



SATURDAY OPENING STRUM SONGBOOK

O, Canada
The Star-Spangled Banner
Spread a Little Aloha
Hound Dog
Everybody Gets a Kitten
Blame it on the Ukulele
My Little Grass Shack
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We Are Going to Be Friends
Play Your Ukulele
It's Mighty Uke Day



O Canada (We Play Our Ukes for Thee)

As performed at the Opening Ceremonies of the Vancouver 2010 Ukulele Games 16/2/10

G-C-E-A

Intro:

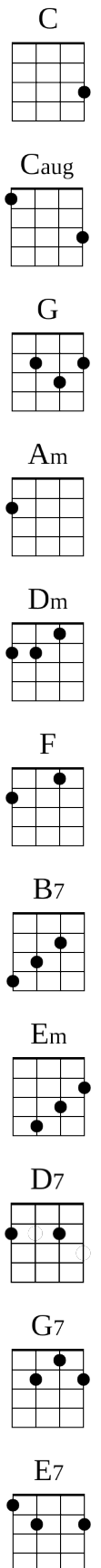
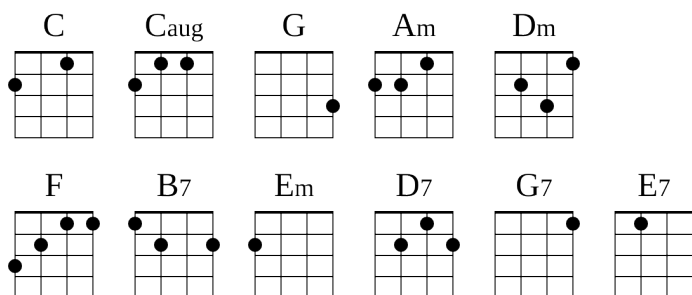
[C] O [Caug] Cana[F]da
[Dm] We [C] strum [F] our [C] ukes [G7] for [C] thee

[C] O [G] Cana[Am]da
[G] Our [C] home [Dm] and [C] na[F]tive [G] land
[C] True [B7] patriot [Em] love
In [G] all of [D7] us com[G]mand

With [G7] glowing hearts
We [C] see thee rise
Our [F] true [C] north [F] strong [C] and [G] free
From [G7] far and wide, O [C] Cana[Am]da,
We [G] strum our [D7] ukes for [G] thee [G7]

[C] God [G] keep our [Am] land
[Dm] Glorious and [G] free!
[C] O [E7] Cana[F]da
[Dm] We [C] strum [F] our [C] ukes [G] for [E7] thee
[C] O [Caug] Cana[F]da
[Dm] We [C] strum [F] our [C] ukes [G7] for [C] thee

D-G-B-E



The Star-Spangled Banner

Words by Francis Scott Key

Music by John Stafford Smith



[G] Oh, say can [D] you [Em] see
By the dawn's ear[A7]ly [D] light
What so [G] proudly we [D] hailed
At the [G] twilight's last gleaming?

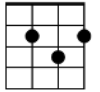
[G] Whose broad stripes and [D] bright [Em] stars
Through the perilo[A7]us [D] fight
O'er the [G] ramparts we [D] watched
Were so [G] gallantly streaming?

[G] And the rockets' red glare
The bombs [D] bursting in [D7] air
Gave [G] proof through the [D] night
That our [G] flag [Em] was [A7] still [D] there. [D7]

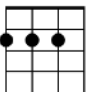
Oh [G] say does that [C] star-span[E7]gled
[Am] Banner yet [G] wave [D]
[D7] O'er the [G] land [D7] of the [G] free
[Em] And the [G] home [D7] of the [G] brave?

G-C-E-A

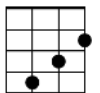
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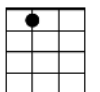
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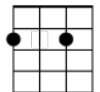
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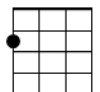
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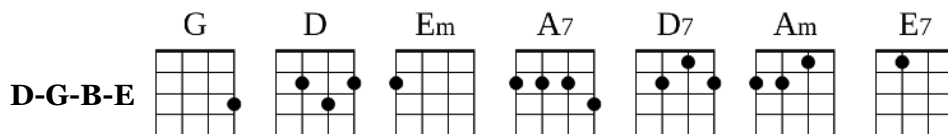
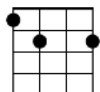
D7



Am



E7



Spread a Little Aloha

The Mana'o Company



F Gm F
People are you listening to what we're
Gm
about to say?

