

# STRUM FOR FUN TWO CHORD SONG BOOK

# Soprano, Concert and Tenor

(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 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 seven songs.

Deep in the Heart of Texas Achy Breaky Heart, Jambalaya, Singing in the Rain, Iko Iko, Dance the Night Away, Down in the Valley.

#### The aim is

- 1. To be able to change chords effortlessly.
- 2. To extend 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

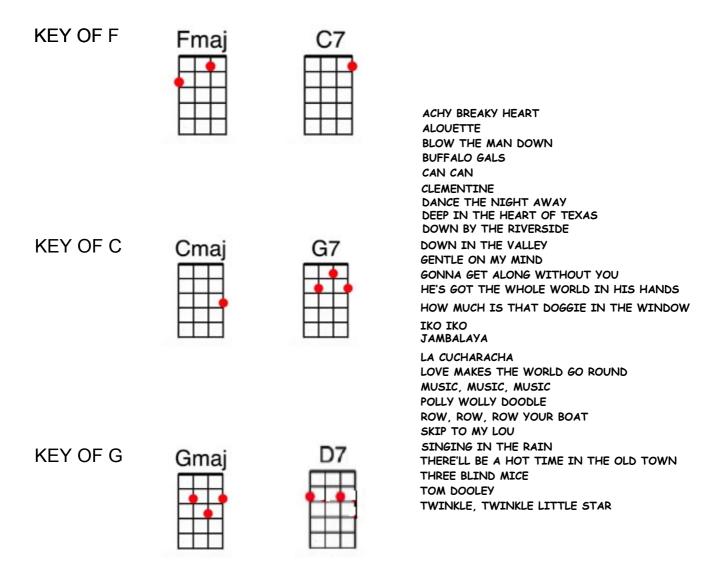
With the addition of Bb and A Minor you will be able to tackle many three and four chord songs.

#### 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

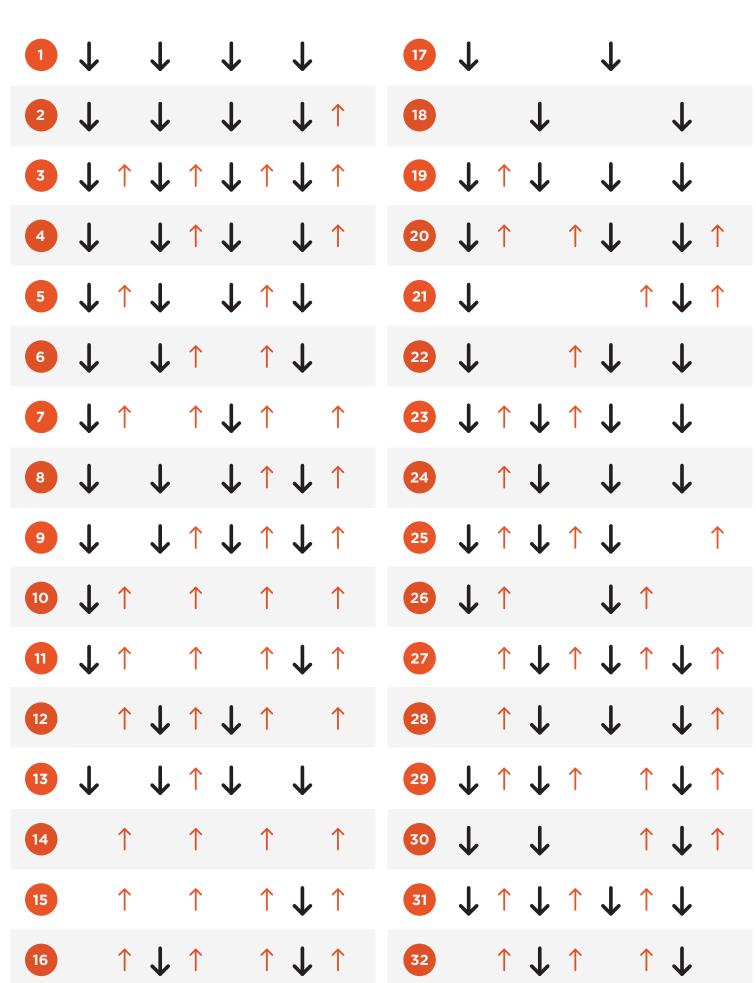
Once mastered in one key (I suggest you start with F) then try and play them in C and then G.



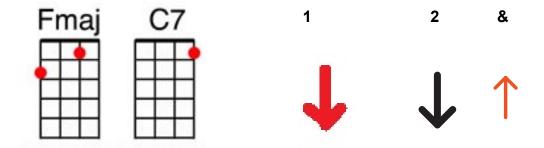
If you know the lyrics of any of these songs then write them out and then attach the chords.

