Announcements

September 13: Practice at 1:00

September 27: Practice at 1:00

afterwards meet at Shigley Ampitheater behind the library by 2:30 to play at the Mentone Americana Music series at 3:00. Bring your chair and music. We will be putting together a set before Sept 13.

October 4: Practice at 1:00

New Christmas Music Requested

If you have a suggestion for a new Christmas song not in our current play list, please let Hank or Lila know. We would like to add some new songs to our Christmas repertoire.

If you have the chord sheets for songs you would like us to play, that's helpful but if you don't we can try to find one or put one together. Our current song Christmas song list is

A Holly Jolly Christmas
Christmas in Dixie
Deck the Halls
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas
Jingle Bells
Jingle Bell Rock
Little Drummer Boy
O Christmas Tree
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
Silent Night
We Wish You a Merry Christmas
What Child is This?

IMPORTANT—we try to have a seasonal song list that we pull from. We will add new songs to the main songbook as we go through them.

The current summer and fall song set for 2025 is at this link:

Summer and Fall 2025 set

Song Set

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas
Blue Christmas
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
What Child Is This?
Jingle Bell Rock
The Railroad Days
Aragon Mill
Mele Kalikimaka
Little Drummer Boy
Feliz Navidad
A Holly Jolly Christmas
We Wish You a Merry Christmas
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
Christmas in Dixie

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas - John Rox

Arr. Pete McCarty

DON'T SING! KAZOO OR HUM

[G] I want a hippopotamus for Christmas only a hippopotamus will **[D]** do
[D7] Don't want a doll, no dinky Tinker Toy I **[A]** want a hippopotamus to
[D7] play with and enjoy

SING: [G] I want a hippopotamus for Christmas only a hippopotamus will **[D]** do **[D7]** Don't want a doll, no dinky Tinker Toy I **[A]** want a hippopotamus to **[D7]** play with and enjoy

I **[G]** want a hippopotamus for Christmas I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do **[D]** you? He **[D7]** won't have to use our dirty chimney flue Just **[A]** bring him through the front door, that's the **[D7]** easy thing to do

BRIDGE: I can **[G7]** see me now on **[C]** Christmas morning, **[G7]** creeping down the **[C]** stairs Oh what **[D7]** joy and what surprise when I **[G]** open up my eyes to see a **[A]** hip-po he-ro **[D]** standing **[D7]** there

I **[G]** want a hippopotamus for Christmas only a hippopotamus will **[D]** do
[D7] No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses I **[A]** only like **[D7]** hippopotamuses
And **[A]** hippopota **[D7]** -muses like me **[G]** too

DON'T SING! KAZOO OR HUM: [G] I want a hippopotamus for Christmas only a hippopotamus will **[D]** do

SING: [D7] Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then **[A]** Teacher says a hippo is a **[D7]** vegetarian!

DON'T SING! KAZOO OR HUM: [G] I want a hippopotamus for Christmas only a hippopotamus will **[D]** do
SING: [D7] There's lots of room for him in our two-car garage
[A] I'd feed him there and wash him there and **[D7]** give him his massage

BRIDGE 2: I can **[G7]** see me now on **[C]** Christmas morning, **[G7]** creeping down the **[C]** stairs Oh what **[D7]** joy and what surprise when I **[G]** open up my eyes to see a **[A]** hip-po he-ro **[D]** standing **[D7]** there

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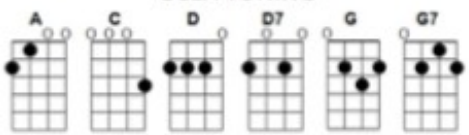

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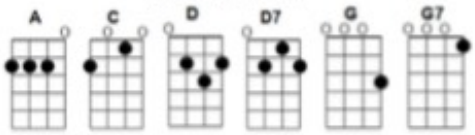

Blue Christmas written by Billy Hayes and Jay W. Johnson (1948)

performed by Elvis Presley

Count in to start singing

[NC]I'll have a**[C]** Blue Christmas **[G]**without you

I'll be so **[G7]**blue thinking **[C]**about you

Decora**[Gm]**tions of **[C]**red on a **[F]**green Christmas tree

[D] Won't be the same, if **[G]**you're not here with**[G7]** me

[NC]And when those **[C]**blue snowflakes start **[G]**fallin'

