# The Mele Kalikimaka 2025 songbook:

#### Compiled & arranged by Jake Rodrigues



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a ukulele teacher and performer.

A few notes about this compilation and its intentions:

Firstly, this is a very personal songbook meant for adult uke players, and as a result there are a few songs some might find offensive (that pesky South Park!). I've included them because, for example, Theiladole formikery Song is a fiend to play, and I believe this may be the only version —much like Santa Lost a

Ho!.

Moving on, I find that getting the balance right with uke arrangements is a really

tricky thing so my apologies if you struggle with any, but hey they're free & I'm only human! All the versions of songs here are ones I've tried out in the many uke classes I run in London, UK. I often try to keep songs in their original keys—for example, *Last Christmas* by George Michael—so that students have the option of playing along with the original track, and also because they simply sound 'right' even if my students complain about them not being in C.

Many of the songs included here are my arrangements of very well-known Christmas classics, but I try to find chord extensions that mirror the original harmonies, usually adjusted for the intermediate uke player (whoever that may be!). I also colour-code my songs to make them pleasant and easy to read. Some arrangements are more advanced than others, but if you've found them here, you'll know there are plenty of other versions out there on the internet. If you don't like mine, find another—or mix and match bits from different versions.

This would also be a good moment to thank the many contributors in the uke community who share their arrangements and to whom I'm indebted. Too

many to list completely, but diretykie, Richard G, and, more locally, Mark Embleton's arrangements for the Balham Ukulele London come to mind.

Quite a few songs here are, well... a wee bit obscure.

Martinmas Time comes from an amazing folk album by Paul
Brady & Andy Irvine that is always played at Christmas in my
home. Bon Baisers de Fort-de-France is a French pop song from
Martinique from the 1980s and is really fun to play (French
people love it because it's wonderfully cheesy!). Christmas in

Yiwu is a brilliantly observed song by a performer called World Wide
Welshman, who really deserves to be better known. Rare classics like The
Hippopotamus Song and The Christmas Cha-Cha-Cha are worth checking out
too, and there are even a couple of my own Christmas songs. The first is one I
wrote for my two boys when they got their first ukes (Santa, Won't You Bring
Me a Ukulele?). There's also a Christmas George Formby-style song I invented
called With Me Little Ukulele in Me Sack.
at the same time. The most popular

Lastly, a mention of a couple of mashups I created where two songs are sung in my groups is Feliz Navidad / Mary's Boy

Child. To pull this off, you'll need a group of at least a dozen good singers: one group sings Page 1 and the other sings Page 2—simultaneously! It helps pad out Feliz Navidad, which is normally over in less than a minute when sung on its own. Christmas on Christmas Island I perform as a medley with Mele Kalikimaka and Aloha 'Oe (you'll need a vintage-music buff among you to get that going). The other mashup here is The Lion Sleeps Tonight / Little Donkey. This one relies on a G7 chord at the end of the sequence, which fudges the two songs together. Have a go and see if you can make it work!

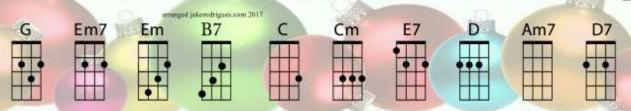
Good luck, and have a merry and truly peaceful Christmas.



- All I want for Christmas is You : Mariah Carey
- Bon Baisers de Fort de France : La Compagnie Creole
- Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire : Nat King Cole
- The Christmas Calypso: Michael Perry
- The Christmas Cha Cha Cha: Larry Clark
- Christmas in Yiwu : World Wide Welshman
- Christmas on Christmas Island Medley/ Mela Kalikimaka
- Driving Home for Christmas : Chris Rea
- Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas: Judy Garland
- Here Comes Santa Claus : Gene Autry/Elvis/Bob Dylan
- I want a Hippotamus for Christmas : Gayle Peevey
- It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year
- Jingle Bells: James Pierpont
- Last Christmas in D : George Michael
- Last Christmas in C : George Michael
- Martimas Time : Paul Brady /Andy Irvine
- Mary's Mash Up : Feliz Navidad/Mary's Boy Child 01
- Mary's Mash Up : Feliz Navidad/Mary's Boy Child 02
- Merry Christmas Everybody: Slade
- Merry Christmas Everyone /Rocking Around the Christmas Tree
   Medley: Shakin Stevens/Brenda Lee

- Mr Hankey the Christmas Poo: South Park
- Must be Santa: The Merry Macs/Bob Dylan
- Piva Piva : Italian Christmas Song about Olive Oil
- Rockin' around the Christmas Tree: Brenda Lee
- Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer: Robert L May
- Santa Baby: Eartha Kitt
- Santa Claus is Coming to Town : Ella Fitzgerald/Jacksons
- Santa Lost a Ho: Jim Kweskin
- Santa Won't you Bring me a Ukulele: Jake Rodrigues
- Shenandoah: More thanksgiving than Christmas but...
- Silent Night: Trad German
- Stop the Cavalry : Jonah Lewis
- The Lion Sleeps Tonight /Little Donkey Mash Up
- The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy
- We Wish you a Merry Christmas: Trad British
- White Christmas: Bing Crosby
- Winter Wonderland : Bing Crosby
- With me Little Ukulele in me sack : Jake Formby
- Wonderful Christmastime: Paul & Linda McCartney

# All I want for Christmas is You: Mariah Carey



Intro: |G|G|Em7|Em7|C|C|Cm|Cm|G|G/B7|Em|Em/Cm|G|E7|Am7|D7| is |G|Em7|C|D7|

Verse: IGIGIGICICICMICMIGIGIGIGICICICMICMI

Chorus:|G|E7|Am7|D7| is |G|Em7|C|D7|

Bridge: |G|G/B7|Em|Em/Cm|G|E7|Am7|D7| is |G|Em7|Am7|D7



- [G] I don't want a lot for Christmas [Em7] there is just one thing I need
- [C] I don't care about the presents [Cm] underneath the Christmas tree
- [G] I just want you for my [B7] own [Em] More than you could ever[Cm] know
- [G] Make my wish come [E7] true... [Am7] All I want for [D7] Christmas is
- [G] [Em7] [C] [D7] you...
- [G] I don't want a lot for Christmas there is just one thing I need (and I)
- [C] I don't care about the presents [Cm] underneath the Christmas tree
- [G] I don't need to hang my stockings there upon the fireplace (aahh)
- [C] Santa Clause won't make me happy [Cm] With a toy on Christmas Day
- [G] I just want you for my [B7] own (000) [Em] More than you could ever [Cm] know (000) [G]

Make my wish come [E7] true [Am7] All I want for [D7] Christmas is

- [G] You [Em7] ou [C]ou [D7] baby
- [G] I won't ask for much this Christmas I won't even wish for snow (and I)
- [C] I'm just gonna keep on waiting [Cm] Underneath the mistletoe
- [G] I won't make a list and send it to the north pole for Saint Nick (aahh)
- [C] I won't even stay awake to [Cm] Hear those magic reindeer click, cause'
- [G] I just want you here to [B7] night (Ohh) [Em] Holding on to me so [Cm] tight(Ohh)
- [G] What more can I [E7] do baby [Am7] all I want for [D7] Christmas is
- [G] You [Em7]ou [C]ou [D7] You Baby...
- [B7] Oh all the lights are shining So [Em] brightly everywhere (so brightly baby)
- [B7] And the sound of children's [Em] laughter fills the air (Ohh) and
- [Cm] Everyone is singing (Oh yea) [G] I hear those [E7] sleigh bells ringing

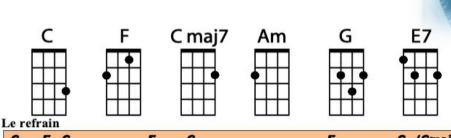
[Am7] Santa won't you bring me the one I really need won't you

- [D7] Please bring my baby to me... (Oh)
- [G] I don't want a lot for Christmas this is all I'm asking for (aahh)
- [C] Ljust want to see my baby [Cm] standing right outside my door, oh
- [G] I just want you for my [B7] own (ohh) [Em] more than you could ever [Cm] know (ohh)
- [G] Make my wish come [E7] true baby [Am7] all I want for [D7] Christmas is
- [G] You [Em7] [C] [D7] Baby
- [G] All I want for [Em7] Christmas is [Am7] you , [D7] baby (repeat till Blue in face)

# Ban Baisers de Fort de France

joue ça jusqu'à ce que le refrain commence

#### |C/F |



C F C F C F C /Cmaj7

Noël, joyeux Noël! Bons baisers de Fort-de-France

|Am G F | E7

Ce soir on éteint la télé Ce soir ensemble on va chanter
C F C F C F C /Cmaj7

Noël, joyeux Noël! Bons baisers de Fort-de-France

|Am G F | E7

Ce soir on éteint la télé Ce soir ensemble on va chanter

This is a great Christmas pop song from Martinique by the pop group La Compagnie Creole. It's dates I believe to 1984. The song is an 8 bar phrase that repeats whether your in the verse or charges.

