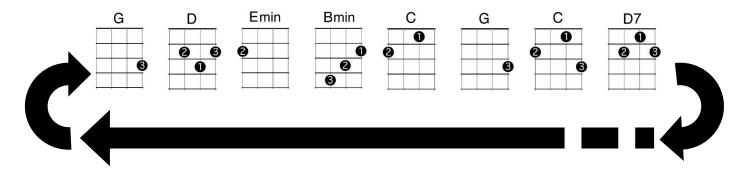


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## Somewhere Over the Rainbow

	C G C Emin
C Em F C F E7 Am F Oooo,oooo,oooo Oooo, oooo, oooo	Well I see skies of blue
	And I see clouds of white
C Em	F C ———————————————————————————————————
Somewhere over the rainbow F C	E7 Am F G
Way up high	I like the dark
And the dreams that you dream of	And I think to myself
G Am F	G CFC
Once in a lullaby	What a wonderful world  Amin E 7
C Em	The colors of the rainbow
Oh, somewhere over the rainbow F C	C C
Blue birds fly	So pretty in the sky
F C	G C
And the dreams that you dream of  Am F	Are also on the faces of people passing by  F  C
Dreams really do come true	See friends shakin hands saying F C
С	"How do you do?"
Someday I'll wish upon a star	F C Dm G
G Am F	They're really sayin,'I, I love you."
Wake up where the clouds are far behind me C	C G
Where trouble melts like lemon drops	I hear babies cryin' F C
High above the chimney tops	And watch them grow
Am F	F C E7 Am
That's where you'll find me	They'll learn much more than we'll ever know F
C Em	And I think to myself
Oh, somewhere over the rainbow	G Am F
F C	What a wonderful world
Blue birds fly	•
F C	C Someday I'll wish upon a star
And the dream that you dare to G Am F	G Am F
Why oh why can't I	Wake up where the clouds are far behind me
,,	Where trouble melts like lemon drops
C G	G
Well I see trees of green	High above the chimney tops
F C	Am F That's where you'll find me
And red roses too	That's where you if this the
F C E7 Am	C Em
l watch them bloom for me and you	Oh, somewhere over the rainbow
And I think to myself	F C
G Am F	Way up high
What a wonderful world	F C
	And the dreams that you dare to F G Am F
Intro	F G Am F Why oh why can't I
3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-5-5-3-3-3-3-3-5-5-5-7-7-10-5 -5-5-5-5-6-6-6-65-5-5-5-7-7-7-7	The state of the s
	C Em F C F E7 Am F
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## Canon in G – (transposed) original key of D by Johann Pachelbel 1700



Play each chord for 8 strums, then 4

Note the new chord form for C use your pinky on the G 3<sup>rd</sup> fret first string Repeat the chord progression for timing and muscle memory – when you get it, try it with eyes closed