F Gm F
We are on a mission, trying to find a
Gm
way.

F Gm F Gm
If you and me make a guarantee,
F Gm F -Gm
To spread a little aloha around the world.

F Gm F Gm
And I know we, we can work it out,
F Gm F
And make this world a better place. (For

Gm
you and for me.)

CHORUS:

F Gm
A - L - O - H - A
F Gm
A little Aloha in our day

F Gm F
Spread a little aloha around the world
Gm
(Around the world.)

Could you imagine all around the world,
A little aloha in every boy and girl?
Could you imagine how simple life could
be,
With a little aloha in you and me?

Let's spread a little bit of aloha,
put a little love in your heart,
Take a little dip in the ocean.
Ah yeah (ah yeah), uh-huh (uh-huh).
Singin'...

REPEAT CHORUS

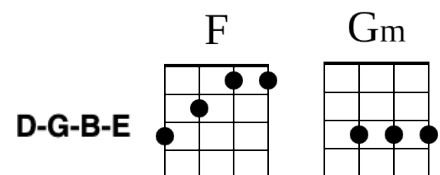
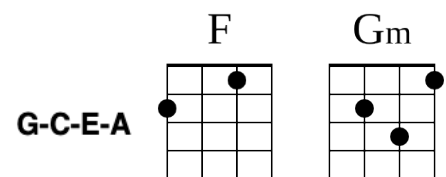
Aloha means hello,
And aloha means goodbye,
And aloha means I love you, and I want
to take it higher.

We're gonna go high, with a little
aloha...

We can touch the sky, with a little
aloha... aloha.

Let's spread a little bit of aloha,
put a little love in your heart,
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REPEAT CHORUS



Hound Dog Leiber & Stoller

Elvis Presley <https://youtu.be/-eHJ12Vhpyc> (same key)

Intro: [G] [F7] [C]

You ain't nothin' but a [C] hound dog cryin' all the time
You ain't nothin' but a [F7] hound dog cryin' all the [C] time
Well you ain't [G] never caught a rabbit
And you [F7] ain't no friend of [C] mine (stop)

Well they said you was [C] high classed well that was just a lie
Yeah they said you was [F7] high classed well that was just a [C] lie
Well you ain't [G] never caught a rabbit
And you [F7] ain't no friend of [C] mine (stop)

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Well you ain't [G] never caught a rabbit
And you [F7] ain't no friend of [C] mine (stop)

[C] /// [C] /// [C] /// [C7] ///
[F7] /// [F7] /// [C] /// [C] ///
[G] /// [F7] /// [C] ///

Well they said you was [C] high classed well that was just a lie
Yeah they said you was [F7] high classed well that was just a [C] lie
Well you ain't [G] never caught a rabbit
And you [F7] ain't no friend of [C] mine [G] (stop)

[C] /// [C] /// [C] /// [C7] ///
[F7] /// [F7] /// [C] /// [C] ///
[G] /// [F7] /// [C] ///

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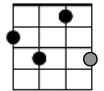
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And you [F7] ain't no friend of [C] mine [B] [C]

G-C-E-A

G



F7



C

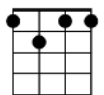


D-G-B-E

G



F7



C



Everybody Gets a Kitten

Jeremy Messersmith <https://youtu.be/TLP9f4jsqOM>

Standard
tuning
G-C-E-A

Intro: [C] | [F] | [C] | [F]

[C] Gotta say the future's [F] awesome
[C] Everything is a-o[F]kay
[C] All the work is done by [F] robots
[C] Every day is [F] Saturday

[Am] Future people all have [F] jet-packs
[Am] Fly around in flying [F] cars
[C] There's so much that I could [F] tell you
But the [G] coolest part by far [stop]

[C] Everybody gets a [F] kitten
[C] A new one every single [F] day
[C] Everybody gets a [F] kitten
You can [G] name if you want [stop]
Or you can give it away [C] | [F] | [C] | [F]

[C] There is no disease or [F] hunger
[C] Zero poverty or [F] war
[C] Life is just a giant [F] party
And [C] no one here is ever [F] bored