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

## 32 UKULELE STRUMS in 4/4 time



### 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

#### **Dance The Night Away – The Mavericks**

in F

Intro: [F] [C7] [F] [C7] [F] [C7]

[F]Here comes my [C7]happiness a[F]gain [C7]

[F]Right back to [C7]where it should have [F]been [C7]

[F]'Cause now she's [C7]gone and I am [F]free [C7]

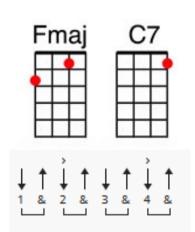
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[F]With seno[C7]ritas who can [F]sway [C7]

[F]Right now to[C7]morrow's lookin' [F]bright [C7]

[F]Just like the [C7]sunny mornin'[F] light [C7]



And [F]if you should [C7]see her, please let her [F]know that I'm [C7]well, as you can [F]tell [C7]

And [F]if she should [C7]tell you that she wants me [F]back, tell her [C7]no, I gotta [F]go [C7]

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Outro: [F] [C7] [F] [C7] [F] [C7] [F]

[F]You can tell the world you never was my girl
You can burn my clothes up when I'm [C7]gone
Or you can tell your friends just what a fool I've been
And laugh and joke about me on the [F]phone

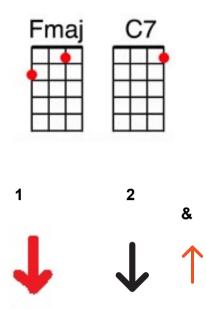
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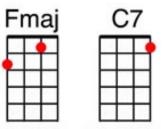
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Or tell your brother Cliff who's fist can tell my lips
He never really liked me any [F] way

Or [F]tell your Aunt Louise, tell anything you please Myself already knows I'm not o[C7]kay Or you can tell my eyes to watch out for my mind It might be walking out on me one [F]day

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#### **Iko Iko – The Dixie Cups**



in F



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[F]My grandma and your grandma were Sit-tin' by the [C7]fire. My grandma told your grandma 'I'm gonna set your flag on [F]fire.'

[F]Talkin' 'bout, Hey now! (Hey now) Hey now! (Hey now) I-ko, I-ko, un-[C7]day Jock-a-mo fee-no ai na-né, Jock-a-mo fee na-[F]né

[F]Look at my king all dressed in red I-ko, I-ko, un-[C7]day.

I betcha five dollars he'll kill you dead Jock-a-mo fee na-[F]né

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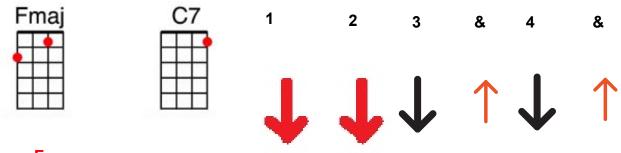
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[C7]Jock-a-mo fee na-[F]né

[C7]Jock-a-mo fee na-[F]né

[C7]Jock-a-mo fee na-[F]né

## SINGING IN THE RAIN (Key of 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.

## **DOWN IN THE VALLEY (Key of 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 your 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

F C7
Goodbye Joe me gotta go me oh my oh
F
Me gotta go pole the pirogue down the bayou
C7
My Yvonne the sweetest one me oh my oh
F
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

F C7

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

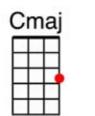
F C7
Thibodaux to Fontaineaux the place is buzzing
F
Kinfolk come to see Yvonne by the dozen
C7
Dress in style and go hog wild me oh my oh
F
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

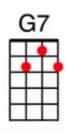
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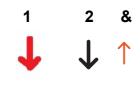
F C7
Settle down far from town get me a pirogue
F
And I'll catch all the fish in the bayou
C7
Swap my mon to buy Yvonne what she need-oh
F
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

Chorus

## DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS Key of C







C

The stars at night are big and bright

G/

Deep in the heart of Texas

The prairie sky is wide and high

C

Deep in the heart of Texas

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The sage in bloom is like perfume

Deep in the heart of Texas

Reminds me of the one I love

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Deep in the heart of Texas

C

The cowboys cry ki – yip – pee - ay – ay
G7

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The doggies bawl an' bawl 'ya – all'

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#### **Dance The Night Away – The Mavericks**

in C

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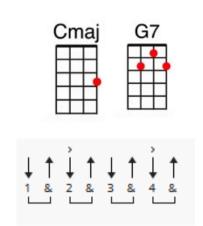
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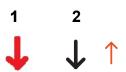
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## Achy Breaky Heart - Billy Ray Cyrus in C

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Cmaj G7

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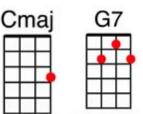
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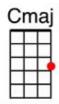
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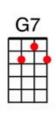
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#### DOWN IN THE VALLEY

In the Key of C.







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C G7

Down in the val - ley, Valley so low

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.