And when those **[G7]**blue memories start **[C]**callin'

You'll be doin'**[Gm]** all **[C]**right, with your **[F]**Christmas of **[D7]**white,

But I **[G]**'ll have a blue, blue, blue, blue **[C]**Christmas

[Play kazoo or hum]

[NC]*I'll have a* ***[C]****Blue Christmas* ***[G]****without you*

I'll be so ***[G7]****blue thinking* ***[C]****about you*

[Sing]

Decora**[Gm]**tions of **[C]**red on a **[F]**green Christmas tree

[D]Won't be the same, if**[G]** you're not here with **[G7]**me

[NC]I'll have a**[C]**Blue Christmas that's cer**[G]**tain

And when that**[G7]** blue heartache starts **[C]**hurtin'

You'll be doin'**[Gm]** all **[C]**right, with your Ch**[F]**ristmas of **[D7]**white,

But **[G]**I'll have a blue, blue, blue, blue **[C]** Christmas

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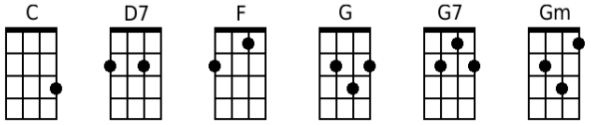

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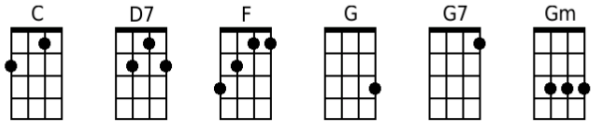

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Rockin Around the Christmas Tree-Johnny Marks **Arr. Pete McCarty**

[C //] [G7 //] [C //] [G7HOLD]
[C] Rockin around the Christmas tree at the **[G7]** Christmas party hop
Mistletoe hung where you can see every couple tries to **[C]** stop Rockin
around the Christmas tree let the **[G7]** Christmas spirit ring Later we'll have
some punkin pie and well do some carol **[C //]**ing **[C7 //]**

[F] You will get a sentimental **[Em]** feeling when you hear
[Am] Voices singing lets be jolly, **[D7HOLD]** deck the halls with
[G7HOLD] boughs of holly.
[C] Rockin around the Christmas tree have a **[G7]** happy holiday
Everyone dancing merrily in the new old fashioned **[C]** way**…[G7]**

[C] Rockin around the Christmas tree at the **[G7]** Christmas party hop
Mistletoe hung where you can see every couple tries to **[C]** stop
Rockin around the Christmas tree let the **[G7]** Christmas spirit ring
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FASHIONED! [C] way**!!! [CHOLD]**

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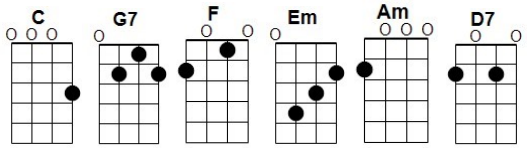

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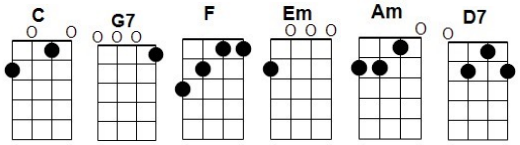

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What Child is This?
¾ Time; Strumming Pattern: D DU D

Intro: [G] [Am] [E7] [Am-HOLD]

What [Am] child is this— who [G] laid to rest— on [F] Mary's lap is [E7] sleeping?
Whom [Am] angels greet—with [G] anthems sweet—while [Am] shepherds
[E7] watch— are [Am] keeping?

CHORUS:
[C] This, this—is [G] Christ the King— whom [Am] shepherds guard—and [E7] angels sing; [C]
Haste, haste—to [G] bring Him laud,— the [Am] Babe— the [E7] Son— of [Am] Mary [Am-HOLD].

Oh, [Am] bring Him incense, [G] gold and myrrh,—Come [F] peasant, king— to [E7] own—
Him; the [Am] King of kings— sal- [G] -vation brings,— let [Am] loving
[E7] hearts en- [Am] -throne Him.