[Am] All the factories burn [F] rainbows
[Am] You can buy a house on [F] Mars
[C] There's so much that I could [F] tell you
But the [G] coolest part by far [stop]

[C] Everybody gets a [F] kitten
[C] A new one every single [F] day
[C] Everybody gets a [F] kitten
You can [G] name if you want, or not

[C] Everybody gets a [F] kitten
[C] A new one every single [F] day
[C] Everybody gets a [F] kitten
You can [G] name if you want [stop]
Or you can give it a[C-stop]way

C



F



Am



G



Baritone
tuning
D-G-B-E

C



F



Am



G



Blame It On The Ukulele “Blame It On The Bossa Nova”

Eydie Gormé (Weil/Mann - parody lyrics: Susan Nicholls)

<https://youtu.be/PaRIW-jz1QQ?si=T7hbLzaYQWT3MRH3>
(original key Db before key change)

Intro: [D] [D] [D] [D]

[D] I was on my own feeling sad and [A7] blue
When I met a friend who knew just what to [D] do
On her little uke [D7] she began to [G] play
And [D] then I knew I'd [A7] buy a uke that [D] day

Blame it on the uku[A7]lele with its magic [D] spell
Blame it on the uku[A7]lele that she played so [D] well [D7]
Oh it all began with [G] just one little chord
But soon it was a [D] sound we all adored
Blame it on the uku[A7]lele . . . the sound of [D] love

(Men) Is it a gui[A7]tar? (Women) No no a ukulele
(Men) Or a mando[D]lin? (Women) No no a ukulele
(Men) So was it the [A7] sound? (Women) Yeah yeah the ukulele
(All) [D] The [G] sound of [D] love

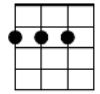
[D] Now I'm glad to say I have a fami[A7]ly
Soprano, tenor, bass ev'ry ukule[D]le
All my friends play uke [D7] and I'm never [G] blue
So [D] join our band and [A7] you can play one [D] too

Come and play the uku[A7]lele with its magic [D] spell
Com and play the uku[A7]lele that she played so [D] well [D7]
Oh it all began with [G] just one little chord
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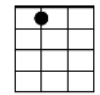
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(All) [D] The [G] sound of [D] love
(cha-cha-chop)

G-C-E-A

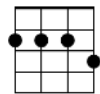
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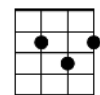
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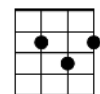


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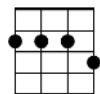


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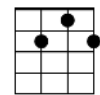
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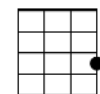
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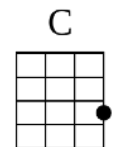
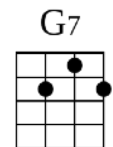
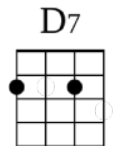
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Little Grass Shack http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opFlIu_I9BQ

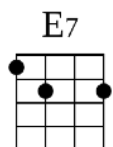
Hawaiian vamp [D7] [G7] [C] x 2

I want to go [C] back to my little grass shack
In Ke-a-la-ke-kua, [D7] Hawaii (*Hawaii*)
I want to [G7] be with all the kanes and wahines
That I used to [C] know (*so long ago*)

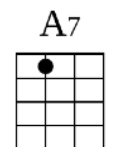


I can [E7] hear the ukuleles playing
On the [A7] beach at Ho' o-nau-nau
I can [D7] hear the old Hawaiians saying,
"Komo [G7-stop] mai no Kaua I ka hale wela-ka-hao"

It won't be [C] long 'til my ship is sailing back to [D7] Kona (*Kona*)
A [G7] grand old place that's always fair to [E7] see (*you're telling me*)
I'm [A7] just a little Hawaiian and a homesick island boy
I [D7] want to go back to my fish and poi



I want to go [C] back to my little grass shack
In Keala-kekua, Ha[D7]waii (*Hawaii*)
Where the [G7] humu-humu-nuku-nuku
A pu-a-a go swimming [C] by

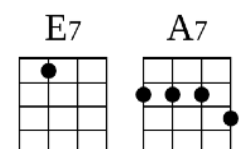
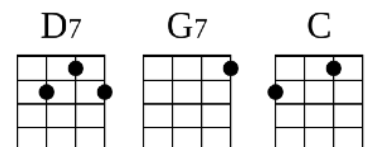


Solo over first two stanzas

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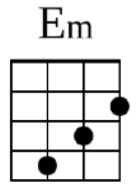
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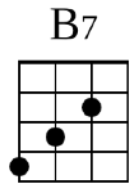
Hawaiian vamp [D7] [G7] [C] x 2

Oh Mary, Don't You Weep

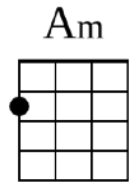
[Em] Well if I could I **[B7]** surely would
Stand on the rock where **[Em]** Moses stood;
[Am] Pharaoh's army got **[Em]** drowned
[B7] O Mary don't you **[Em]** weep.