The song has been transposed from D to C so to play in the original key or with the video you either need to:

\*Use a Capo at the 2<sup>nd</sup> fret \*Retune the uke A D Gb B \*Change the chords to D/G|D/G|D/G|D/Dmaj7| Bm/A|G|G|Gb7

#### Le refrain répété d'ici

|C F C F C F C/Cmai7

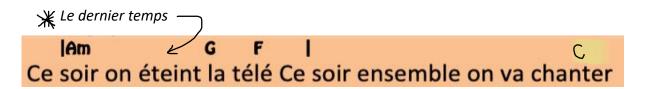
Y'a pas de sapins sur la montagne on a décoré les manguiers
|Am G F | E7

Y'as pas de souliers dans la cheminée mais pour tout le monde y'a des cadeaux
|C F C F C F C/Cmai7

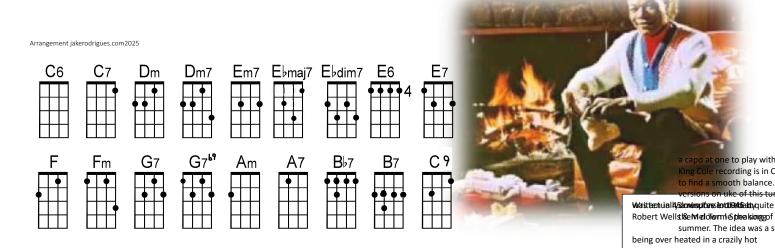
Ici les champs recouverts de neige on ne les connaît qu'en photo
|Am G F | E7

Le père Noël n'a pas de traîneau mais pour tout le monde y'a des cadeaux

Le refrain répété d'ici x 2



#### Chestnuts Roasting: (The Christmas Song)



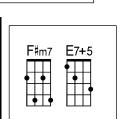
[C6] Chestnuts [Dm7] roasting on an [Em7] open [F] fire [C6] Jack Frost [Gm7] nipping [C7] at your [F] nose [E7+5] [E7] [Am] Yuletide [Fm] carols being [C] sung by a [F#m7] [B7]choir And[E6] folks [Fm] dressed [Bb7] up like Eski-[Ebmaj7] mos [Ebmaj7]

[[Dm] Every [[G7] body [C6] knows a [Dm7] turkey and some [Em7] mistle-[F] toe [C6] Help to [Gm7] make the [C7] season [F] bright[E7+5] [E7] [Am] Tiny [Fm] tots with their [C] eyes all a-[B7] glow will [Em7] find it [A7] hard to [Dm7] sleep [G7] to-[C] night

They know that [Gm7] Santa's on his [C9] way [Gm7/C9]
He's loaded [Gm7] lots of toys and
[C9] goodies on his [Gm7] sleigh [C9]
And every [Fm] mother's [Bb7] child is gonna [Ebmaj7] spy

To see if [Am7] reindeer really know [D7] how to [Dm7] fly [G7b9]

And [C6] so I'm [Dm7] offering this [Em7] simple [F] phrase
To [C6] kids from [Gm7] one to [C7] ninety-[F] two [E7+5] [E7]
[Am7] Although it's been [Fm] said many [C6] times many [B7] ways
[Ebdim7] Merry [Em7] Christ-[Am7] mas [G7b9] to [C] you



Addional Chords :

fine instead of Dm7

glow.

Likewise Dm is

C creating E7+5 you can slide the B to a

Lastly when you play E

Solo: |Gm7/C9|Gm7/C9|Gm7/C9| |Fm/Bb7|Ebmaj7|Am7/D7|Dm7|G7b9|

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To [C6] kids from [Gm7] one to [C7] ninety-[F] two [E7+5] [E7]

[Am7] Although it's been [Fm] said many [C] times many [B7] ways

[Ebdim7] Merry [Em7] Christ-[Am7] mas [Dm7]

[Ebdim7] Merry [Em7] Christ-[Am7] mas [Dm7]

[Ebdim7] Merry [Em7] Christ-[Am7] mas [Dm7] [G7b9] to [C6] you

# Christmas Calypso: Gerry Wakelin, music by Colin Evans

#### |G|C6/D7| till ready...

[G] Sing it on the hillside [Am] sing on the mountains,

[D7] Christmas Day is [G] almost here!

[G] Sing it round the valleys [Am] forests and fountains,

[D7] Christmas Day is [G] near [G7] so



[C/C6] Let the [G] bells all ring [D7] children sing

it's[G] time for a holi day:

[C/C6] Let's all [G] jump and shout

[D7] ev'ryone come out and [G] sing!

[C/C6] So let the [G] bells all ring [D7] children sing,

it's[G] time for a holiday:

[C/C6] Let's all [G] jump for joy [A7] ev'ry girl and boy

[D7] bring - ing glad- ness.

Chorus1 tag

[G] Sing it on the hillside [Am] sing on the mountains,

[D7] Christmas Day is [G] almost here!

[G] Sing it on the hillside [Am] sing on the mountains,

[D7] Christmas Day is [G] here

Instrumental |G|C|D7|G|G|C|D7|G|

Verse2

[G] Decorate the house with [Am] tinsel and berry,

[D7] Christmas Day is [G] almost here!

[G] This'll be the time to [Am] give and be merry

[D7] Christmas Day is [G] near [G7] so

#### Repeat Chorus

Chorus2 Tag

[G] Decorate the house with [Am] tinsel and berry,

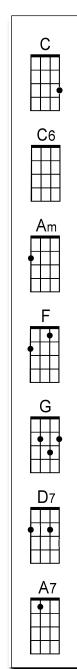
[D7] Christmas Day is [G] almost here!

[G] This'll be the time to [Am] give and be merry

[D7] Christmas Day is [G] near so

SLOW[D7] Christmas Day is [G] near





# Christmas Cha Cha Cha: The Merry Macs jakerodrigues.com 2018 D A7 Dm Bb Bb7 Gm

That's how you tell it's time to do the Christmas Cha Cha Cha x3 (ting)

|D |D |Each little bell, Ding Dong each little bell a-ringing,
|A7 |A7 |
|Will ring a spell Abracadabra you'll join the carol singing
|A7 |A7 |D |D |
| that's howhyou tell lit's time to do the Christmas Cha Cha X3 | Riff1

verse 3

# A F#m Bm7 C#m E7 D Bm Em A7 G Am7 Am C [A] My eyes are filled with a thousand glittering [F#m] stars, a million little red coated white bearded [Bm7] men tiny fluffy [C#m7] blonde white children with [Bm7] wings 5000 [E7] spiky polystyrene [A] things of course the baubles and the [F#m] LEDS Such beauty to adorn your plastic [Bm7] tree and the most pretty [C#m7] plastic items that [Bm7] been all competitive [E7] prices like you've never [A] seen [D] Happy Christmas from a factory in [Bm] Yiwu, Happy Christmas from a factory in [Em] Yiwu you've got a colourful [F#m] Christmas Tree, [Em] I got some money for my [A] family Repeat Chorus 1.

Mandarin Verse. 一遍又一遍. 一天又一天. 我没有时间 也没有思念

[D] Yībiàn yòu yībiàn [Em] Yītiān yòu yītiān [A7]Wǒ méiyǒu shíjiān [F#m] Yě méiyǒu [G] sīniàn [A]

<mark>[D]</mark> Yībiàn yòu yībiàn *(dip it in the glue)<mark>[Em]</mark> Yītiān yòu yītiān (put it in the glitter machine) <mark>[A7]</mark>Wŏ méiyŏu shíjiān <i>(hang it up and then)* <mark>[F#m]</mark> Yě méiyŏu <mark>[G]</mark> sīniàn <mark>[A]</mark> *(and do it all again)* 

[D] Happy Christmas from a factory in [Bm] Yiwu, Happy Christmas from a factory in [Em] Yiwu you've got a colourful [F#m]Christmas Tree, [Em] I got some money for my [A] family [D] It's all about give and take in this big bad [Bm] world you give me money I give you most [Em] time making pretty plastic [F#m] items that you really [Em] need for competitive [A] prices like you've never [D] seen

Solo- |G|G|Em|Em|Am7|Bm7|Am7|D|x2

[G] Yībiàn yòu yībiàn (ten face masks a day)[Am] Yītiān yòu yītiān (engulfed in Christmas ) [D]Wǒ méiyǒu shíjiān (in my hair and on my hands) [Bm] Yě méiyǒu [C] sīniàn [D] [C] (how is [D] this crap in de[G]mand)

Repeat — Mandarin Verse & Sing Chorus below at the same time]

[G] Jingle bells, Christmas elves (making fat white bearded men)

[Am] Jingle bells, Christmas sells (some with a saxophone)

[D] No one knows, no one knows (tidings of comfort and joy)

[Bm] Plastic toys, plastic toys, Who is this baby in a cowshe-e-e-d?

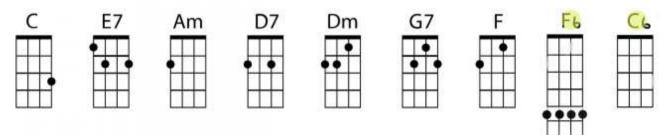
[D] Yībiàn yòu yībiàn (we could do it in our sleep)[Em] Yītiān yòu yītiān if they'd
) [A7]Wǒ méiyǒu shíjiān (I'll stay for just another year)

<mark>[F#m]</mark> Yě méiyǒu <mark>[G]</mark> sīniàn <mark>[A]</mark> *then I'm getting out of here)* 

[Repeat Chorus 1] then

[Em] Jingle Bells , Christmas Elves x 4 changing [Em|Em7|G|Em6]

# Christmas on Christmas Island



Intro: |G7|G7|C|C///|

Intro Verse: |C|E7|Am|D7|Dm|G7|D7|G7|G7///|

Chorus: |F/C|A7|D7|D7|G7|G7|C|C7|F|F|C|C|D7|D7|G7|G7///|F/C|A7|D7|D7|G7|G7|C|C///|

C E7 Am D7

Let's get away from sleigh bells, Let's get away from snow

Dm G7 D7 G7

Let's take a break some Christmas, dear. I know the place to go

How'd you like to stay up late like the islanders do

C | D7 | G7 |

Wait for Santa to sail in with your presents in a canoe?