CHORUS 2:
[C] Raise, raise—the [G] song on high— the [Am] Virgin sings a [E7] lullaby. [C] Haste, haste—
to [G] bring Him laud, the [Am] Babe—the [E7] Son of [Am] Mary. [Am-HOLD]

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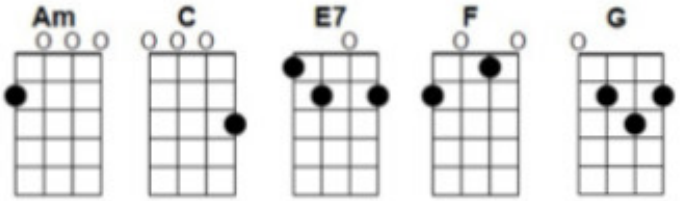

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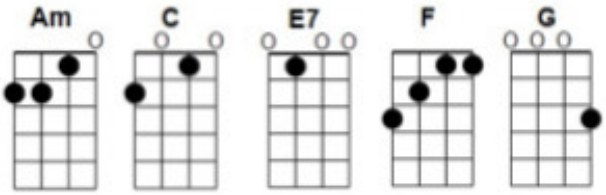

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Jingle Bell Rock – Beal & Boothe Arr. Pete McCarty

[G] Jingle-bell, jingle-bell, jingle-bell rock
jingle-bells swing and **[Am]** jingle-bells ring
snowing and **[D7//]** blowing up **[Am//]** bushels of **[D7//]** fun
[Am] now the jingle hop **[D7]** has begun

[G] Jingle-bell, jingle-bell, jingle-bell rock
jingle-bells chime in **[Am]** jingle-bell time
dancing and **[D7//]** prancing in **[Am//]** Jingle Bell
[D7//] Square **[A7//]** in the **[D7//]** frosty **[G]** air

What a **[C]** bright time it's the right time
to **[G]** rock the night away
jingle **[A7]** bell time is a swell time
[D7HOLD] to go gliding in a **[D7HOLD]** one-horse sleigh

[G] Giddy-up jingle horse pick up your feet jingle
around the **[E7]** clock
[Am] mix and mingle in a **[Cm]** jingling beat
[A7//] that's the **[D7//]** jingle-bell **[G]** rock

[G] Jingle-bell, jingle-bell, jingle-bell rock
jingle-bells chime in **[Am]** jingle-bell time
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[D7HOLD] to go gliding in a **[D7HOLD]** one-horse sleigh

[G] Giddy-up jingle horse pick up your feet jingle
around the **[E7]** clock
[Am] mix and mingle in a **[Cm]** jingling beat
[A7//] that's the **[D7//]** jingle-bell
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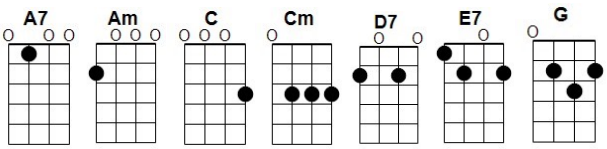

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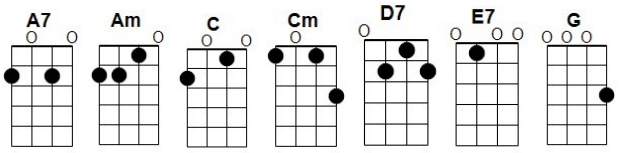

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Aragon Mill by Si Kahn (1975)
This version as performed by Dry Branch Fire Squad

INTRODUCTION: 4 beats each: [F] [C] [Bb] [F – start singing on Beat 4]

[F] At the East end of town
At the foot of the hill,
There's a **[C]** chimney so tall, That
says **[Bb]** "Ar-a-gon **[F]** Mill."

[F] But there's no smoke at all
Coming out of its stack
Since the **[C]** mill has shut down.
And it **[Bb]** ain't comin' **[F]** back.

CHORUS:
[F] And the only sound I hear
Is the cry of the wind,
As it **[C]** blows through the town,
Weave and **[Bb]** spin,
Weave and **[F]** spin.

[F] There's no children at all
In the narrow, empty street
Since the **[C]** mills have all gone,
It's so **[Bb]** quiet I can't **[F]** sleep.