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.

## 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

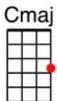
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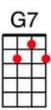
With a happy refrain

'Cause I'm singing

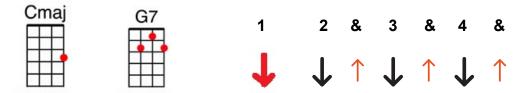
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## JAMBALAYA (Hank Williams) Key of C



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

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

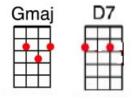
Chorus
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G7
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C
Cause tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher amio
G7
Pick guitar fill fruit jar and be gay-o
C

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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
C
And I'll catch all the fish in the bayou
G7
Swap my mon to buy Yvonne what she need-oh
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Chorus

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



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)

G

Deep in the heart of Texas

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

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

**D7** 

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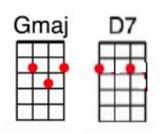
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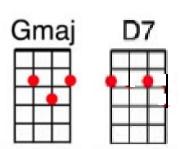
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in G

[G]You can tell the world you never was my girl You can burn my clothes up when I'm [D7]gone Or you can tell your friends just what a fool I've been And laugh and joke about me on the [G]phone



[G]You can tell my arms go back to the farm You can tell my feet to hit the [D7]floor Or you can tell my lips to tell my fingertips They won't be reaching out for you no [G]more



But [G]don't tell my heart, my achy breaky heart I just don't think he'd under[D7]stand And if you tell my heart, my achy breaky heart He might blow up and kill this [G]man

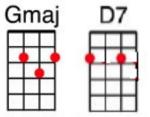


[G]You can tell your ma I moved to Arkansas
Or you can tell your dog to bite my [D7]leg
Or tell your brother Cliff who's fist can tell my lips
He never really liked me any[G]way

Or [G]tell your Aunt Louise, tell anything you please Myself already knows I'm not o[D7]kay
Or you can tell my eyes to watch out for my mind
It might be walking out on me one [G]day

But [G]don't tell my heart, my achy breaky heart
I just don't think he'd under[D7]stand
And if you tell my heart, my achy breaky heart
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#### **Iko Iko – The Dixie Cups**



in G

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[G]My grandma and your grandma were Sit-tin' by the [D7]fire.

My grandma told your grandma 'I'm gonna set your flag on [G]fire.'

[G]Talkin' 'bout, Hey now! (Hey now) Hey now! (Hey now) I-ko, I-ko, un-[D7]day Jock-a-mo fee-no ai na-né, Jock-a-mo fee na-[G]né

[G]Look at my king all dressed in red I-ko, I-ko, un-[D7]day.

I betcha five dollars he'll kill you dead Jock-a-mo fee na-[G]né

[G]Talkin' 'bout, Hey now! (Hey now) Hey now! (Hey now) I-ko, I-ko, un-[D7]day Jock-a-mo fee-no ai na-né, Jock-a-mo fee na-[G]né

[G]My flag boy and your flag boy were sit-tin' by the [D7]fire. My flag boy told your flag boy 'I'm gonna set your flag on [G]fire.'

[G]Talkin' 'bout, Hey now! (Hey now) Hey now! (Hey now) I-ko, I-ko, un-[D7]day Jock-a-mo fee-no ai na-né, Jock-a-mo fee na-[G]né

[G]See that guy all dressed in green? I-ko, I-ko, un-[D7]day. He's not a man he's a lov-in' machine Jock-a-mo fee na-[G]né

[G]Talkin' 'bout, Hey now! (Hey now) Hey now! (Hey now) I-ko, I-ko, un-[D7]day Jock-a-mo fee-no ai na-né, Jock-a-mo fee na-[G]né

[G]Talkin' 'bout, Hey now! (Hey now) Hey now! (Hey now) I-ko, I-ko, un-[D7]day Jock-a-mo fee-no ai na-né, Jock-a-mo fee na-[G]né

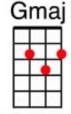
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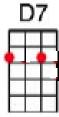
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[D7]Jock-a-mo fee na-[G]né

## SINGING IN THE RAIN (Key of G)

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

And I'm ready for love

Let the stormy clouds chase

**Everyone from the place** 

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

I'll walk down the lane

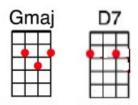
With a happy refrain

'Cause I'm singing

G

Just singing in the rain.

## **DOWN IN THE VALLEY (Key of G)**



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

G D7

Down in the valley, Valley so low

G

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** 

Know I love you dear, know I love you

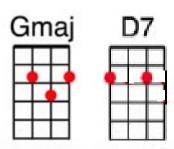
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Angels in heaven know I love you

Repeat first verse.

## 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
Dress in style and go hog wild me oh my oh G
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou

#### 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
G
Son of a gun we'll have big fun on the bayou
Chorus