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Robert Hunter 1970, performed by the Grateful Dead. Ukulele arrangement Austin Ukulele Society, 2015.

Intro: 4 beats per chord

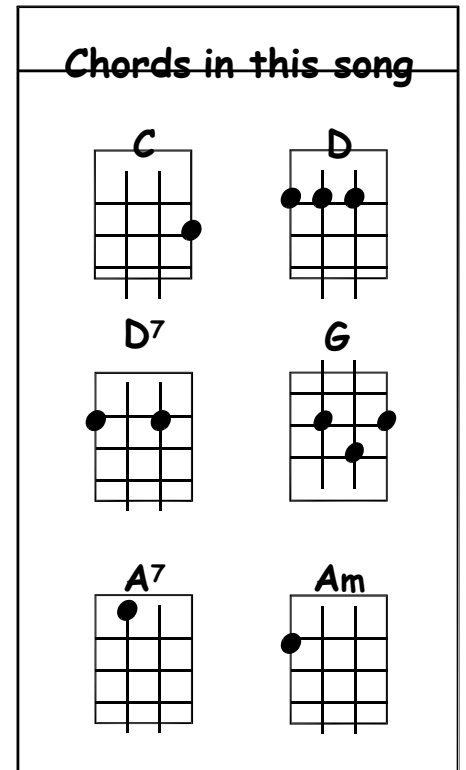
G G C C
C C C G
G G C C
G D C G

Verse 1

G
If my words did glow
C
With the gold of sunshine
C G
And my tunes ♪ were played ♪ on a uke ♪ un-strung,
G
Would you hear my voice
C
Come through the music?
G D
Would you hold it near
C G
As it were your own?

Verse 2

G
It's a hand-me-down,
C
The thoughts are broken
C G
Per-haps ♪ they're better ♪ left ♪ un-sung.



♪ = Pause or take a breath

[hold] = Strum the chord once and let it ring

G

I don't know,

C

Don't really care.

G

D

Let there be songs

C

G

G

To fill the air.

Chorus

Am

D

Ripple in still water,

G

C

When there is no pebble tossed,

A7

D7

Nor wind to blow.

Verse 3

G

Reach out your hand

C

If your cup be empty.

C

G

If your cup is full may it be a-gain.

G

Let it be known

C

There is a fountain

G

D

That was not made

C

G

By the hands of men.

Verse 4**G**

There is a road,

C

No simple highway,

C

Be-tween ♪ the dawn ♪ and the dark ♪ of night.

G**G**

And if you go

C

No one may follow,

G**D**

That path is for

C**G****G**

♪ Your steps a-lone.

Chorus**Am****D**

Ripple in still water,

G**C**

When there is no pebble tossed,

A7**D7**

Nor wind to blow.

Verse 5**G**

You, who choose

C

To lead, must follow.

C**G**

But if ♪ you fall ♪ you fall ♪ a-lone.

G

If you should stand

C

Then who's to guide you?

G**D**

If I knew the way

C**G**

I would take you home.

Verse 6**G**

La da da da

C

La da-ah da da-ah da

C**G**

Da da da , da da , da da da , da da da

G

La da da da

C

La da-ah da da-ah da

G**D**

La da da da

C**G [hold]**

La-da, da da da-ah