[F] Since the mill has shut down
Lord, it's all that I know.
Tell me **[C]** what will I do,
Tell me **[Bb]** where will I **[F]** go.

CHORUS:
[F] And the only sound I hear
Is the cry of the wind,
As it **[C]** blows through the town,
Weave and **[Bb]** spin,
Weave and **[F]** spin.

[F] Now I'm too old to change
And I'm too young to die.
Tell me **[C]** where will I go now
My **[Bb]** family and **[F]** I.

CHORUS:
[F] And the only sound I hear
Is the cry of the wind,
As it **[C]** blows through the town,
FADE: Weave and **[Bb]** spin,
Weave and **[F]** spin. **REPEAT**

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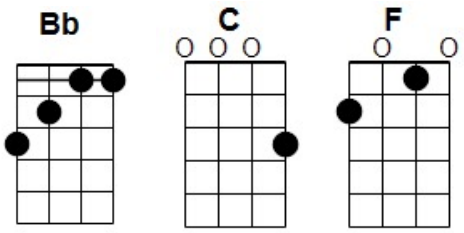

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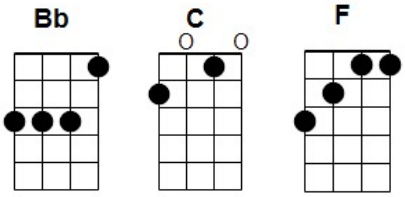

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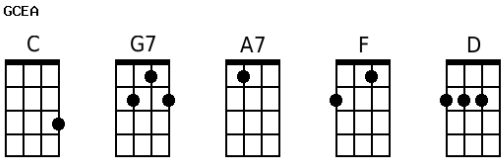
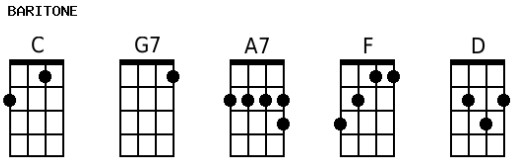
Mele Kalikimaka written by R. Alex Anderson (1949)
performed by Bing Crosby, Jimmy Buffett and others

[C] [C]
[C]Mele Kalikimaka is the **[C]**thing to say
on a **[C]**bright Hawaiian Christmas **[G7]**day.
[G7]That's the island greeting that we **[G7]**send to you
From the **[G7]**land where palm trees **[C]**sway.
[C7]Here we know that Christmas will be green **[F]**and bright
the **[A7]**sun will shine by day and all the **[D]**stars by **[G7]**night
[C]Mele Kalikimaka is Ha-**[A7]**waii's way
To **[D]**say "Merry Ch**[G7]**ristmas" to **[C]**you. **[C]**

[Play kazoo or hum]
[C]Mele Kalikimaka is the [C]thing to say
on a [C]bright Hawaiian Christmas [G7]day.
[G7]That's the island greeting that we [G7]send to you
From the [G7]land where palm trees [C]sway.

[Sing]
[C7]Here we know that Christmas will be green **[F]**and bright
the **[A7]**sun will shine by day and all the **[D]**stars by **[G7]**night
[C]Mele Kalikimaka is Ha-**[A7]**waii's way
To **[D]**say "Merry Ch**[G7]**ristmas"
a **[D]**very Merry Ch**[G7]**ristmas
a **[D]**very very Merry Ch**[G7]**ristmas to **[C]**You **[C/][G7/][C/]**





LITTLE DRUMMER BOY- KATHERINE KENNICOT DAVIS - 1951

Arrangement by Lisa Kljaich – The Ukulele Fool

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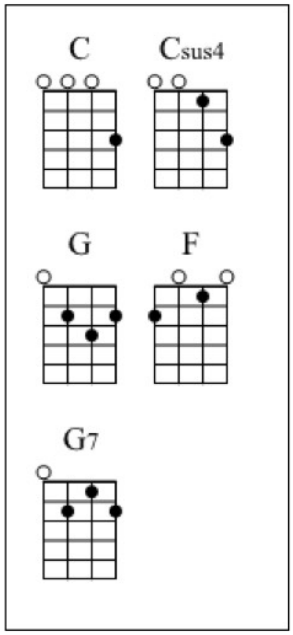

