

STRUM FOR FUN
TWO CHORD SONG
BOOK
Baritone

(Keys of F, C and G)

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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 i.e. 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.

To 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.

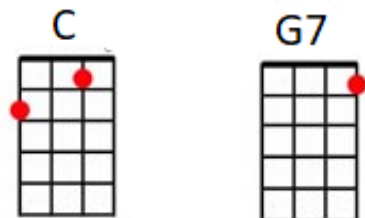
If played in the key of C you will need to know C and G7.

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

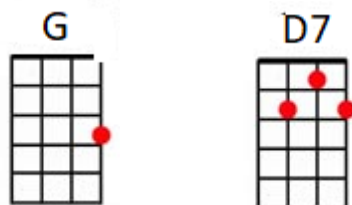
Once mastered in one key (suggest you start with F) then try and play them in C and then G.

KEY OF C

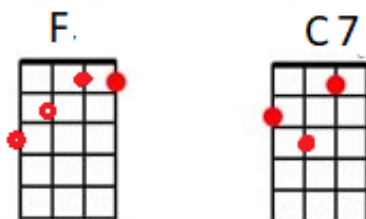


ALOUETTE
 BLOW THE MAN DOWN
 BUFFALO GALS
 CAN CAN
 *CLEMENTINE
 *DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS
 DON'T LET THE STARS GET IN YOUR EYES
 DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE
 *DOWN IN THE VALLEY
 FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
 GENTLE ON MY MIND
 GIT ALONG LITTLE DOGGIE
 GONNA GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU
 HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG'S ALL HERE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

32 UKULELE STRUMS in 4/4 time

1 ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓

2 ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↑

3 ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑

4 ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑

5 ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓

6 ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓

7 ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↑

8 ↓ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑

9 ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑

10 ↓ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑

11 ↓ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↑

12 ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↑

13 ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓

14 ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑

15 ↑ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↑

16 ↑ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↑

17 ↓ ↓

18 ↓ ↓

19 ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↓

20 ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑

21 ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑

22 ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓

23 ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓

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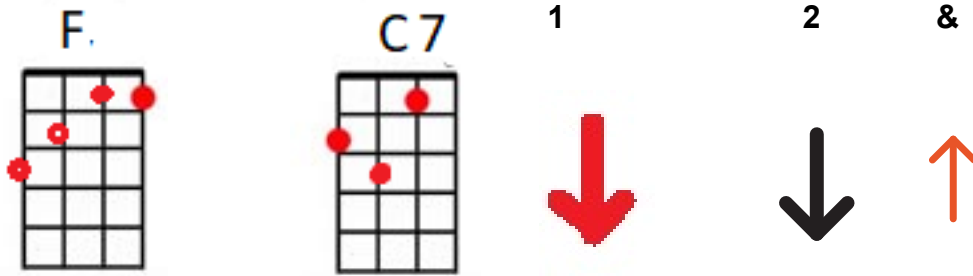
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32 ↑ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓

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)

The image shows two guitar chord diagrams. The first is for the F chord, with red dots on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th strings at the 1st fret. The second is for the C7 chord, with red dots on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th strings at the 1st fret. To the right of these diagrams is a rhythmic pattern consisting of seven beats: 1, 2, 3, &, 4, &. Below these beats are arrows indicating finger movement: a large red arrow pointing down for beat 1, a large red arrow pointing down for beat 2, a black arrow pointing down for beat 3, an orange arrow pointing up for the first '&' beat, a black arrow pointing down for beat 4, and an orange arrow pointing up for the second '&' beat.

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**

Every**one** from the **place**

Come on with the **rain**

C7

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

I'll **walk** down the **lane**

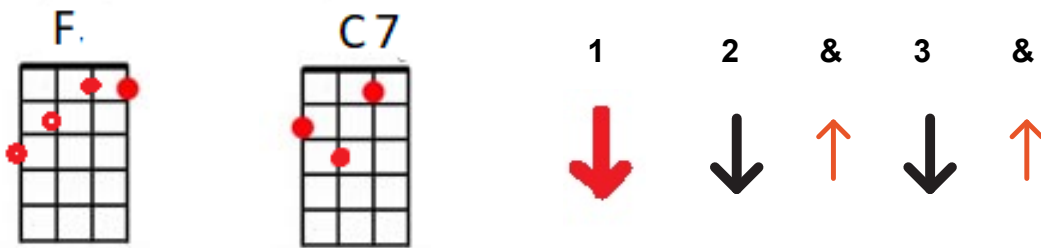
With a **happy refrain**

'Cause I'm **singing**

F

Just **singing** in the **rain.**

DOWN IN THE VALLEY (Key of F)