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#### Mele Kalikimaka

arrangement jakerodrigues.com 2017



Intro: |D|D/B7|Em7|A7|D/A7|

Verse: | D | D | D | A | A | A | A | D | D7 | G | E7 | A7 | D | B7 | E7/A7 | D

[D] Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say

n a bright Hawaiian Christmas [A] day

[A7] That's the island greeting that we send to you rom the land where palm trees [D] sway

[D7] Here we know that Christmas will be [G] green and bright the

[E7] sun will shine by day and all the [A7] stars at night

[D] Mele Kalikimaka is [B7] Hawaii's way to

<u>[E7]</u> say Merry <u>[A7]</u> Christmas to <u>[D]</u> you

Repeat Chorus several times then cut till end

[E7] say Merry [A7] Christmas

[E7] A very Merry [A7] Christmas,

[E7] a very, very, very Merry Merry [A7] Christmas to you

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# Driving Home For Christmas: Chris Rea

A A9 Dmaj7 D6 Bm7 C#m7 F#m E7 D D\* E7\* F#m\* Gmaj

#### |A9|A|A9|A|Dmaj7|D6|Dmaj7|D6|x 2

I'm [A9] driving home for [A]Christmas[A9 | A]
Oh, I [Dmaj7] can't wait to see those [D6] faces[Dmaj7 | D6]
I'm [A9] driving home for [A]Christmas yeah [A9 | A]
Well, [Dmaj7] I'm moving down that [D6] line [Dmaj7 | D6]

And [C#m7] it's been so [F#m] long [Bm7] [E7] but I will be there [C#m7] I sing this [F#m] song [Bm7] [E7] to pass the time a-[C#m7]way [F#m] Driving in my [Bm7] car [E7] driving home for [A9] Christmas | A | A9 | A |

It's gonna [Dmaj7] take some [D6] time but I'll [Dmaj7] get there D6 [A9] Top to toe in [A] tailbacks [A9 | A] oh I got [Dmaj7] red lights all a [D6] round [Dmaj7 | D6] [A9] But soon there I be a [A] freeway [A9] yeah [A] Get [Dmaj7] my feet on holy [D6] ground [Dmaj7 | D6]

So [C#m7] I sing [F#m] for you, [Bm7] though [E7] you can't hear me [C#m7] When I get [F#m] through, [Bm7] and [E7] feel you near me [C#m7] [F#m] driving in my [Bm7] car[E7] I'm driving home for [A9] Christmas[A|A9|A] Driving home for



[Dmaj7] Christmas [D6|Dmaj7|D6] with a thousand memo [A9] ries |A|A9|A| I take a look at the [Dmaj7] driver next to [D6] me |Dmaj7|D6] he's just the [A9] same [A|A9|A] just the [Dmaj7] same |D6|Dmaj7] D6

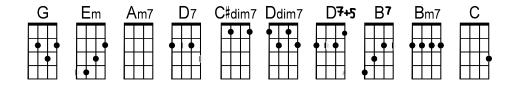
[A9] Top to toe in [A]tailbacks[A9|A]oh I got [Dmaj7]red lights all a[D6]round | Dmaj7|D6] I'm [A9] driving home for [A]Christmas yeah[A9|A] Get [Dmaj7] my feet on holy [D6] ground [Dmaj7|D6]

So [C#m7] I sing [F#m] for you, [Bm7] though [E7] you can't hear me [C#m7] When I get [F#m] through, [Bm7] and [E7] feel you near me [C#m7] [F#m] driving in my [Bm7] car[E7] I'm driving home for

[A9] Christmas [A|A9| A] Driving home for [Dmaj7] Christmas [D6|Dmaj7|D6] With a thousand memo [A9] ries |A|A9|A| I take a look at the [Dmaj7] driver next to [D6] me |Dmaj7|D6] he's just the [A9] same [A|A9|A] driving home [Dmaj7|D6] Driving home |Dmaj7|D6] driving home for [A9] Christmas [A|A9|A] [Dmaj7|D6] [Dmaj7|D6]

# Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

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[G] Have your [Em] self a [Am7] merry little [D7] Christmas

[G] Let your [Em] heart be [Am7] light [D7]

[G] From now [Em] on our [Am7] troubles, will be [D7] out of

[Ddim] sight [Am7/D7/D7+5]

[G] Have your[Em] self a [Am7] merry little [D7] Christmas

**[G]** Make the **[Em]** Yuletide **[Am7]** gay **[D7]** 

[G] Next year [Em] all our [Am7] troubles, will be

[B7] miles a [Em] way [B7]

[Em] Once again, as in [Bm7]olden days

[Am7] golden day'[D7]s of [G] yore

[Em] Faithful friends who are

[Bm7] dear to us will be Am7] near

to us once [D7] more [D7+5]

[G] Someday [Em] soon we [Am7] all will be to [D7] gether

[G] If the [Em] fates a-[Am7]- llow [D7]

[G] Until [Em] then, we'll [C] have to muddle

[B7]through some[Em] how

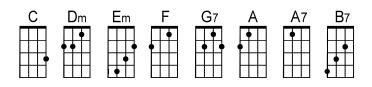
So [C] have yourself a [Am7] merry little

[D7]Christmas [C#dim7/G] now

This version is based loosely on the which is in A so use capo@2 differences



# Here Comes Santa Claus: Gene Autry





[C] Here comes Santa Claus <u>here</u> comes Santa Claus [G7] Right down Santa Claus lane

\_ixen and Blitzen and <u>all</u> his reindeer <mark>[C] pullin' on the [C7] reins [F] Bells are [B7] ringin' [Em] children [Am] singin'</mark>

[Dm] All is [G7] merry and [C] bright [C7]

So [F] hang your [B7] stockings and [C] say your [A7] prayers 'Cause [Dm] Santa Claus [G7] comes to-[C] night [G7]

[C] Here comes Santa Claus here comes Santa Claus

[G7] Right down Santa Claus lane

He's got a bag that's filled with toys for [C] boys and girls a-[C7]gain

[F] Hear those[B7] sleigh bells [Em] jingle [Am] jangle

[Dm] Oh what a [G7] beautiful [C] sight [C7]

So [F] jump in [B7] bed and [C] cover your [A7] head

'Cause [Dm] Santa Claus [G7] comes to-[C]night [G7]

[C] Here comes Santa Claus here comes Santa Claus

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[G7] Right down Santa Claus lane

\_e doesn't care if you're <u>ric</u>h or poor he <a>[C]</a> loves you just the <a>[C7]</a> same

[F] Santa Claus [B7]knows that [Em] we're God's [Am] children

[Dm] That makes [G7] everything [C] right [C7]

So [F] fill your [B7] hearts with [C] Christmas [A7] cheer

'Cause [Dm] Santa Claus [G7] comes to-[C]night [G7]

[C] Here comes Santa Claus here comes Santa Claus

[G7] Right down Santa Claus lane he'll come around when

<u>chimes ring out that it's [C]</u> Christmas time a-[C7]gain

[F] Peace on [B7]earth will [Em] come to [Am] all

If [Dm] we just [G7] follow the [C] light [C7]

So [F] lets give [B7] thanks to the [C] lord a-[A7] bove

'Cause [Dm] Santa Claus [G7] comes to-[C]night

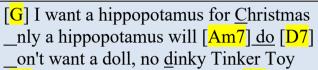
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#### I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas: Gayla Peevey 1953

G G7 Em7 Am7 A7 D7 Dm C

Intro: |G/Em7|Am7/D7| (repeat for as long as you like)

|G7|C|Dm/G7| C|D7|G|A7|D7|



A7] I want a hippopotamus to [D7] play with and enjoy, I

G want a hippopotamus for Christmas

I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do [Am7] you? [D7]

He won't have to use our dirty chimney flue just

[A7] Bring him through the front door, that's the [D7] easy thing to do. I can

[G7] See me now on [C] Christmas morning,

[Dm] Creeping [G7] down the [C] stairs Oh what

[D7] Loy and what surprise when I [G] open up my eyes to see a

A7] hippo hero [D7] standing there

I [G] want a hippopotamus for Christmas only a hippopotamus will [Am7] do [D7]

No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses [A7] I only like [D7] hippopotamuses and

A7] Hippopota [D7] muses like me[G] too [G|G|G|Am7/D7|

\_om says the hippo would eat me up, but then

<u>Teacher says a hippo is a [D7] vegeterian.</u> [G|G|G|Am7/D7|

[D7] There's lots of room for him in our two-car garage I'd

[A7] Feed him there and wash him there and [D7] give him his massage I can

[G7] See me now on [C] Christmas morning,

[Dm] Creeping [G7] down the [C] stairs, oh what

[D7] Joy and what surprise when I [G] open up my eyes to see a

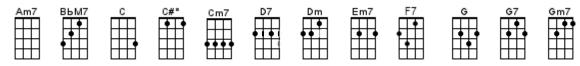
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# It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