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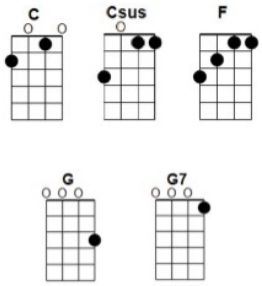

Intro: **[C][C]**
[C] Come they told me, pa **Csus4/** rum pum pum **C/** pum **[C]**
[C] A new born King to see, pa **Csus4/** rum pum pum **C/** pum **[C]**

[G] Our finest gifts we bring, pa **C/** rum pum pum **G/** pum **[G]**
[G] To lay before the King, pa **C/** rum pum pum **F/** pum,
F/ rum pum pum **C/** pum, **C/**rum pum pum **G/** pum, **[G] [G]**

[C] So to honour Him, pa **Csus4/** rum pum pum **C/** pum, **[C]**
G7/ When we **[C]** come. **[C]**

[C] Little Baby, pa **Csus4/** rum pum pum **C/** pum **[C]**
[C] I am a poor boy too, pa **Csus4/** rum pum pum **C/** pum **[C]**

[G] I have no gift to bring, pa **C/** rum pum pum **G/** pum **[G]**
[G] That's fit to give the King, pa **C/** rum pum pum **F/** pum,
F/ rum pum pum **C/** pum, **C/**rum pum pum **G/** pum, **[G] [G]**

[C] Shall I play for you, pa **Csus4/** rum pum pum **C/** pum, **[C]**
G7/ On my **[C]** drum? **[C]**

[C] Mary nodded, pa **Csus4/** rum pum pum **C/** pum **[C]**
[C] The ox and lamb kept time, pa **Csus4/** rum pum pum **C/** pum **[C]**

[G] I played my drum for Him, pa **C/** rum pum pum **G/** pum **[G]**
[G] I played my best for Him, pa **C/** rum pum pum **F/** pum,
F/ rum pum pum **C/** pum, **C/**rum pum pum **G/** pum, **[G] [G]**

[C] Then He smiled at me, pa **Csus4/** rum pum pum **C/** pum **[C]**
G7/ Me and my **[C]** drum **C/ G7/** Me and my **[C]** drum **C/**

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Tutorial - https://youtu.be/HaC8iwu-OLo

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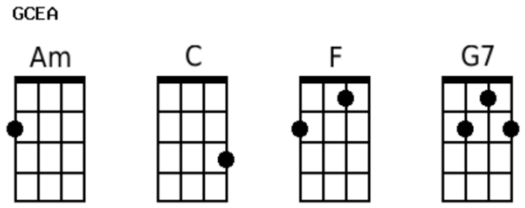
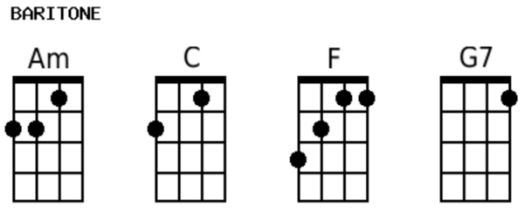
Feliz Navidad

Jose Feliciano





Island Strum

Intro:

[C][F] [G7] [C]

[C][F] [G7] [C/]

[NC] Feliz Navi-[F]dad

[G7]Feliz Navi-[C]dad

[Am]Feliz Navi-[F]dad, próspero [G7] año y Felici-[C]dad.[C/]

[NC] Feliz Navi-[F]dad

[G7]Feliz Navi-[C]dad

[Am]Feliz Navi-[F]dad, próspero [G7] año y Felici-[C]dad.[C/]

[NC]I wanna wish you a [F] merry Christmas

[G7]I wanna wish you a [C] merry Christmas

[Am]I wanna wish you a [F] merry Christmas

From the [G7] bottom of my [C] heart [C/]

[NC]I wanna wish you a [F] merry Christmas

[G7]I wanna wish you a [C] merry Christmas

[Am]I wanna wish you a [F] merry Christmas

From the [G7] bottom of my [C] heart [C/]

[NC] Feliz Navi-[F]dad
[G7]Feliz Navi-[C]dad
[Am]Feliz Navi-[F]dad, próspero [G7] año y Felici-[C]dad.[C/]