Strum Patterns: D=down

### Strum, then pick

**Graduation** Vitamin C

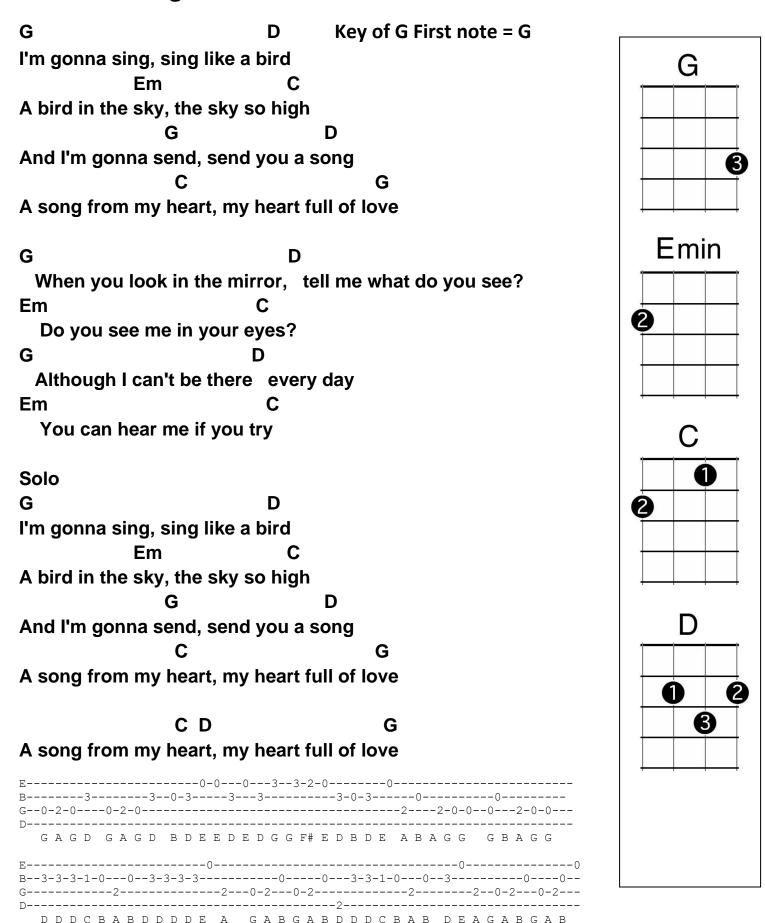
G D Em Bm C G C/G D7	1st note=B G
G D And so we talked all night about the rest Em Bm Where we're gonna be when we turn 25 C G I keep thinking times will never change C/G D7	of our lives
G But when we leave this year we won't be come to the sem to the s	oming back erent track say Thave another day Emin
And I keep thinking of that night in June C/G D7 I didn't know much of love, but it came to	
And there was me and you and then we got mem Bm  Stay at home talking on the telephone  C  We would get so excited and we'd get so so C/G  Laughing at ourselves thinking life's not And this is how it feels (no chord)	cared 3
HORUS:  G D Em Bm  As we go on we remember  C G C/G D7  All the times we had together  G D Em Bm  And as our lives change, come whatever  C G C/G D7  We will still be friends forever	D7

So if we get the big jobs and we make the big money When we look back now will our jokes still be funny? will we still remember everything we learned in school? Still be trying to break every single rule? Will little brainy Bobby be the stockbroker man? Can Heather find a job that won't interfere with her tan? I keep, I keep thinking that it's not goodbye Keep on thinking it's a time to fly And this is how it feels (No chord) **CHORUS** CHORUS w/lala's Will we think about tomorrow like we think about now? Can we survive it out there? Can we make it somehow? I guess I thought that this would never end And suddenly it's like we're women and men Will the past be a shadow that will follow us 'round? Bm Will these memories fade when I leave this town? I keep, keep thinking that it's not goodbye Keep on thinking it's a time to fly CHORUS x3 D Em Bm As we go, on we remember G C/G D7 All the times we had together And as our lives change, come whatever C/G We will still be friends forever

DD DD for chorus VERSE 1 First note=G D D U UD A Well, you done done me and you bet I felt it I tried to be chill but you're so hot that I melted I fell right through the cracks, now I'm tryin to get back Before the cool done run out I'll be givin it my bestest G And nothin's gonna stop me but divine intervention I reckon it's again my turn to win some or learn some **CHORUS** (3 Am I wont hesitate No more, no more C G Am F It can not wait. I'm yours **Amin** VERSE 2 Well open up your mind and see like me 1 **26** Open up your plans and damn you're free Look into your heart and you'll find love love love Listen to the music of the moment maybe sing with me All a peaceful melody And it's our godforsaken right to be loved loved loved loved loved 0 0 Chorus 2 No need to complicate our time is short This is our fate I'm yours BRIDGE C G Am G F D D7 x2 Do-do do's VERSE 3 I've been spendin' way too long checkin' my tongue in the mirror And bendin' over backwards just to try to see it clearer But my breath fogged up the glass and so I drew a new face and I laughed I guess what I'd be sayin' is there ain't no better reason To rid yourself of vanities and just go with the seasons It's what we aim to do, our name is our virtue CHORUS x2