Eddie Pola & George Wyle 1963



Intro repeat till ready | G | Em7 | Am7 | D7 |

#### Verse1

It's the [G] most [Em7] wonderful [Am7] time [D7]

Of the [G] year [Em7|Am7/D7] With the [Am7] kids jingle-[D7]belling

And [G] everyone [G7] telling you [C] Be of good [C] cheer [C#dim|Cdim7]

It's the [G] most [Em7] wonderful [Am7] time [D7]

Of the [Dm] year [Dm] [Am7] / [D7]

#### Verse2

It's the [G] hap-[Em7]happiest [Am7] sea-[D7]son of [G] all[Em7|Am7/D7]
With those [Am7] holiday [D7] greetings and [G] gay happy [G7] meetings
When [C] friends come to [C] call [C#dim|Cdim7]
It's the [G] hap-[Em7]happiest [Am7] sea-[D7]son of [G7] all [G7 // Dm|G7|G7]

#### BRIDGE:

There'll be [C] parties for [C#dim] hosting
Marsh-[G]mallows for [Em7] toasting
And [Am7] caroling [D7] out in the [G] snow [G7]
There'll be [Cm7] scary ghost [F7] stories
And [Bbmaj7] tales of the [Gm7] glories
Of [Cm7] Christmases [Cm7] long, long
[Am7]go [Am7] [D7]D7]



It's the [G] most [Em7] wonderful [Am7] time [D7]

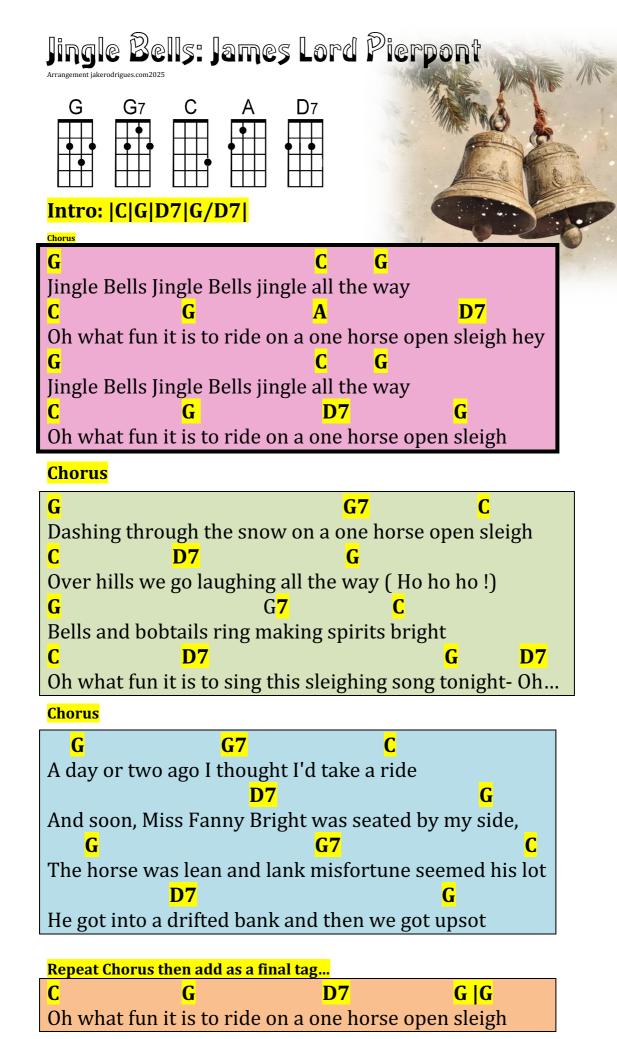
Of the [G] year [Em7|Am7/D7] With the [Am7] kids jingle-[D7]belling

And [G] everyone [G7] telling you [C] Be of good [C] cheer [C#dim|Cdim7]

Yes, the [G] most [Em7] wonderful [Am7] time [D7]

Oh, the [G] most [Em7] wonderful [Am7] time [D7]

Of the [G] year |G|G|F|G



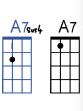
# Last Christmas: George Michael











Intro

D9/D D9/D B7sus4/Bm7 B7sus4/Bm7 Gmaj7/Em7 Gmaj7/Em7 A7sus4 A7

#### **Chorus**

[D] Last Christmas I gave you my heart but the

[Bm7] very next day you gave it away

[Em7] This year to save me from tears I'll

[A7] Give it to someone special (special)

#### **Chorus repeat**

D9/D D9/D B7sus4/Bm7 B7sus4/Bm7 Gmaj7/Em7 Gmaj7/Em7 A7sus4 A7

[D] Once bitten and twice shy

[Bm7] I keep my distance, but you still catch my eye

[Em7] Tell me baby, do you recognize me?

[A7] Well it's been a year it doesn't surprise me

[D] (Happy Christmas) I wrapped it up and sent it

[Bm7] with a note saying "I love you" I meant it

[Em7] Now I know what a fool I've been but if you

[A7] Kissed me now I know you'd fool me again

This songs genius is it's simplicity Most uke versions are in C but it was written in D & I think it sounds better that way. You can play it in the key of C with a capo at fret 2 & the chords are:

#### C|Am|Dm|G7

In the original there is a subtle voicing which I've shown here, especially in the chorus! I've added the voicing in the verses but it's entirely optional, so you ! I love the Gmaj7

going to Em7 it sounds sweet. Don't panic to play all the voicing you can just play the chords at the

#### Chorus x 2

[D]/D|D9/D|B7sus4/Bm7 | B7sus4/Bm7 | Gmaj7/Em7 | Gmaj7/Em7 | A7sus4 | A7

A crowded room, friends with tired eyes I'm

[Bm7] Hiding from you, and your soul of ice

[Em7] My god, I thought you were someone to rely on

[A7] Me? I guess I was a shoulder to cry on a

[D] Face on a lover with a fire in his heart a

[Bm7] Man under cover but you tore me a-

[Em7] part Ooh, ooh now I've found a

[A7] Real love you'll never fool me again

# Last Christmas : George Michael

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This one's in C baby

Intro

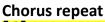
| C9/C | C9/C | Asus4/Am | Asus4/Am | Dmin9/Dm | Dmin9/Dm | G7sus4 | G7

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[Am] very next day you gave it away

[Dm] This year to save me from tears I'll

[G7] Give it to someone special (special)



[6]/C|C9/C| Asus4/Am | Asus4/Am | Dmin9/Dm | Dmin9/Dm | G7sus4 | G7

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Chorus x 2

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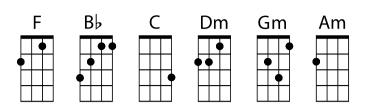
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[G7] Real love you'll never fool me again

#### Martinmas Time: Trad Irish C/o Andy Irvine & Paul Brady23



It fell out upon one Martinmas time When snow lay on the border \*\*With me

[F|Bb|C|F|Gm/C//

[F] right fol adle edle [Bb] idle a-dee-[C] o
[F] right fol adle edle [Bb] evir Cl ie\*\*



And [F] they rode east and they rode west And they rode [Bb] o'er the [F] border

And there they met with a nice little girl and she was a farmer's daughter [F|Bb|C|F|Gm/C// And [F] they made her swear a solemn oath with a salt tear in her eye-o That she would come to the [F] quarter gates when no one [Gm] spy [C] -o [F|Bb|C|F|Gm/C//

And [F] she's gone [Bb] to the [F] barber's shop To the **ba**rber's [Bb] shop went [F] soon-o
[F] made them [Bb] cut her long [F] yellow hair As **sh**ort as any dra [Gm] goon[C] -o \*\*

And [Dm] she's gone [Bb] to the [F] tailor's[C] shop, and [Dm] dresses [C] in [Bb] soldiers [F] clothes-o [F]Two long [Bb]pistols[F] down by her side and a nice little [Dm] boy was [Am] she-o\*\*

And [F] she's gone[Bb] to the [F] quarter gates and loudly [Bb] she does [F] call-o
There comes a [Bb] troop of [F] soldiers here and we must have lodgings [Gm] all [C] -o\*\*

[F] quartermaster [Bb] he comes down And he [F] gives her [Bb] half a [F] crown-o

Go find your [Bb] lodgings[F] in the town for here there is no [Gm] room [C] -o\*

( Hum melody) [F/Bb|F|F/Bb|F|F/Bb|F|F|Bb/C//|

But [F] she's moved nearer [Bb] to the [C] gates and [F] louder [Bb] she does [F] call-o Room, room, you [Bb] gentlemen, we [F] must have lodgings [Bb] all-[C] -o\*\*

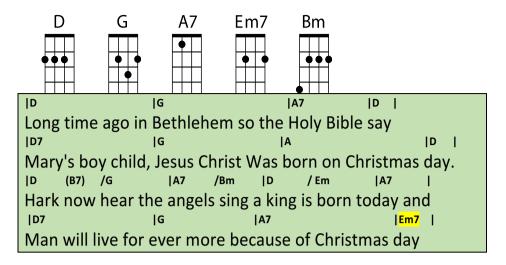
[Dm] quartermaster [Bb] he [F] comes [C] down, and he [Dm] gives her [Bb] Eighteen [Dm] pence-o [F] go find your[Bb] lodgings [F] in the town for tonight there comes a[Bb] wench-[C]0\*\*

[F] took a [Bb] whistle [F] from her side and she blew it [Bb] loud and [F] shrill-O You're all very [Bb] free with your [F] eighteen pence but you're not for a girl at [Bb] all [C] o\*\*