[NC] Feliz Navi-[F]dad
[G7]Feliz Navi-[C]dad
[Am]Feliz Navi-[F]dad, próspero [G7] año y Felici-[C]dad.[C/]

[NC]I wanna wish you a [F] merry Christmas
[G7]I wanna wish you a [C] merry Christmas
[Am]I wanna wish you a [F] merry Christmas
From the [G7] bottom of my [C] heart [C/]

[NC]I wanna wish you a [F] merry Christmas
[G7]I wanna wish you a [C] merry Christmas
[Am]I wanna wish you a [F] merry Christmas
From the [G7] bottom of my [C] heart [C/]

[C/]cha-[C/]cha-[C/]-cha

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A Holly Jolly Christmas – Johnny Marks “Key of C”

Arr. Tim Stacks & Pete McCarty

[C] [C-HOLD]
Have a **[C]** holly jolly Christmas, it's the best time of the **[G7]** year
I don't know if there'll be snow, but have a cup of **[C]** cheer
have a holly jolly Christmas, and when you walk down the **[G7]** street
say hello to friends you know, and everyone you **[C]** meet

[F] Oh, ho, the **[Em]** mistletoe, **[Dm]** hung where you can **[C]** see
[Dm] some-body **[Am]** waits for you, **[D7/]** kiss her once for **[G7/]** me

Have a **[C]** holly jolly Christmas, and in case you didn't **[G7]** hear oh by
golly have a **[C]** holly jolly **[D7]** Christmas **[G7/]** this **[C/]** year

NO SING! KAZOO!
Have a **[C]** holly jolly Christmas, it's the best time of the **[G7]** year
I don't know if there'll be snow, but have a cup of **[C]** cheer.

SING: Have a **[C]** holly jolly Christmas, and when you walk down the
[G7] street say hello to friends you know, and everyone you **[C]** meet

[F] Oh, ho, the **[Em]** mistletoe, **[Dm]** hung where you can **[C]** see
[Dm] some-body **[Am]** waits for you, **[D7/]** kiss her once for **[G7/]** me

Have a **[C]** holly jolly Christmas, and in case you didn't **[G7]** hear
oh by golly have a **[C]** holly jolly **[D7]** Christmas **[G7/]** this **[C/]** year!

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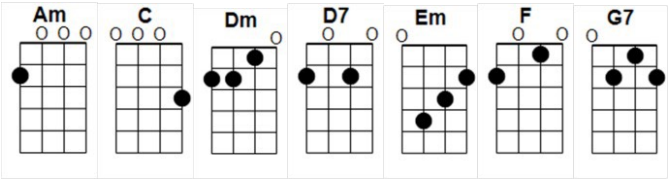

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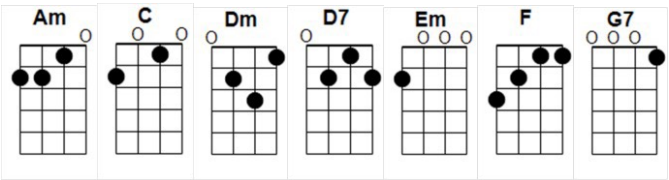

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WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
¾ TIME (STRUM PATTERN: D-DU-D)

INTRO (Instrumental): Good [C] tidings for [G] Christmas and a [F//] happy [G7/] new [C-STOP] year.

We [C] wish you a merry [F] Christmas
We [D7] wish you a merry [G] Christmas
We [E7] wish you a merry [Am] Christmas
And a [F//] happy [G7/] new [C-STOP] year.

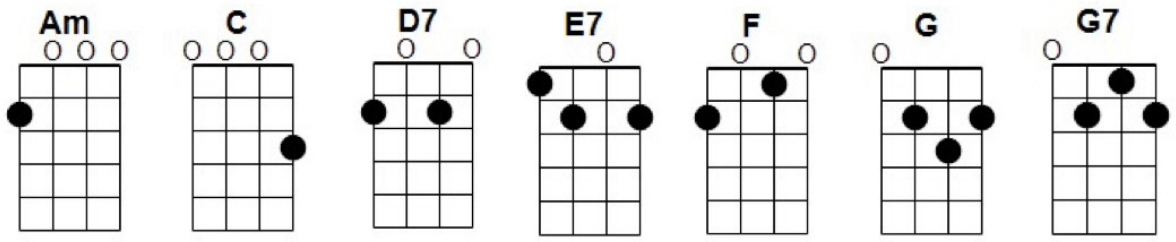
Good [C] tidings we [G] bring to [D7] you and your [G] kin
Good [C] tidings for [G] Christmas
And a [F//] happy [G7/] new [C-STOP] year.

