STRUM FOR FUN
TWO CHORD SONG BOOK

(Keys of F, C and G)
+ a bonus song!

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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 F, C, and G, 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 changing chords effortlessly.
2. Extending chord vocabulary by degrees.

YTo achieve this you

1. could work your way through all the songs in F then move to the songs in C then finally to those in G

OR

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

AT THE END OF THIS BOOK YOU SHOULD KNOW THE FOLLOWING CHORDS

F     C7    C    G7    G    D7

With the addition of Bb and A Minor you should be able to tackle many three and four chord songs.
TWO CHORD SONGS

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 F) then try and play them in C and then G.

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.
## 32 Ukulele Strums in 4/4 Time

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DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS  (Key of F)

F
The stars at night are big and bright
C7
Deep in the heart of Texas

The prairie sky is wide and high
F
Deep in the heart of Texas

F
The sage in bloom is like perfume
C7
Deep in the heart of Texas

Reminds me of the one I love
F
Deep in the heart of Texas

F
The cowboys cry ki – yip – pee - ay – ay
C7
Deep in the heart of Texas

The doggies bawl an’ bawl ‘ya – all’
F
Deep in the heart of Texas
SINGING IN THE RAIN (Key of F)

F
I'm singing in the rain

Just singing in the rain

What a glorious feeling

C7
I'm happy again

I'm laughing at clouds

So dark up above

'Cause the sun's in my heart

F
And I'm ready for love

Let the stormy clouds chase

Everyone from the place

Come on with the rain

C7
I've a smile on my face

I'll walk down the lane

With a happy refrain

'Cause I'm singing

F
Just singing in the rain.
HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGIE IN THE WINDOW  

Fmaj  C7

This song is in 3/4 time so count “One - two – three, One – two – three” etc

F  C7
How much is that doggie in the win - dow.
F
The one with the waggledy tail.
C7
How much is that doggie in the win - dow,  
F
I do hope that doggie’s for sale.
F  C7
I must take a trip to Cali - forn - ia  
F
And leave my poor sweetheart a - lone
C7
If she has a dog she won’t be lone - some  
F
And the doggie will have a good home.

Repeat verse #1

F  C7
I read in the papers there are rob - bers
F
With flashlights that shine in the dark
C7
My love needs a doggie to protect her
F
And scare them away with one bark.

Repeat verse #1

F  C7
I don’t want a bunny or a kit - ty
F
I don’t want a parrot that talks
C7
I don’t want a bowl of little fishes  
F
You can't take a goldfish for walks

Repeat verse #1
DOWN IN THE VALLEY  (Key of F)

Fmaj        C7
F

This song is in 3/4 timing so count “One – two – three, One – two – three” etc

F            C7
Down in the valley, Valley so low

F
Hang you head over, hear the wind blow.

C7
Hear the wind blow dear. hear the wind blow.

F
Late in the evening hear the wind blow.

F            C7
Roses love sunshine , violets love dew.

F
Angels in heaven know I love you

C7
Know I love you dear, know I love you

F
Angels in heaven know I love you

Repeat first verse.
JAMBALAYA  (Hank Williams)  Key of F major

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

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

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

Chorus
Settle down far from town get me a pirogue
And I'll catch all the fish in the bayou
Swap my mon to buy Yvonne what she need-oh
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

Chorus
CLEMENTINE (Key of F)

This song is in 3/4 timing so count “One – two – three, One – two – three” etc

F
In a cavern, in a canyon,
C7
Excavating for a mine,
F
Dwelt a miner, forty-niner
C7 F
And his daughter Clementine.
F
Oh my darling, oh my darling
C7
Oh my darling, Clementine
F
Thou art lost and gone forever,
C7 F
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.
JAMBALAYA  (Hank Williams)  Key of C

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

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

C  G7
Thibodaux Fontaineaux the place is buzzing
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Chorus
C  G7
Settle down far from town get me a pirogue
And I'll catch all the fish in the bayou
Swap my mon to buy Yvonne what she need-oh
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou
DOWN IN THE VALLEY

In the Key of C.

This song is in 3/4 timing so count “One – two – three, One – two – three” etc

\[C\]     \[G7\]
Down in the valley, Valley so low

\[C\]
Hang your 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

Key of C

C                                        G7
How much is that doggie in the window.

C                                        G7
The one with the waggledy tail.

C                                        G7
How much is that doggie in the window,

C                                        G7
I do hope that doggie’s for sale.

