

# **TWO CHORD SONG WORKBOOK FOR UKULELE BEGINNERS**

**(Keys of C, G and F).**

## TWO CHORD SONGS - HOW TO USE THIS BOOK.

People starting to play the uke will often want to start with the simplest of songs ie. those that do not require many chords. There are lots of well known songs that only require two chords and there is a list on the following page but the chords are written in three different keys C, G, and F, for just six of those songs.

Jambalaya,  
Singing in the Rain,  
Clementine,  
Deep in the Heart of Texas,  
How much is that Doggie in the Window,  
Down in the Valley.

The aim is

1. To get the beginner changing chords effortlessly.
2. Extending their chord vocabulary by degrees.

The beginner

1. Could work their way through *all the songs* in C then move to the songs in G then finally to those in F

OR

2. They could play *one song* in C then try the same song in G and finally in F then move on to the next song.

## AT THE END OF THIS BOOK THEY SHOULD KNOW THE FOLLOWING CHORDS

**C   G7   G   D7   F   C7**

With the addition of Bb the beginner should be able to tackle many three chords.

See The Three Chord Workbook.

## TWO CHORD SONGS

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All these songs have only TWO chords in them.

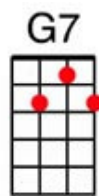
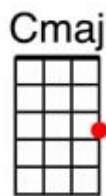
If played in the key of C you will need to know C and G7.

If played in the key of G you will need to know G and D7.

If played in the key of F you will need to know F and C7

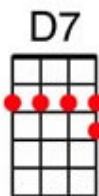
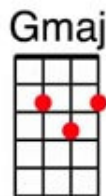
Once mastered in one key (suggest you start with C) then try and play them in G and then F. (You could photocopy the key of C versions and write in the new chords)

### KEY OF C

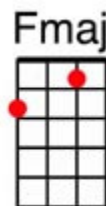


ALOUETTE  
BLOW THE MAN DOWN  
BUFFALO GALS  
CAN CAN  
\*CLEMENTINE  
\*DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS  
DON'T LET THE STARS GET IN YOUR EYES  
DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE  
\*DOWN IN THE VALLEY  
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF  
GENTLE ON MY MIND  
GIT ALONG LITTLE DOGGIE  
GONNA GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU  
HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG'S ALL HERE  
HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS  
\*HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGIE IN THE WINDOW  
IT AIN'T GONNA RAIN NO MORE  
\*JAMBALAYA  
LA CUCHARACHA  
LOVE MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND  
MARIANNE  
MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC  
OAKIE FROM MUSKOGEE  
PISTOL PACKIN' MOMMA  
PLAY A SIMPLE MELODY  
POLLY WOLLY DOODLE  
PUT YOUR ARMS AROUND ME, HONEY  
ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT  
SKIP TO MY LOU  
\*SINGING IN THE RAIN  
THERE'LL BE A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN  
THREE BLIND MICE  
TOM DOOLEY  
TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR  
WHEN IT'S SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES  
WHEN MY BLUE MOON TURNS TO GOLD AGAIN

### KEY OF G



### KEY OF F



\* In the workbook.

If you know the lyrics of any of these songs then write them out and then attach the chords.

The Golden Rule of two chord songs is – If the chord sounds wrong as you sing the tune then it is the other one.

# JAMBALAYA (Hank Williams) Key of C major

          C                                  G7  
Goodbye Joe me gotta go me oh my oh  
  C  
Me gotta go pole the pirogue down the bayou  
  G7  
My Yvonne the sweetest one me oh my oh  
  C  
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

## Chorus

          C  G7  
Jambalaya and a crawfish pie and filet gumbo  
  C  
Cause tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher amio  
  G7  
Pick guitar fill fruit jar and be gay-o  
  C  
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

          C  G7  
Thibodaux Fontaineaux the place is buzzing  
  C  
Kinfolk come to see Yvonne by the dozen  
  G7  
Dress in style and go hog wild me oh my oh  
  C  
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

## Chorus

          C  G7  
Settle down far from town get me a pirogue  
  C  
And I'll catch all the fish in the bayou  
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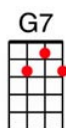
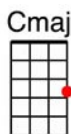
## Chorus

# DOWN IN THE VALLEY

In the Key of C.

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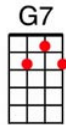
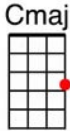


**C** **G7**  
Down in the valley, Valley so low  
**C**  
Hang you head over, hear the wind blow.  
**G7**  
Hear the wind blow dear. hear the wind blow.  
**C**  
Late in the evening hear the wind blow.

**C** **G7**  
Roses love sunshine , violets love dew.  
**C**  
Angels in heaven know I love you  
**G7**  
Know I love you dear know I love you  
**C**  
Angels in heaven know I love you

Repeat first verse.

## HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGIE IN THE WINDOW.



**C** **G7**  
How much is that doggie in the win - dow.  
**C**  
The one with the waggledy tail.  
**G7**  
How much is that doggie in the win - dow,  
**C**  
I do hope that doggie's for sale.

**C** **G7**  
I must take a trip to Cali - forn - ia  
**C**  
And leave my poor sweetheart a - lone  
**G7**  
If she has a dog she won't be lone - some  
**C**  
And the doggie will have a good home.

### Repeat verse #1

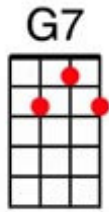
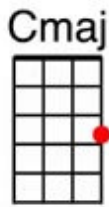
**C** **G7**  
I read in the papers there are rob - bers  
**C**  
With flashlights that shine in the dark  
**G7**  
My love needs a doggie to protect her  
**C**  
And scare them away with one bark.