[**A little more demanding…**]
Now [C] bring us some figgy [F] pudding,
Now [D7] bring us some figgy [G] pudding,
[E7] bring us some figgy [Am] pudding
And a [F//] cup of [G7/] good [C-STOP] cheer!

[**Chuck the chords or single strum and be more demanding!**]
We [C] won't go until we [F] get some,
We [D7] won't go until we [G] get some,
We [E7] won't go until we [Am] get some,
So [F//] bring it [G7/] right [C-STOP] here!!!

[**Back to being all sweet**]
We [C] wish you a merry [F] Christmas
We [D7] wish you a merry [G] Christmas
We [E7] wish you a merry [Am] Christmas
And a [F//] happy [G7/] new [C-STOP] year.

GCEA



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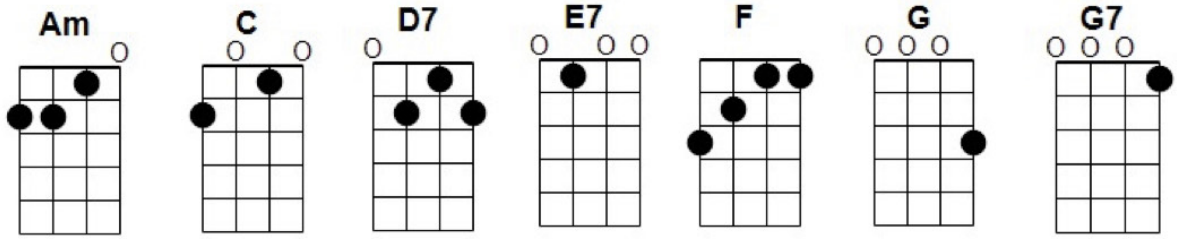

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Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Suggested Strumming: 1 2 3 4
T D T D

Bracketed chords are 2 beats/each unless otherwise noted.

INTRO (Two beats each):
[G] [Em] [Am] [D7] [G] [Em7] [Am] [D7]

[G] Have your **[Em]** self a **[Am]** Merry Little **[D7]** Christmas,
[G] Let your **[Em7]** heart be **[Am]** light **[D7]**
[G] From now **[Em]** on our **[Am]** troubles will be
[D7] out of **[B]** sight **[E7] [Am] [D7]**

[G] Have your **[Em]** self a **[Am]** Merry Little **[D7]** Christmas,
[G] make the **[Em7]** yule tide **[Am]** gay **[D7]**
[G] From now **[Em]** on our **[Am]** troubles will be
will be **[D7]** miles a **[Em]** way **[Em] [Dm] [G7]**

[Cmaj7 // //] Here we are as in **[Gmaj7 // //]** olden days,
Happy **[Am // /]** Golden days **[D7 /]** of **[Gmaj7 // //]** yore
[A9 // //] Faithful friends, who are **[Bm7 // //]** dear to us,
Gather **[D // /]** near to us **[A7 /]** once **[Am]** more **[D7]**

[G] Through the **[Em7]** years we **[Am]** all will be to **[D7]**
gether, **[G]** If the **[Em7]** fates al-**[Am]-**low, **[D7]**
[G] hang a **[Em]** shining **[Am]** star upon the **[B7]** highest
[Em] bough **[Em] [G7// //]** and **[Cmaj7 // //]** have yourself
a **[Am]** merry, little **[D7]** Christ-mas **[G// //]** now.