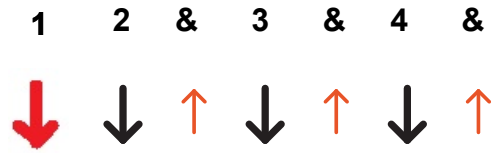
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F **C7**
 Down in the valley, Valley so low
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 Hang you head over, hear the wind blow.
C7
 Hear the wind blow dear. hear the wind blow.
F
 Late in the evening hear the wind blow.

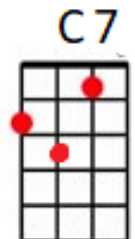
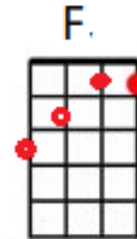
F **C7**
 Roses love sunshine , violets love dew.
F
 Angels in heaven know I love you
C7
 Know I love you dear, know I love you
F
 Angels in heaven know I love you

Repeat first verse.

JAMBALAYA (Hank Williams) Key of F major



Goodbye ^FJoe me gotta ^{C7}go me oh ^Fmy oh
 Me gotta ^Fgo pole the ^{C7}pirogue down the ^Fbayou
 My ^{C7}Yvonne the sweetest ^Fone me oh ^Fmy oh
 Son of a ^Fgun we'll have big ^Ffun on the ^Fbayou



Chorus

^FJambalaya and a crawfish ^{C7}pie and filet ^Fgumbo
 Cause to^Fnight I'm gonna ^{C7}see my ma cher ^Famio
 Pick ^{C7}guitar fill fruit ^Fjar and be ^Fgay-o
 Son of a ^Fgun we'll have big ^Ffun on the ^Fbayou

^FThibodaux to Fontaineaux the place is ^{C7}buzzing
 Kinfolk ^Fcome to see Yvonne by the ^Fdozen
 Dress in ^{C7}style and go hog ^Fwild me oh ^Fmy oh
 Son of a ^Fgun we'll have big ^Ffun on the ^Fbayou

Chorus

^FSettle ^{C7}down far from ^Ftown get me a ^Fpirogue
 And I'll ^Fcatch all the ^{C7}fish in the ^Fbayou
 Swap my ^{C7}mon to buy Yvonne what she ^Fneed-oh
 Son of a ^Fgun we'll have big ^Ffun on the ^Fbayou

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

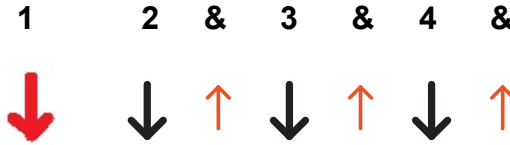
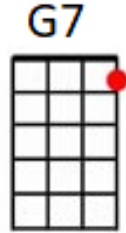
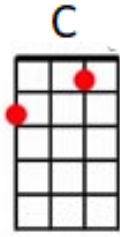
In my dreams she still doth haunt me,

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
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

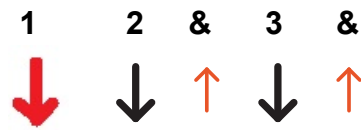
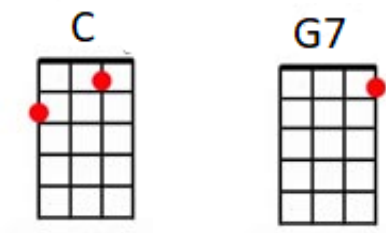
Chorus

C **G7**
 Settle down far from town get me a pirogue
C
 And I'll catch all the fish in the bayou
G7
 Swap my mon to buy Yvonne what she need-oh
C
 Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

Chorus

DOWN IN THE VALLEY

In the Key of C.



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C **G7**
Down in the val - ley, Valley so low

C
Hang your head o - ver, hear the wind blow.