### Repeat verse #1

**C** **G7**  
I don't want a bunny or a kit - ty  
**C**  
I don't want a parrot that talks  
**G7**  
I don't want a bowl of little fishes  
**C**  
You can't take a goldfish for walks

### Repeat verse #1

## DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS



C

The stars at night are big and bright (4 stamps)

G7

Deep in the heart of Texas

The prairie sky is wide and high (4 stamps)

C

Deep in the heart of Texas

C

The sage in bloom is like perfume (4 stamps)

G7

Deep in the heart of Texas

Reminds me of the one I love (4 stamps)

C7

Deep in the heart of Texas

C

The cowboys cry ki – yip – pee - ay – ay (4 stamps)

G7

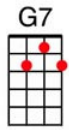
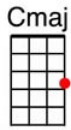
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C

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# CLEMENTINE



**C**

In a cavern, in a canyon,

**G7**

Excavating for a mine,

**C**

Dwelt a miner, forty-niner

**G7**

**C**

And his daughter Clementine.

**C**

**Oh my darling, oh my darling**

**G7**

**Oh my darling, Clementine**

**C**

**Thou art lost and gone forever,**

**G7**

**C**

**Dreadful sorry, Clementine.**

Light she was and like a fairy,

And her shoes were number nine,

Herring boxes without topses

Sandals were for Clementine

**CHORUS**

Drove the ducklings to the water

Every morning just at nine,

Hit her foot against a splinter

Fell into the foaming brine.

**CHORUS**

Ruby lips above the water,

Blowing bubbles soft and fine,

But alas, I was no swimmer,

So I lost my Clementine.

**CHORUS**

Then the miner, forty-niner

Soon began to peak and pine,

Thought he oughter jine he daughter,

Now he's with his Clementine.

**CHORUS**

In my dreams she still doth haunt me,

Robed in garments soaked in brine;

Though in life I used to hug her,

Now she's dead, I draw the line.



## **SINGING IN THE RAIN (Key of C major)**

**C**

**I'm singing in the rain**

**Just singing in the rain**

**What a glorious feeling**

**G7**

**I'm happy again**

**I'm laughing at clouds**

**So dark up above**

**'Cause the sun's in my heart**

**C**

**And I'm ready for love**

**Let the stormy clouds chase**

**Everyone from the place**

**Come on with the rain**

**G7**

**I've a smile on my face**

**I'll walk down the lane**

**With a happy refrain**

**'Cause I'm singing**

**C**

**Just singing in the rain.**

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  G  
Me gotta go pole the pirogue down the bayou  
  D7  
My Yvonne the sweetest one me oh my oh  
  G  
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

## Chorus

  D7  
Jambalaya and a crawfish pie and filet gumbo  
  G  
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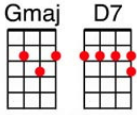
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etc

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Down in the valley, Valley so low  
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Hang you head over, hear the wind blow.  
**D7**  
Hear the wind blow dear. hear the wind blow.  
**G**  
Late in the evening hear the wind blow.

**G** **D7**  
Roses love sunshine , violets love dew.  
**G**  
Angels in heaven know I love you  
**D7**  
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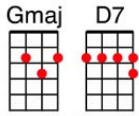
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G

The stars at night are big and bright (4 stamps)

D7

Deep in the heart of Texas

The prairie sky is wide and high (4 stamps)

G

Deep in the heart of Texas

G

The sage in bloom is like perfume (4 stamps)

D7

Deep in the heart of Texas

Reminds me of the one I love (4 stamps)

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Deep in the heart of Texas

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The cowboys cry ki – yip – pee - ay – ay (4 stamps)

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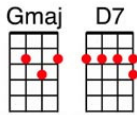
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G

Deep in the heart of Texas

# CLEMENTINE (Key of G)



**G**  
In a cavern, in a canyon,  
**D7**  
Excavating for a mine,  
**G**  
Dwelt a miner, forty-niner  
**D7** **G**  
And his daughter Clementine.

**D**  
Oh my darling, oh my darling  
**D7**  
Oh my darling, Clementine  
**G**  
Thou art lost and gone forever,  
**D7** **G**  
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## CHORUS

Drove the ducklings to the water  
Every morning just at nine,  
Hit her foot against a splinter  
Fell into the foaming brine.

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Ruby lips above the water,  
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In my dreams she still doth haunt me,  
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## **SINGING IN THE RAIN (Key of F major)**

**G**

**I'm singing in the rain**

**Just singing in the rain**

**What a glorious feeling**

**D7**

**I'm happy again**

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**So dark up above**

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**G**

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**Come on with the rain**

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**With a happy refrain**

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**G**

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F C7  
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C7  
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F  
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

## Chorus

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Jambalaya and a crawfish pie and filet gumbo  
F  
Cause tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher amio  
C7  
Pick guitar fill fruit jar and be gay-o  
F  
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

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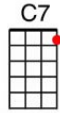
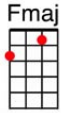
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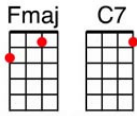
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**C7**  
Know I love you dear, know I love you  
**F**  
Angels in heaven know I love you

Repeat first verse.



# DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS (Key of F)



F

The stars at night are big and bright (4 stamps)

C7

Deep in the heart of Texas

The prairie sky is wide and high (4 stamps)

F

Deep in the heart of Texas

F

The sage in bloom is like perfume (4 stamps)

C7

Deep in the heart of Texas

Reminds me of the one I love (4 stamps)

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