***[Em]** O Mary don't you **[B7]** weep, don't mourn,
O Mary don't you **[Em]** weep, don't mourn,
[Am] Pharaoh's army got **[Em]** drowned
[B7] O Mary don't you **[Em]** weep.*



[Em] Well Mary wore three **[B7]** links and chains
On every link was **[Em]** Jesus' name;
[Am] Pharaoh's army got **[Em]** drowned
[B7] O Mary don't you **[Em]** weep . . . *Chorus*



[Em] Well one of these nights bout **[B7]** 12 o'clock
This old world is **[Em]** gonna rock;
[Am] Pharaoh's army got **[Em]** drowned
[B7] O Mary don't you **[Em]** weep.

[Em] Well Moses stood on the **[B7]** Red Sea shore,
Smote' the water with a **[Em]** two by four;
[Am] Pharaoh's army got **[Em]** drowned
[B7] O Mary don't you **[Em]** weep . . . *Chorus*

[Em] Well old Mr. Satan, **[B7]** he got mad,
Missed that soul that he **[Em]** thought he had;
[Am] Pharaoh's army got **[Em]** drowned
[B7] O Mary don't you **[Em]** weep.

[Em] Brothers and sisters **[B7]** don't you cry
There'll be good times **[Em]** by and by;
[Am] Pharaoh's army got **[Em]** drowned
[B7] O Mary don't you **[Em]** weep . . . *Chorus*

[Em] God gave Noah the **[B7]** rainbow sign;
"No more water but fire **[Em]** next time";
[Am] Pharaoh's army got **[Em]** drowned
[B7] O Mary don't you **[Em]** weep . . . *Chorus x 2*

Wakko's America (to the tune of Turkey in the Straw)

<https://youtu.be/MSvJ9SN8THE> (beginning key of Eb)

Intro: [C] [G7] [C]

[C] Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Indianapolis, Indiana
And Columbus is the capital of [G7] Ohio
There's Mont[C]gomery, Alabama, south of Helena, Montana
Then there's Denver, Colorado, under [G7] Boise, Ida[C]ho

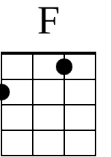
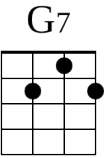
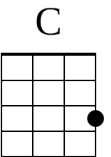
[C] Texas has Austin, then we go north
[F] To Massachusetts, Boston and Albany, New York
[C] Tallahassee, Florida and Washington, D.[G7]C.
[C] Santa Fe, New Mexico, and [G7] Nashville, Tennes[C]see

Elvis used to hang out there a lot, ya know

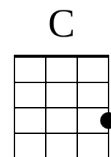
[C] Trenton's in New Jersey north of Jefferson, Missouri
You got Richmond in Virginia, South Da[G7]kota has Pierre
Harris[C]burg's in Pennsylvania and Augusta's up in Maine
And here is Providence, Rhode Island, next to [G7] Dover, Dela[C]ware

[C] Concord, New Hampshire, just a quick jaunt
To [F] Montpelier, which is up in Vermont
[C] Hartford's in Connecticut, so pretty in the [G7] fall
And [C] Kansas has Topeka, Minne[G7]sota has St. [C] Paul

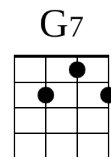
[C] Juneau's in Alaska and there's Lincoln in Nebraska
And it's Raleigh out in North Caro[G7]lina and then
There's [C] Madison, Wisconsin
And Olympia in Washington, Phoenix, Arizona
And [G7] Lansing, Michi[C]gan



[C] Here's Honolulu, Hawaii's a joy,
[F] Jackson, Mississippi and Springfield, Illinois
[C] South Carolina with Columbia down the [G7] way
And [C] Annapolis in Maryland on [G7] Chesapeake [C] Bay