And she [Dm] took the [Bb] garters [Dm] from her knees and the ribbons [Bb] from her [F]hair-o, She's tied them [Bb] around the [F] quarter gates as a token she's been [Bb] there-[C] o [F|Bb|C|F|Gm/C//

And [F] when they [Bb] found that [F] it was her, they [Dm] tried to [Bb] have her [F] taken clapped her [Bb] spurs to her [F] horses [C] side, and she's [F] galloped home a [Bb] maid [C] en.\*\*

# Feliz Navidad: Mary's mash Up 1



#### Intro | Em7 | A7 | D | Bm | Em7 | A7 | D | D |

D  Em7	<mark> A7</mark>	D  D	Em7	IA7	D  D
Feliz Navidad	Feliz	Navidad	Feliz Navidad Pi	rospero año y	felicidad
D  Em7	<mark> A7</mark>	<mark> D</mark>  D	Em7	IA7	<mark> D</mark>  D
Feliz Navidad	Feliz	Navidad	Feliz Navidad Pi	rospero año y	felicidad

D	G	A7	<mark>[D</mark>	Bm7		
I wanna wish you a	wanna wish you a Merry Christmas I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas					
Bm7	<mark> G</mark>	<i> </i>	1 <mark>7</mark>   D	I		
I wanna wish you a	I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas From the bottom of my heart					
D	G	A7	<mark>[D</mark>	Bm7		
I wanna wish you a	I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas					
Bm7	<mark>[G</mark>	<i> </i>	1 <mark>7</mark>   D	l		
I wanna wish you a	I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas From the bottom of my heart					

	D  Em7	A7	<mark>[D</mark> [D	<mark> Em7</mark>	A7	<mark>JD</mark> JD
ı	Feliz Navidad	Feliz	Navidad	Feliz Navidad Prospero	o año y	felicidad
ı	D  Em7	A7	D  D	Em7	A7	D  D
	Feliz Navidad	Feliz	Navidad	Feliz Navidad Prospero	o año y	felicidad

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D G A A B BM7
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
BM7
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas From the bottom of my heart
D G A A D B BM7
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
BM7
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
BM7
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas From the bottom of my heart
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Intro | Em7 | A7 | D | Bm | Em7 | A7 | D | D |

Ig | A7 | D | Bm7 |
I wanna wish you a merry Christmas I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

Ig | A7 | D | Bm7 |
I wanna wish you a merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart, I wanna wish you

IEm7 | A7 | D | Bm7 |

Hark, now hear the angels sing a new King born today

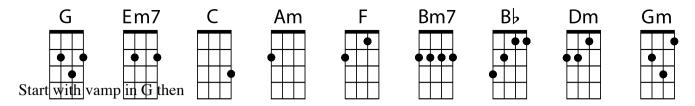
Bm7 | Em7 | A7 | D | D |

And man will live forever more Because of Christmas day

| IA7 | D | Bm7 | Hark now hear the angels sing a king is born today and | Em7 | IA7 | D | D | D | Man will live for ever more because of Christmas day

Repeat Chorus x 2 or 4 till end

# Merry Christmas Everybody: Slade



Verse: | G | Em7 | D7 | D7 | G | Em7 | D7 | D7

| G | Bm | Bb | D7 | G | Bm | Bb | Bb | D7 | D7 |

[G] Are you hanging up a [Em7] stocking on your [D7] wall, it's the [G] time that every [Em7] santa has a [D7] ball, does he [C] ride a red-nose [G] reindeer does a [C] ton-up on his [G] sleigh Do the [Am] fairies keep him sober for a [D7]day?

[D7] So here it [G] is Merry [Bm] Christmas every

[Bb] body's having [D7] fun

[G] Look to the [Bm] future now It's [Bb] only just begun- [D7] un

[G] Are you waiting for the [Em7] family to [D7] arrive, are you

[G] sure you've got the [Em7] room to spare [D7] inside

[D7] Does your [C] granny always [G] tell you

[G] That the [C] old songs are the [G] best

[G] Then she's [Am] up and rock 'n' rolling with the [D7] rest

[Dm] What did your daddy [Gm] do, when he saw your

[Dm] momma kissing [Bb] Santa , Aaah [C] ah aaah [D7] aahh

[G] Are you hanging up a [Em7] stocking on your [D7] wall Are you[G] hoping that the [Em7] snow will start to [D7] fall

Do you [C] ride on down the [G] hillside

On a [C] buggy you have [G] made

When you [Am] land upon your head

And you've been [D7] 'Slade'

#### [Chorus x 3 :]

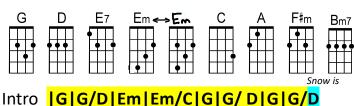
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With - It's Christmasss shouted between 'fun' & 'look' on the 3rd chorus finish on G



#### Merry Christmas Everyone: Shakin' Stevens

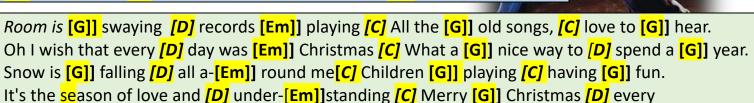
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[D| Snow is [G]] falling [D] all a-[Em]]round me [C] Children [G]] playing [C] having [G]] fun. It's the season of love and [D] under-[Em]]standing [C] Merry [G]] Christmas [D] every-[G]] one! Time for [G]] parties and [D] cele-[Em]] bration [C] People [G]] dancing [C] all night [G]]long

Time for presents and ex-[D]changing [Em]]kisses [C]Time for [G]] singing [D] Christmas [G]] songs.

[Em] We're gonna [C] have a [G] party [D] tonight, [Em] I'm gonna [C] find that girl [G] underneath the mistletoe and [D] kiss by candlelight





**[G]** Rockin' around the Christmas tree at the **[D7]** Christmas party hop. Mistletoe hung where you can see ev'ry couple tries to **[G]** stop

[C] You will get a sentimental
 [Bm7] feeling when you hear...
 [Em] Voices singing, "Let's be jolly. [A7]
 Deck the halls with [D7] boughs of holly."

**[G]** Rockin' around the Christmas tree at the **[D7]** Christmas party hop. Mistletoe hung where you can see ev'ry couple tries to **[G]** stop

[Em] We're gonna [C] have a [G] party [D] tonight [Em] I'm gonna [C] find that girl [G] underneath the mistletoe and [D] kiss by candlelight

Ooo, snow is [G]] falling [D] all a-[Em]] round me [C] Children [G]] playing [C] having [G]] fun. It's the season love and [D] under-[Em]]standing, [C] Merry [G]] Christmas [D] everyone! [G]]

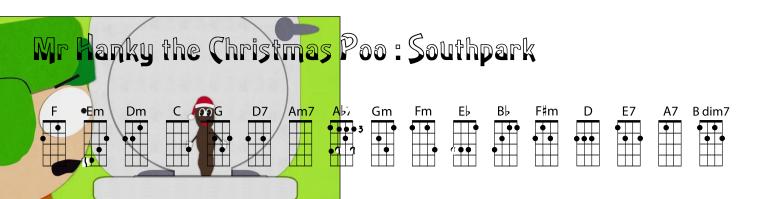
[E7] snow is [A]] falling [E7] all a-[F#m]] round me [D] Children [A]] playing [D] having [A]] fun It's the season love and [E7] under-[F#m]] standing, [D] Marry [A]] Christmas [E7] every [A]] one

**[D]** Merry **[A]]** Christmas **[E7]** every **[A]]** one

[D] Merry [A]] Christmas [E7] every[A]]one

[D] Merry [A]] Christmas [E7] every[A]]one[A]

<mark>[Em]</mark> = 2 beats [Em] = 4 [Em]] = 6



We [F] all know of [Em] Rudolph and [Dm] his shining [C] nose and we [F] all know [Em] Frosty who's [Dm] made out of [C] snow, but [G] all of those stories seem [Bdim7] kind of... gay `Cause we [G] all know who [D7] brightens up [G7] our holiday

#### |Dm|Dm|C/G7|C///|

Mr [Dm] Hankey the [Am7] Christmas Poo [Dm] small and brown he [C] comes from you [Dm] Sit on the toilet [C] here he comes [Dm] squeeze him 'tween your [G] festive buns A [Dm] present from [Am7] down below [Dm] spreading joy with a [C] "Howdy-Ho!" He's [Dm] seen the love [C] inside of you `Cause [Dm]he's a [G]piece of [C] poo Some [Ab] times he's nutty Some [Gm] times he's corny, he can be [Fm] brown or greenish [Eb] brown (Mmmmhmmm!) But [Fm] if you eat fiber on [Gm] Christmas eve He [Dm7] might come to your [G7] town! Mr [Dm]Hankey the [Am7] Christmas Poo [Dm] He loves me, [C] I love you [Dm] Therefore [G7] vicariously [C] he loves [Am7] you! I can [D7] make a Mr. [G7]Hankey [C] too! (Pffffft)

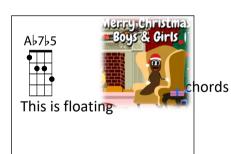
[Ab7b5] Cartman: Well Kyle where is he? X2

[A7b5] Kyle: Ehh .. He's coming! X2 [Bb7b5] Stan: Come on dude, push! X2 [B7b5] Kyle: Ehhhh... I'm Trying! X2

[C7b5] Cartman: Wait, wait I can [C#7b5] see his head!