LIFE COULD BE A DREAM [SH-BOOM] The Crew-Cuts	С
Intro: C Am Dm7 G7 Boom ba-doh, ba-doo ba-doo bee-ay. X6	Amin
Verse C Am F G Life could be a dream if I could take you up to C Am F G Paradise up above, if you would tell me I'm the C Am F G C	<b>6 8 9 9 9 0 0</b>
Only one that you love, life would be a dream, sweetheart.  Am  F  G  Hello, hello again, sh-boom and hopin' me meet again.	8
Oh, life could be a dream, If only all my precious plans come true, If you would let me spend my whole life loving you, Life would be a dream, sweetheart.	G <b>3</b>
Bridge: E7 A7 Ev'ry time I look at you, somethin' is on my mind; D7 F Dm7 G7 If you'd do what I want you to, Baby, we'd be so fine.	Dmin7
Oh, life could be a dream, If I could take you up to paradise up above, If you would tell me I'm the only one that you love, Life would be a dream sweetheart.	A 7
Sh-boom, sh-boom, ya-da-da-da-da, Sh-boom, sh-boom, ya-da-da-da-da, Sh-boom, sh-boom, ya-da-da-da	0 8

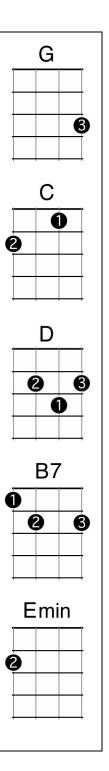
## The Bird Song - Victoria Vox



G

Sitting in limbo...

Reggae strum	Key of G	First note=G
G Sitting here in limbo, but I know C	it won't be lor G	ng.
Sitting here in limbo, like a bird v		g.
Well they're putting up resistanc	e, G	
But I know that my faith will lead	me on.	
G		
Sitting here in limbo, waiting for C	the dice to ro	II. G
Sitting here in limbo, got some ti	ime to search	my soul.
Well they're putting up resistanc	e G	
But I know that my faith will lead	me on.	
C G I don't know where life will lead r	me.	
C G	,	
But I know where I've been.		
I can't say what life will show me	<b>,</b>	
But I know what I've seen.  B7 Em		
Tried my hand at love and friend	ship,	
B7 Em But all that is passed and gone.		
A D This little boy is moving on.		
_		
G Sitting here in limbo waiting for t		v.
C	G	
Sitting here in limbo knowing the D	•	) <b>.</b>
Well they're putting up resistance	•	
C D	G	
But I know that my faith will lead	me on.	



# America the Beautiful

Katherine Lee Bates / Samuel A. Ward

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1st note: D

G Scale = G-A-BC-D-E F#G

C D7			
G D7 O beautiful for specious skips	(	G	
O beautiful for spacious skies,  G D7	П		
For amber waves of grain,  G D			•
For purple mountain majesties			
E7 A A7		)7	
Above the fruited plain!		0	)
•	2	)	•
Chorus:			
G D7			
America! America!			
G G7		D	
God shed His grace on thee,			
C G	2	)	-
And crown thy good with brotherhood		1	
C D7 G			
From sea to shining sea!	-		
		Ε	
G D7	0		
O beautiful for patriot dream	2		
G DI	_		
That sees beyond the years	-		
G D			
Thine alabaster cities gleam		Α	
E7 A A7		<b>/ \</b>	
Undimmed by human tears.		. 6	
	<b>D 2</b>	) E	<u> </u>
G D7	-		
America! America! G G7		_	
	Δ.	\ 7	
God shed His grace on thee, C G	П		
	D	6	)
And crown thy good with brotherhood  C D7 G			
From sea to shining sea			