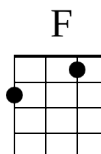


They have wonderful clam chowder



[C] Cheyenne is in Wyomin' and perhaps you make your home in
Salt Lake City out in Utah where the [G7] buffalo roam
At[C]lanta's down in Georgia and there's Bismarck, North Dakota
And you can live in Frankfort in your [G7] old Kentucky [C] home

[C] Salem in Oregon, from there we join
[F] Little Rock in Arkansas Iowa's got Des Moines
[C] Sacramento, California, Oklahoma and its [G7] city
[C] Charleston, West Virginia and Ne[G7]vada, Carson [C] City

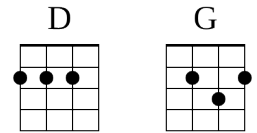


[C] That's all the capitals [G7] there [C] are

We're Going to Be Friends Jack White

Jack Johnson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqfCfUQxM4I> *Standard Tuning
G-C-E-A*

[D] (8 measures)

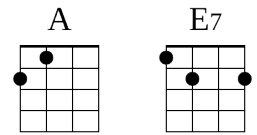


[D] Fall is here, hear the yell, back to school, ring the bell

[G] Brand new shoes, walking blues, [D] climb the fence, books and pens

[A] I can tell that [G] we are gonna be [D] friends

[A] I can tell that [G] we are gonna be [D] friends



[D] (4 measures)

[D] Walk with me, Suzy-Lee, through the park, and by the tree

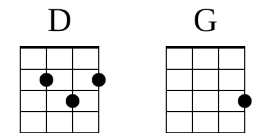
[G] We can rest upon the ground and [D] look at all the bugs we've found

[A] Safely walk to [G] school without a [D] sound

We [A] safely walk to [G] school without a [D] sound

*Baritone Tuning
D-G-B-E*

[D] (4 measures)

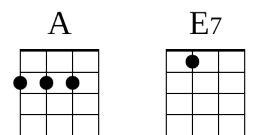


[D] Well here we are, no one else, we walked to school all by ourselves

[G] There's dirt on our uniforms, from [D] chasing all the ants and worms

[A] We clean up and [G] now it's time to [D] learn

[A] We clean up and [G] now it's time to [D] learn



[D] (4 measures)

[D] Numbers. letters, learn to spell, noun, and books, and show and tell

[G] Playtime we will throw the ball, then [D] back to class, through the hall

[A] Teacher marks our [G] height against the [D] wall

The [A] teacher marks our [G] height against the [D] wall

[D] (4 measures)

[G] And we don't notice any time [D] pass

[G] 'Cause we don't notice any [D] thing

[E7] We sit side by side in every class

The [G] teacher thinks that I sound funny [A] but she likes it when you sing

To [D] night I'll dream in my bed, while silly thoughts run through my head

[G] Of the bugs and alphabet, and [D] when I wake tomorrow I'll bet

[A] You and I will [G] walk together a [D] gain

'Cause [A] I can tell that [G] we are going to be [D] friends

Yes [A] I can tell that [G] we are going to be [D-stop] friend

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[Am] When you're down and [E7] troubled and it [Am] looks as bad can [A7] be
Here's [Dm] what a good friend [G7] told me would [C] ease my mise[G]ry . . .

When [C] you feel bad and you're [F] gonna cry – [G] Play Your Uku[C]lele!
[C] When you're sad and you [F] don't know why – [C] Play Your [G] Uku[C]lele!
When [C] nothing seems to be [F] goin' your way – [G] Play Your Uku[C]lele!
[C] It's gonna seem like a [F] brand new day when you – [C] Play Your [G] Uku[C]lele!