G7
Hear the wind blow dear. hear the wind blow.

C
Late in the eve - ning hear the wind blow.

C **G7**
Roses love sun - shine , violets love dew.

C
Angels in hea - ven know I love you

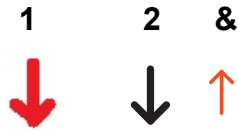
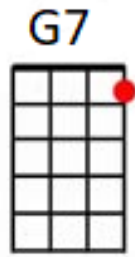
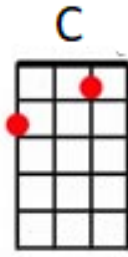
G7
Know I love you dear know I love you

C
Angels in hea - ven know I love you

Repeat first verse.

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

Key of C



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

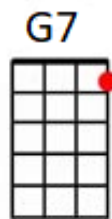
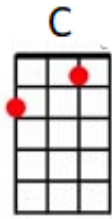
C
The cowboys cry ki - yip - pee - ay - ay

G7
Deep in the heart of Texas

The doggies bawl an' bawl 'ya - all'

C
Deep in the heart of Texas

CLEMENTINE Key of C



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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 she 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 join his daughter,

Now he's with his Clementine.

CHORUS

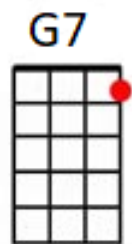
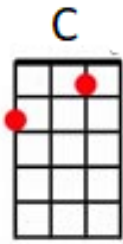
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Robed in garments soaked in brine;

Though in life I used to hug her,

Now she's dead, I draw the line.

SINGING IN THE RAIN (Key of C major)



1

2

3

&

4

&



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

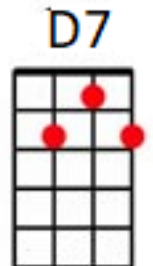
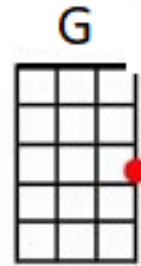
C

Just singing in the rain.

JAMBALAYA (Hank Williams)

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
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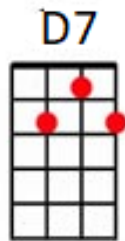
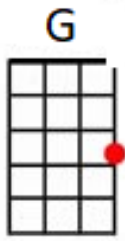
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Chorus

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Chorus

DOWN IN THE VALLEY (Key of G)



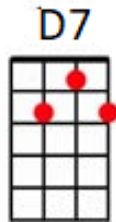
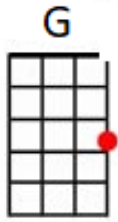
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etc

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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
Know I love you dear, know I love you
G
Angels in heaven know I love you

Repeat first verse.

HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGIE IN THE WINDOW (Key of G)



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

G **D7**
 How much is that doggie in the win - dow.
G
 The one with the waggledy tail.
D7
 How much is that doggie in the win - dow,
G
 I do hope that doggie's for sale.

G **D7**
 I must take a trip to Cali - forn - ia
G
 And leave my poor sweetheart a - lone
D7
 If she has a dog she won't be lone - some
G
 And the doggie will have a good home.

Repeat verse #1

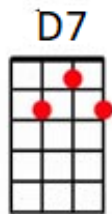
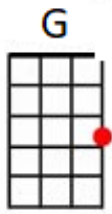
G **D7**
 I read in the papers there are rob - bers
G
 With flashlights that shine in the dark
D7
 My love needs a doggie to protect her
G
 And scare them away with one bark.

Repeat verse #1

G **D7**
 I don't want a bunny or a kit - ty
G
 I don't want a parrot that talks
D7
 I don't want a bowl of little fishes
G
 You can't take a goldfish for walks

Repeat verse #1

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS (Key of G)



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The stars at night are big and bright

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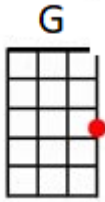
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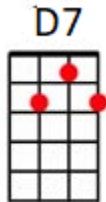
G

Deep in the heart of Texas

CLEMENTINE (Key of G)



G



D7

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And his daughter Clementine.

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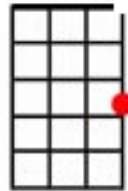
With a happy refrain

'Cause I'm singing

G

Just singing in the rain.

G



D7