C                                        G7
I must take a trip to California

C                                        G7
And leave my poor sweetheart alone

C                                        G7
If she has a dog she won’t be alone

C                                        G7
And the doggie will have a good home.

Repeat verse #1

C                                        G7
I read in the papers there are robbers

C                                        G7
With flashlights that shine in the dark

C                                        G7
My love needs a doggie to protect her

C                                        G7
And scare them away with one bark.

Repeat verse #1

C                                        G7
I don’t want a bunny or a kitten

C                                        G7
I don’t want a parrot that talks

C                                        G7
I don’t want a bowl of little fishes

C                                        G7
You can’t take a goldfish for walks

Repeat verse #1

This song is in 3/4 timing so count “One – two – three, One – two – three” etc
DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

C
The stars at night are big and bright
G7
Deep in the heart of Texas

The prairie sky is wide and high
C
Deep in the heart of Texas

C
The sage in bloom is like perfume
G7
Deep in the heart of Texas

Reminds me of the one I love
C
Deep in the heart of Texas

C
The cowboys cry ki – yip – pee – ay – ay
G7
Deep in the heart of Texas

The doggies bawl an’ bawl ‘ya – all’
C
Deep in the heart of Texas
In a cavern, in a canyon,
Excavating for a mine,
Dwelt a miner, forty-niner
And his daughter Clementine.

Oh my darling, oh my darling
Oh my darling, Clementine
Thou art lost and gone forever,
Dreadful sorry, Clementine.

Light she was and like a fairy,
And her shoes were number nine,
Herring boxes without topses
Sandals were for Clementine

This song is in 3/4 timing so count “One – two – three, One – two – three” etc

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

Ruby lips above the water,
Blowing bubbles soft and fine,
But alas, I was no swimmer,
So I lost my Clementine.

Then the miner, forty-niner
Soon began to peak and pine,
Thought he oughter join his daughter,
Now he’s with his Clementine.

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
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JAMBALAYA  (Hank Williams)  (Key of G)

G          D7
Goodbye Joe me gotta go me oh my oh
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
Cause tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher amio
D7
Pick guitar fill fruit jar and be gay-o
G
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

G          D7
Thibodaux Fontaineaux the place is buzzing
G
Kinfolk come to see Yvonne by the dozen
D7
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G
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Chorus

G          D7
Settle down far from town get me a pirogue
G
And I'll catch all the fish in the bayou
D7
Swap my mon to buy Yvonne what she need-oh
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Chorus
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D7
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G
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G     D7
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D7
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Repeat verse #1
DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS  (Key of G)

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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)  G
Deep in the heart of Texas

G
The cowboys cry ki – yip – pee - ay – ay (4 stamps)  D7
Deep in the heart of Texas
The doggies bawl an’ bawl ‘ya – all’ (4 stamps)  G
Deep in the heart of Texas
CLEMENTINE    (Key of G)

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D7

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D7                         G

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D7

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D7                          G

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Everyone from the place

Come on with the rain
D7
I've a smile on my face

I'll walk down the lane

With a happy refrain

'Cause I'm singing
G
Just singing in the rain.
Istanbul

Intro Dm / / /

Dm
Istanbul was Constantinople, now it's Istanbul, not Constantinople
A7
Been a long time gone, old Constantinople
Dm
Now it's Turkish delight on a moonlit night

Every gal in Constantinople lives in Istanbul, not Constantinople
A7 Dm A7 Dm
So if you've a date in Constantinople, she'll be waiting in Istanbul

Even old New York was once New Amsterdam
A7
Why they changed it I can't say, people just liked it better that way

Dm
So take me back to Constantinople, no you can't go back to Constantinople
A7 Dm
Been a long time gone, Constantinople, why did Constantinople get the works?
A7 Dm
That's nobody's business but the Turks

Dm
Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah Istanbul Istanbul
Dm
Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah Istanbul Istanbul

Even old New York was once New Amsterdam
A7
Why they changed it I can't say, people just liked it better that way

Dm
Istanbul was Constantinople, now it's Istanbul, not Constantinople
A7 Dm
Been a long time gone, Constantinople, why did Constantinople get the works?
A7 Dm
That's nobody's business but the Turks

Instrumental (as per previous three lines)

So take me back to Constantinople. No, You can't go back to Constantinople
A7 Dm
Been a long time gone Constantinople Why did Constantinople get the works?
A7 Dm
That's no...body's business but the Turks.