

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.

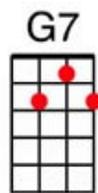
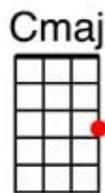
If played in the key of C you will need to know C and G7.

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

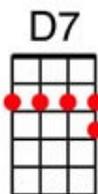
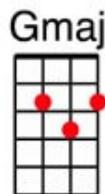
Once mastered in one key (suggest you start with C) then try and play them in G and then F. (You could photocopy the key of C versions and write in the new chords)

KEY OF C

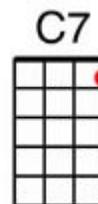
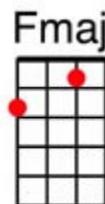


ALOUETTE
BLOW THE MAN DOWN
BUFFALO GALS
CAN CAN
*CLEMENTINE
*DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS
DON'T LET THE STARS GET IN YOUR EYES
DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE
*DOWN IN THE VALLEY
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
GENTLE ON MY MIND
GIT ALONG LITTLE DOGGIE
GONNA GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU
HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG'S ALL HERE
HE'S GOT THE 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
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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
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Chorus

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Settle down far from town get me a pirogue
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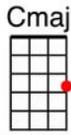
Chorus

DOWN IN THE VALLEY

In the Key of C.

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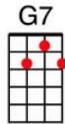
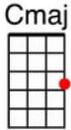


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C
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G7
Hear the wind blow dear. hear the wind blow.
C
Late in the evening hear the wind blow.

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

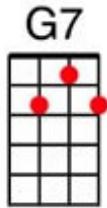
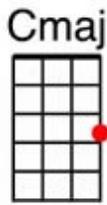
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I read in the papers there are rob - bers
C
With flashlights that shine in the dark
G7
My love needs a doggie to protect her
C
And scare them away with one bark.

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

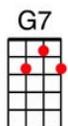
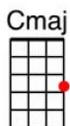
Deep in the heart of Texas

The doggies bawl an' bawl 'ya – all' (4 stamps)

C

Deep in the heart of Texas

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.

JAMBALAYA (Hank Williams)

 G D7
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Chorus

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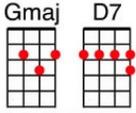
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 D7
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Chorus

DOWN IN THE VALLEY (Key of G major)



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D7
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G
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G **D7**
Roses love sunshine , violets love dew.
G
Angels in heaven know I love you
D7
Know I love you dear, know I love you
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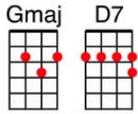
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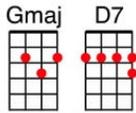
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CLEMENTINE (Key of G)



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D7
Excavating for a mine,
G
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D7 **G**
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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

I'm laughing at clouds

So dark up above

'Cause the sun's in my heart

G

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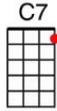
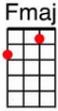
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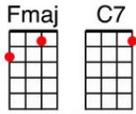
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C7

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