Kyle: [D7b5] Here he comes! [POP!] Mr. Hankey: [Eb] Howdy Ho!

And try to get it to drop in the toilet and finally it does. [g7/c]



HOMDY-HO!!!

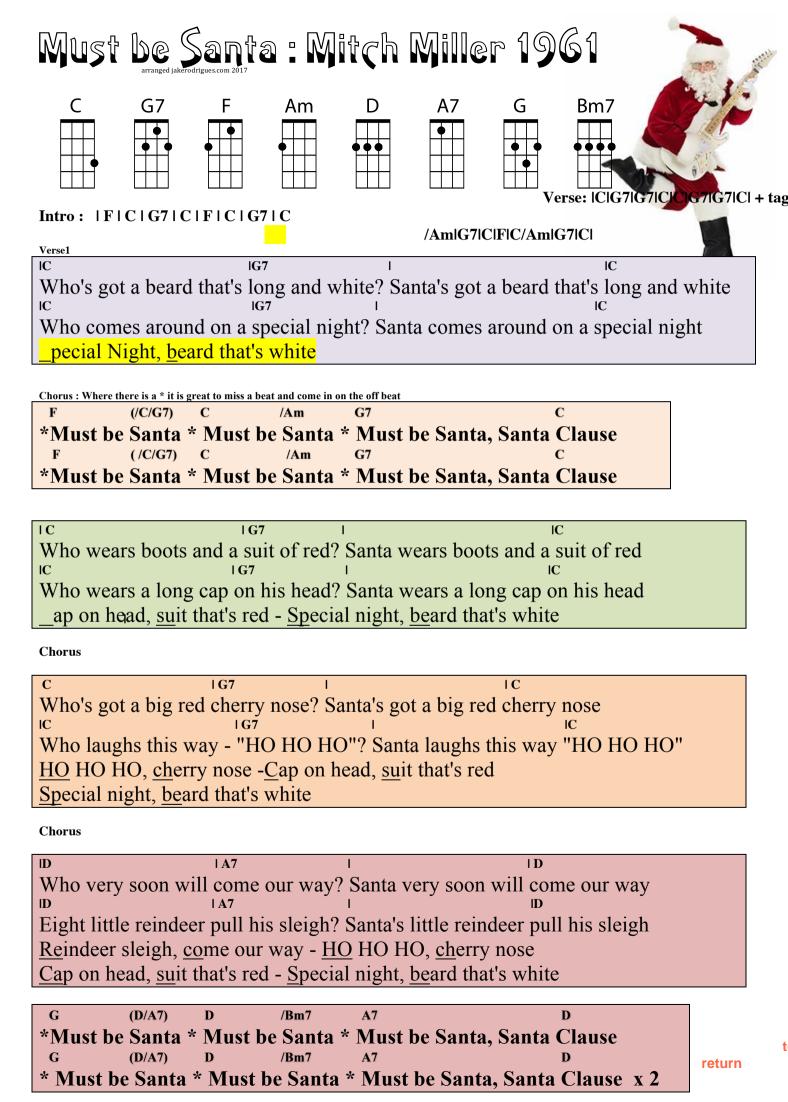
I'm Mr[Ab7] Hankey the [Gm]Christmas Poo [Fm] Seasons Greetings to [Eb]all of you! [Fm]Let's sing songs and [Eb] dance and play [F] Now before I [Bb]melt away. [Ab] Here's a game I [Gm]like to play [Fm] stick me in your mouth and [Eb]try to say [Bb]Howdy ho ho [Eb]yum yum yum Christmas [Bb] Time has [Eb]come! [D]

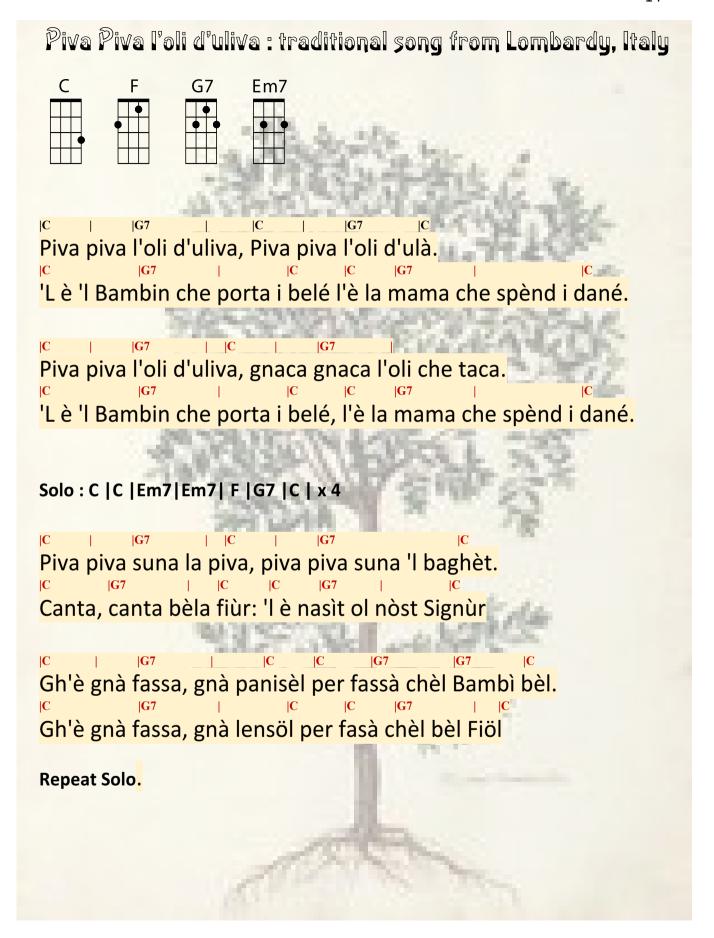
Singers: [G]Some times he's runny, some[F#m] times he's firm some[Em]times he practically [D]water. [G]Sometimes he hangs off the [F#m] end of your ass and [E7] won't fall in the [A7] toilet 'Cause he's just clinging to your sphincter

And he wont drop off .. and so you shake your ass around

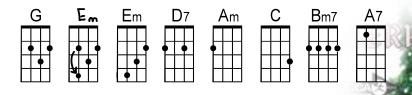
Mr. [Dm] Hankey the [Am7] Christmas Poo [Dm] When Christmas leaves he [C]must leave too. [Dm] Flush him down but he's [C]never [Am] gone His [D7]smell and his spirit [G7] linger [C|Ab|F|C///] Onnnn! Howdy Ho!

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# Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree: Brenda Lee



**[G]** Rockin' **[Em]** around the **[G]** Christmas **[Em]** tree **[D7]** Christmas party hop.

[Am] Mistletoe [D7] hung where [Am] you can [D7] see ev'ry [Am] couple [D7] tries to [G]] stop. [D7]

[G] Rockin' [Em] around the [G] Christmas [Em] tree,
[D7] Christmas spirit ring.

[Am] Later we'll [D7] have some [Am] pumpkin [D7] pie [Am] do some [D7] caro-[G] ling.

[C] You will get a sentimental [Bm7] feeling when you hear...
[Em] Voices singing, "Let's be jolly. [A7]
[D7] boughs of holly."

[A7] ( Fa la la la [D7] la [A7] la la, la [D7] la

[G] Rockin' [Em] around the [G] Christmas [Em] tree [D7] happy holiday.

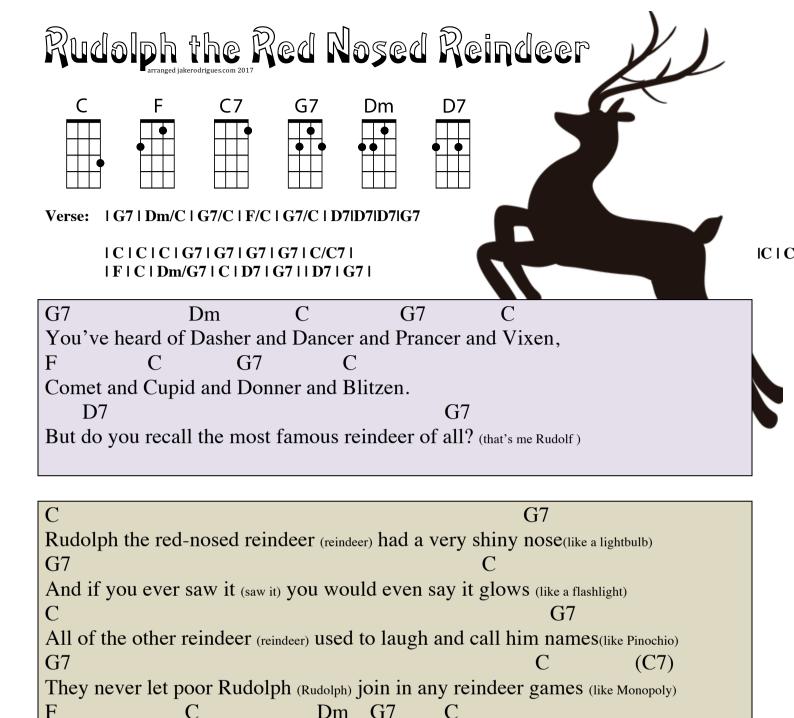
[Am] Ev'ryone [D7] dancing [Am] merri-[D7] ly [Am] new old [D7] fashioned [G] way.