[Em] [Am] [D7] [G] [Em7] [Am] [D7] [Gmaj7-ARPEGGIO STRUM & HOLD]

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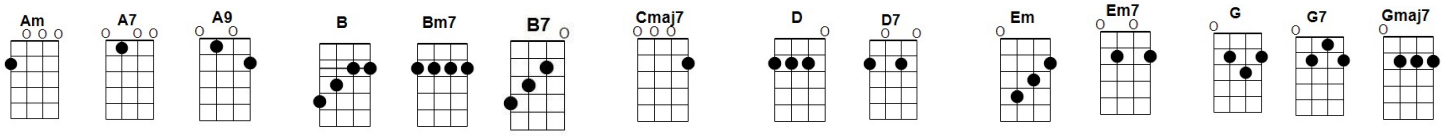

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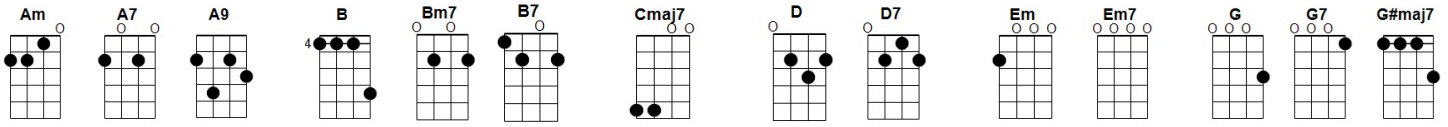

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Christmas in Dixie – Alabama Arr. Tim Stacks and Pete McCarty

[D] [Em] [A7] [D] [D] [Gmaj7] [Gmaj7 //] [A7 //] [D] [DHold]

By now in New York **[Em]** City **[A7 //]**
there's snow on the **[Dmaj7]** ground **[D6 //]**
and out in Cali-**[Em]**-fornia **[A7 //]**
the sunshine‘s falling **[D]** down **[D7 //]**
and maybe down in **[G]** Memphis **[A7 //]** Graceland's all
in **[Dmaj7]** lights **[D6 //]**
and in Atlanta, **[Em]** Georgia **[A7 //]**
there's peace on earth to-**[D]**-night **[Dsus //] [DHold]**

Christmas in **[G]** Dixie **[A7 //]** it’s snowing in the **[Dmaj7]** pines **[D6 //]**
Merry Christmas from **[Em]** Dixie **[A7 //]**to everyone to-**[D]**-night
[Dsus //] [DHold] 1-2-3-4

INSTRUMENTAL: [Gmaj7] [A7] [Dmaj7] [D6]
[Em] [A7] [D //] [Dsus //] [D-Hold]

It’s windy in Chi-**[Em]**-cago **[A7 //]**
the kids are out of **[Dmaj7]** school **[D6 //]**
there's magic in **[Em]** Motown **[A7 //]**
the city's on the **[D]** move **[D7 //]**
in Jackson, Missis-**[G]**-sippi **[A7 //]**
to Charlotte, Caro-**[Dmaj7]**-line **[D6 //]**
and all across the **[Em]** Nation **[A7 //]**
It’s a peaceful Christmas **[D]** time **[Dsus //] [DHold]**

Christmas in **[G]** Dixie **[A7 //]** it’s snowing in the **[Dmaj7]** pines **[D6 //]**
Merry Christmas from **[Em]** Dixie **[A7 //]**
to everyone to-**[D]**-night **[Dsus //] [DHold]**
Christmas in **[G]** Dixie **[A7 //]** it’s snowing in the **[Dmaj7]** pines **[D6 //]**
Merry Christmas from **[Em]** Dixie **[A7 //]** to everyone
to-**[D]**-night **[Dsus //] [DHold]** and from MENTONE **[Em]** Alabama,

[A7Hold] Merry Christ-mas to-**[DHold]**-night

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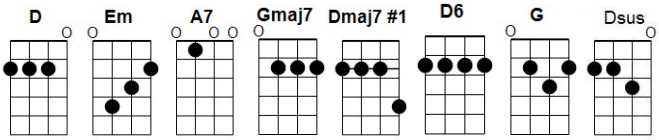

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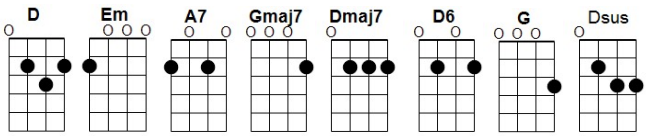

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