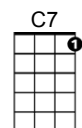
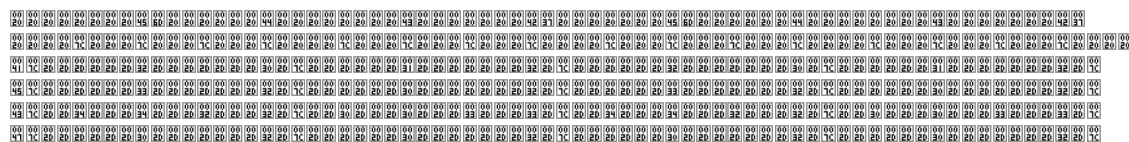
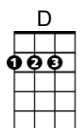
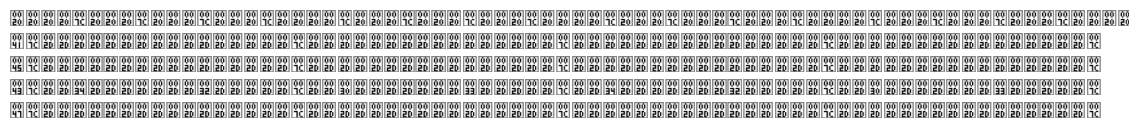
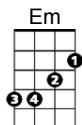


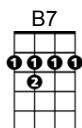
**CHORDS USED IN THIS SONG**

**"The Cat Came Back" traditional**

*Ease into this song with this riff (Chaves style):*



*Then play Em D C7 B7 rotation throughout the entire song.*



Old Mr. Johnson had trouble all his own  
 He had a yellow cat that wouldn't leave his home  
 He tried in every way to keep that cat away  
 Took him up to Canada and told him for to stay

**Chorus:**  
 But the cat came back the very next day  
 The cat came back, they thought he was a goner  
 But the cat came back, he just wouldn't stay away

On a telegraph wire the birds were sitting in a bunch  
 He saw an even number, said he'd have 'em for his lunch  
 Climbed softly up the pole until he reached the top  
 Put his foot upon the wire, tied him in a knot

**Chorus**  
 This cat had company out in the backyard  
 Somebody threw a boot and threw it awful hard  
 Hit the cat behind the ear and he thought it was a slight  
 And down came a brick and knocked him out of sight

**Chorus**  
 They sneaked him in a shop with the butcher not around  
 And they dropped him in the hopper where the meat was ground  
 The cat despaired with a blood-curdling shriek  
 And that shop's hamburger tasted furry for a week

**Chorus**  
 They put him in a cotton sack and gave him to a girl  
 Who'd started on a bicycle all around the world  
 Well, over there in China a terrible wreck was found  
 She's singing now in heaven with the angels all around

**Chorus**  
 Now this cat was a terror and they thought it would be best  
 To give him to a feller who was going way out west  
 Train ran round a curve and hit a broken rail  
 Not a blessed soul aboard that train lived to tell the tale

**Chorus**  
 The cat was a possessor of a family all its own  
 With seven little kittens till there was a cyclone  
 Blew the houses all apart and tossed the cat around  
 The air was full of kittens and not a one was found

Chorus

Away across the ocean they did send the cat at last  
Vessel only out a day and taking water fast  
People all began to pray, the boat began to toss  
A great big gust of wind came by and every soul was lost

Chorus

They gave the cat to a man in a balloon  
And told him to give him to the man in the moon  
But the balloon it busted and everybody said  
Ten miles away they picked the man up dead

Chorus

At last they found a way this cat to really fix  
They put him in an orange crate on highway 66  
Come a ten ton truck with a twenty ton load  
Scattered pieces of that orange crate a mile down the road

Chorus

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