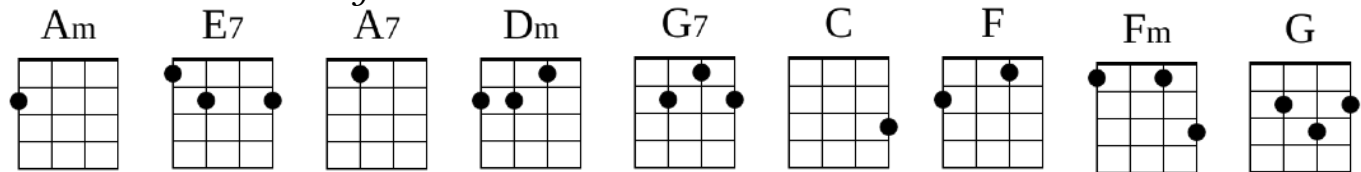
[Am] Every time you [C] wear a frown
[G] And your world seems [C] upside down
[F] You'll feel better if you [C] do this daily
[D] Just play your [G] ukulele

[C] Takes your mind off [F] all your woes – [G] Play Your Uku[C]lele!
[C] You'll make friends of [F] all your foes when you – [C] Play Your [G] Uku[C]lele!
[C] Listen to what I'm [F] telling you – [G] Play Your Uku[C]lele!
[C] It's a beautiful [F] thing to do when you – [C] Play Your [G] Uku[C]lele

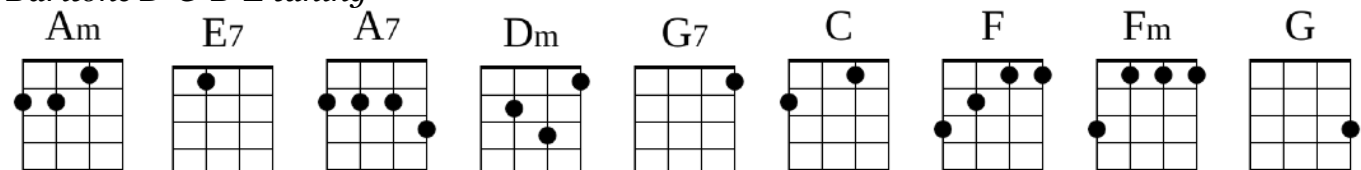
[Am] When you feel like you [C] wanna pout
[G] Grab your uke and [C] whip it out
[F] Strum it strong and [C] don't be lazy
[D] When you play your [G] ukulele

[C] When the world's [F] a scary place – [G] Play Your Uku[C]lele!
[C] Puts a big smile [F] on your face – [C] Play Your [G] Uku[C]lele!
I'm [C] calling out a[F]round the world – [G] Play Your Uku[C]lele!
[C] Man and woman [F] boy and girl – [C] Play Your [G] Uku[C]lele
You gotta [F] Play Your [G] Uku[C]lele!
You gotta [F] Play Your [Fm] Uku[C]lele!

Standard G-C-E-A tuning



Baritone D-G-B-E tuning



Mighty Uke Day 12 Theme Song (sung to "This Land is Your Land")

Intro: [C] [G7] [C]

It's Mighty [F] Uke Day, it's Mighty [C] Uke Day
Grab your uku[G7]lele, together [C] we'll play [C7]
We'll all [F] feel the aloha [C] spirit
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me

We're at the [F] UUMC, that's in East [C] Lansing
There will be [G7] group strums and lots of [C] dancing
Workshops and [F] concerts, the Giant Uku[C]lele
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me

It's Mighty [F] Uke Day, it's Mighty [C] Uke Day
Grab your uku[G7]lele, together [C] we'll play [C7]
We'll all [F] feel the aloha [C] spirit
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me

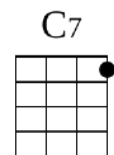
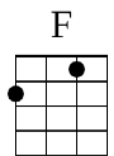
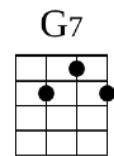
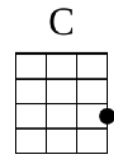
There's music [F] everywhere you won't stop smil-[C]-in
With Abe La-[G7]-grimas and Cynthi-[C]-a Lin
Sarah Mai-[F]-sel and Mr. [C] Craig Chee
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me

It's Mighty [F] Uke Day, it's Mighty [C] Uke Day
Grab your uku[G7]lele, together [C] we'll play [C7]
We'll all [F] feel the aloha [C] spirit
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me

It's so much [F] fun that you can't [C] stand it
It's the best uke [G7] festival on the [C] planet
You'll have a [F] great time, we guaran[C]tee it
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me

It's Mighty [F] Uke Day, it's Mighty [C] Uke Day
Grab your uku[G7]lele, together [C] we'll play [C7]
We'll all [F] feel the aloha [C] spirit
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me
Mighty [G7-stop] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me [G7] [C]

Standard G-C-E-A tuning



Baritone D-G-B-E tuning