[C] You will get a sentimental [Bm7] feeling when you hear...
[Em] Voices singing, "Let's be jolly. [A7]
[D7] boughs of holly."

[A7] ( Fa la la la [D7] la [A7] la la, la [D7] la

[G] Rockin' [Em] around the [G] Christmas [Em] tree, [D7] happy holiday.

[Am] Ev'ryone [D7] dancing [Am] merrily [D7] in the (Slow) new old [Am] fash-[D7] ioned [G] way. [D7] [G]



Rudolph with your nose so bright won't you guide my sleigh tonight?

D7

Then one foggy Christmas Eve Santa came to say (Ho Ho Ho)

Then all the reindeer loved him (loved him) and they shouted out with glee (yippee)

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer (reindeer) you'll go down in history!

Repeat Chorus then play Tag for finale...

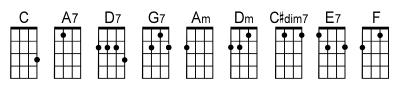
**D7** 

C / F / C G7 / C G7

You'll go down in History-yyyyyyyy

# Santa Baby: Eartha Kitt

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No uke's Santa baby

#### Intro [C/A7|D7/G7] repeat till ready

[C] Santa [Am] baby just [D7] slip a Sable [G7] under the

[C] tree for [Am] me [D7] been an [G7] awful good

[C] Girl Santa [A7] baby, so [Dm] hurry down the [G7] chimney

to [C] night C#dim7 | Dm/G7]

[C] Santa [Am] baby a [D7] 54 con[G7] vertible

[C] too light [Am] blue[D7] I'll wait [G7] up for you

[C] Dear Santa [A7] baby, so[Dm] hurry down the

[G7] chimney to [C] to [C] night [F|C]

[E7] Think of all the fun I've missed

[A7] Think of all the fellas you haven't kissed (Triangle TING)

[D7] Next year I could be just as good

[G7] you tick off my Christmas List

[C] Santa [Am] baby I [D7] want a yacht and [G7] really that's

[C] Not a [Am] lot [D7] been an [G7] angel all year

[C] Santa [A7] baby, so[Dm] hurry down the [G7] chimney

to [C] night C#dim7 | Dm/G7]

[C] Santa [Am] honey [D7] one little thing I [G7] really

[C] Need the [Am] deed [D7] to a [G7] platinum

[C] Mine Santa [A7] baby, so [Dm] hurry down the [G7] chimney to [C] night [F|C]

[E7] Come and trim my Christmas tree with

[A7] Decorations bought at Tiffany (French TING)

[D7] I really do believe in you [G7] Let's see if you believe in me

[C] Santa [Am] cutie, and [D7] fill my stocking [G7] with the

[C] duplex and [Am] checks [D7] sign your [G7] 'x' on the

[C] Line Santa [A7] cutie, and [Dm] hurry down the [G7] chimney

[C] toni-[A7] ght [Dm] hurry down the [G7] chimney

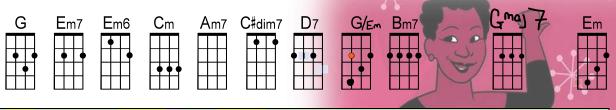
[C] toni-[Am] ght [Dm] hurry down the

jingle bells jingle bells jingle all the way

*[G7]* chimney to- --<mark>[C]</mark> n----i----g------h-------t

# Santa Claus is Coming to Town: Ella Fitzgerald

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[G] You better [Em7] watch [Em6] out you better

[Em6] not [Cm] cry [Am7] don't [C#dim7] pout I'm [Am7] telling you [D7] why

I [G] just came [Em] back from a [Gmaj7] lovely [Em] trip al[G] ong the [Em] Milky [Gmaj7] Way [Em]

[D] I Stopped [A7] off at the [D] North Pole to <u>sp</u>end a [A7] holi [D]day
I [G] called on [Em] dear old [Gmaj7] Santa [Em] Claus to [G] see what [Em] I could [Gmaj7] see [Em]

He [Bm7] took me to his [Em] workshop and [A7] told his plans to [D7] me, so

You [G] better watch out, you [Am7] better not cry

[G7] Better not pout, I'm [Am7] telling you why

[G] Santa [Em] Claus is [Am7] comin' [D7] to [G] town[D7]

He's [G] making a list and [Am7] checking it twice

[G7] Gonna find out who's [C] naughty and nice

[G] Santa [Em] Claus is [Am7] comin' [D7] to [G] town[G7]

He [C] sees you when you're [Em7] sleepin'

He [C] knows when you're a [Em7] wake

He [A7] knows if you've been [D7] bad or good

So be [A7] good for goodness [D] sake[D7]

You [G] better watch out, you [Am7] better not cry

[G7] Better not pout, I'm [Am7] telling you why

[G] Santa [Em] Claus is [Am7] comin' [D7] to [G] town[G]



With [G7] little tin horns and [C7] little toy drums

[G7] Rooty toot toots and [C7] rummy tum tums

[G] Santa [Em] Claus is [Am7] comin' [D7] to [G] town (look at that [D7]crazy red suit)

And [G7] curly head dolls [C7] that toddle and coo

[G7] Elephants, boats, and [C7] kiddie cars too

[G] Santa [Em] Claus is [Am7] comin' [D7] to [G] town (right [G7] ride red ride)

He [C] sees you when you're [Em7] sleepin'

He [C] knows when you're a [Em7] wake

He [A7] knows if you've been [D7] bad or good

So be [A7] good for goodness [D] sake [D7]

wonderful version. To play with her you

This arrangement is based on Ella's

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So you [G7] better watch out, you [C7] better not cry

[G7] Better not pout, I'm [C7] telling you why

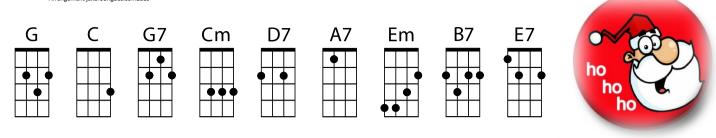
[G7] Santa Claus is [C7] comin' to town

[G7] Santa Claus is [C7] comin' to town

[G] Santa [Em] Claus is [Am7] coming [D7] to [G] townnnn [G7/C/Cm/G]

( count 1234-1) IT'S IN THE BAG <mark>[G]</mark>!

# Santa Lost a Ho I: Jim Kweskin.



#### Intro |G|G7|C|Cm|G|Gdim7/D7|

[G] Santa used to like to [G7]chuckle. He's [C] always been a belly full of [G] laughs, Sittin' in his Santa Claus chair [A7] posing for the [D7] photographs. [G7] But now he don't laugh so much, In [C] fact, about one-third [G] less. Old Saint Nick's got a [E7] problem. [A7] man, he's in an [D7]awful [G]mess.

'Cause he used to go [D7]'ho-ho-ho', Now he's only goin' [G]'ho-ho'! Oh-oh! Where'd the [D7] other ho go? *I don't know*, but [G7] Santa's feelin' mighty low. He used to do [C]'heidi-ho', Now he's only doing [G] 'Hiedi' (Oh-oh! Where'd the [D7] other ho go? *I don't know*, [G] Santa D7] lost a [G] ho.

[G] Now, Santa's been doin' his [G7]best To [C] get into the Christmas [G] mood. Keepin' his little elves happy, He's the [A7] number one Christmas [D7] dude. But there [G] ain't no joy, 'Cause just one toy Is [C] missin' from Santa's [G] shack. He never had a doll go [E7] AWOL [A7] Once he got her [D7] in the [G] sack.

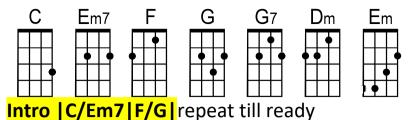
#### Solo G|G7|C|G|G|E7|A7|D7|G|G7|C|G|G|E7|A7/D7|G he'd better

[B7] Find that ho\_ Before he [Em] takes off [B7] Christmas [Em] eve, 'Cause a [A7] Santa that's only got two ho's [D7] no one would believe. Oh, [G] Santa if you need some [G7] cheerin', [C] Stop by on your [G] way. Jug Band goin' to [E7] par-tay [A7] All the way to Christmas [D7] day. Just [G7] open up your bag of joy, [C] Soon you gonna feel [C] alright. [G] You're gonna leave here [E7] laughin' [A7] even if you're [D7] one ho [G] light.



# Santa Won't You Bring me a Ukulele

Written & Created by Jake Rodrigues



Chorus

[C] Santa won't you [Em7] bring me a [F] ukule [G] le

[C] Underneath the [Em7] Chirstmas [F] tree [G]

[C] Santa won't you [Em7] bring me a [F] ukule [G] le

[C] you could take a [Em7] break and [F] sing along with [G] me, go

[C] La [Em7] la la la [F] La la la [G] la la la

[C] La [Em7] la la [F] La la [G] la la , Ho Ho

[C] La [Em7] la la la [F] La la la [G] la la la

[C] La [Em7] la la [F] La la [G] la la

Your [Dm] busy all year [G] getting it together, put your

[Dm] feet up and rest a [G] while

[Dm] Please give me, that pressie an [G] incy bit early

I'll [Dm] sing that song to make you [G] smile

[Dm] We could sing some of the [G] golden oldies where

[Em] things are snowy and [Am] white [F] We could sing the

one About the cute little donkey [G] or the silent night

[C] Santa won't you [Em7] bring me a [F] ukule [G] le

[C] Underneath the [Em7] Chirstmas [F] tree [G]

[C] Santa won't you [Em7] bring me a [F] ukule [G] le

[C] you could take a [Em7] break and [F] sing along with [G] me, go

Play La La (quietly) |C/Em7|F/G| repeated over Cairan talking then

[F] if I get a uku [G] lele from you I [F] promise to play & [G] sing

A [F] song everyday to chase the [G] blues away, like your

[F] Reindeer bells my [F] uke will [G]ring

[C] Santa won't you [Em7] bring me a [F] ukule [G] le

[C] Underneath the [Em7] Chirstmas [F] tree [G]

or

[C] Santa bring to [Em7] me [F] Santa a [G] Ukulele

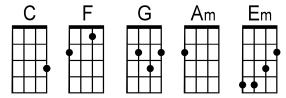
[C] Santa bring to [Em7] me [F] Santa a [G] Ukulele

[C] La [Em7] la la la [F] La la la [G] la la la

[C] La [Em7] la la [F] La la [G] la la , Ho Ho

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# Shenandoah: 1800



C AM/F C Oh Shenandoah, I love your daughter. Away you rolling river
F Em Am C Am Em
Oh Shenandoah, I love your daughter. Away, I'm bound away
F Cross the wide Missouri

Tis seven years, I've been a rover. Away you rolling river

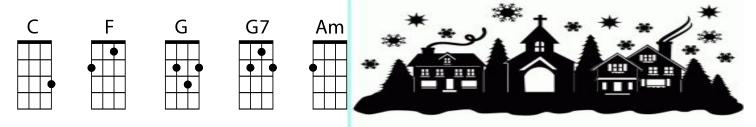
FEM AM EM

For you, crossed roaming waters. Away I'm bound away

FCross the wide Missouri

This song dates from the early 19th century in the USA, sung most likely by fur trappers on the rivers of Canada and the Americas. The song has many different versions some of which centre around the the native American chief Shenandoah whose daughter is lost to a 'white' skipper with a winking eye and a feather (macaroni) in his hat. In this version he tricks the chief with the gift of firewater and then steals the daughter away. This narrative has the tendency to leave all parties in a bad place which clashes with the songs plaintive sentimentality. Perhaps this is why the song has developed into a song of vague longing and location rather than opportunism & exploitation!

#### Silent Night: Franz Xaver Gruber 1818



C G7 C
Silent night, holy night All is calm, all is bright
F C F C
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child Holy Infant so tender and mild
G7 C Am C G7 C
Sleep in heavenly peace Sleep in heavenly peace

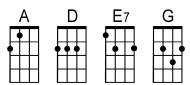
C Go Go C Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight F C F C Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Go C Am C Go C Christ, the Saviour is born Christ, the Saviour is born

C G7 C
Silent night, holy night Son of God, love's pure light
F C
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
F C
With the dawn of redeeming grace
G7 C Am C G7 C
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth "

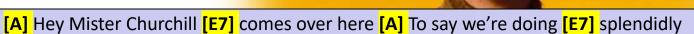
C G7 C
Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Alles schläft; einsam wacht
F C F C
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
G7 C Am C G7 C
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

# Stop the Cavalry: Jonah Lewie

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Kazoo Trumpet Intro then | A | E7 | A | E7 |



[A] But it's very cold [E7] out here in the snow [A] Marching to and from the [E7] enemy

[A] Oh I say it's tough [E7] I have had enough [A] Can you stop the [E7] caval[A]ry

#### |A|E7|A|E7|A|E7|A|E7|A|E7|A/E7|A|A|



The brass band part can be played as a single note line use TAB above or perhaps use the treble clef to play the tune on bells or xylophone or kazoo like Jonah did when he initially wrote and recorded this classic in 1980

[A] I have had to fight [E7] almost every night [A] Down throughout the [E7] centuries

[A] That is when I say [E7] oh yes yet again [A] Can you stop the [E7] caval[A]ry

[E7] Mary proudly [A] waits at home [E7] In the nuclear [A] fallout zone

[E7] Wish I could be [A] dancing now [E7] In the arms of the [A] girl I love [A]

[E7] Da ba da ba dum dum, da ba da ba dum Da ba [A] dum dum, da ba dum, da ba da [E7] Da ba da ba dum dum, da ba da ba dum Da ba

[A] dum dum, da ba dum, da ba da ba dum [G] Wish I was at home for [D] Christmas/

#### /E7|A/D|A/E7|A/D|A|A/D|A/E7|A/D|A|

[A] Bang that's another bomb [E7] on another town[A] While Luzar & Jim[E7]have tea

[A] If I get home [E7] live to tell the tale [A] I'll run for all [E7] presidencies

[A] If I get elected [E7] I'll stop [A] I will stop the [E7] caval- [A] ry

#### |D/E7|A/D|A/E7|A/D|A|A|A|

[E7] Da ba da ba dum dum, da ba da ba dum Da ba [A] dum dum, da ba dum, da ba da [E7] Da ba da ba dum dum, da ba da ba dum Da ba

[A] dum dum, da ba dum, da ba da ba dum [G] Wish I was at home for [D] Christmas

[E7] Wish I could be [A] dancing now, [E7] In the arms of the [A] girl I love

[E7] Mary proudly [A] waits at home [E7] She's been waiting [A] two years long [A]

[G] Wish I was at home for [D] Christmas

#### The Lion Sleeps Tonight Little Donkey Mash Up

A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh, a-wimoweh, a-wimoweh, a-wimoweh **Little Donkey** On a dusty **Little Donkey** road IG7 IC IG7 A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh **Little Donkey Little Donkey** with your precious load |G7 | IC C In the jungle the mighty jungle the lion sleeps tonight little donkey through the winters night **Little Donkey** IC |G7 In the jungle the mighty jungle the lion sleeps tonight Don't give up now, little donkey Bethlehem's in sight /G IEm7 /G |D IAm |Em7 **|Am** Ring out those bells tonight Bethlehem, Bethlehem Follow the star tonight, Bethlehem Bethlehem ΙF IC IG7 Near the village the peaceful village the lion sleeps tonight Em7 Am little donkev had a heavy day Little donkey IC Near the village the peaceful village the lion sleeps tonight carry Mary, safely on her way Little donkey, IG7 **|C** IC A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh **Little Donkey** little Donkey Journeys end is near IC **|G7** A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh, a-wimoweh, a-wimoweh, a-wimoweh There are wise men waiting for a sign to bring them here RING OUT THOSE BELLS TONIGHT - BETHLEHEM -BETHLEHEM IC |G7 | IC Hush, my darling don't fear my darling the lion sleeps tonight Do not falter little donkev there's a star ahead IC IG7 Hush, my darling don't fear my darling the lion sleeps tonight It will guide you little donkey to a cattle IC A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh, a-wimoweh, a-wimoweh **Little Donkey** little Donkey Journeys end is near IG7 IC A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh A-wimoweh, a-wimoweh

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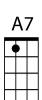
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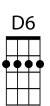
# The Virgin Mary had a baby boy







D6 | A | D6 | A | A | A/E7 \\ | A | A/D6 |



Verse: | A | E7 | E7 | A | A7 | D6 | E7 | A |



IE7 IE7 (E7) |A The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, the Virgin Mary had a baby boy

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy and they said that his name was Jesus

IA **|A/E7** /D6 / A He come from the glory (Boom – Boom) he come from the glorious kingdom He come from the glory (Boom - Boom) he come from the glorious kingdom |D6 **|D6** Oh ves believer, Oh ves believer /D6 / A IA He come from the glory (Boom - Boom) he come from the glorious kingdom

The angels sang when the baby was born the angels sang when the baby was born ID6 /E7 The angels sang when the baby was born and they said that his name was Jesus

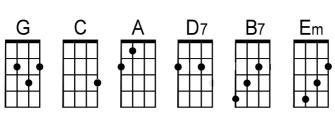
(E7) |A IE7 ΙA The shepherds came where the baby was born The shepherds came where the baby was born ID6 The shepherds came where the baby was born and they said that his name was Jesus

The wise men saw where the baby was born the wise men saw where the baby was born The wise men saw where the baby was born and they said that his name was Jesus



# We Wish You a Merry Christmas

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Intro : |B7|Em|C//D7|G|

G C A D7

We wish you a Merry Christmas We wish you a Merry Christmas

Em

C

D7

G

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Play either once or between each section

**G D7 A D7** 

Glad Tidings we bring to you and your kin

G Em C D7 G

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year





We all want a figgy pudding we all want a figgy pudding

B7 Em C D7 G

We all want a figgy pudding so bring some out here

G C A D7

We won't go until we've got some we won't go until we've got some

B7 Em C D7 G

We won't go until we've got some so bring some out here

G C A D7

We wish you a Merry Christmas We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

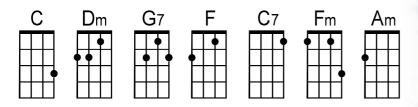




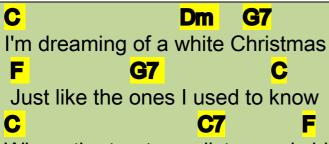
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# White Christmas

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#### Intro: /G7|C|C7|F|Fm|C/Am|Dm/G7|C|G7|



Where the treetops glisten and children listen

(Fm)

(G7) C Am Dm G7

To hear sleigh bells in the snow-www

C Dm G7
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
F G7 C
with every Christmas card I write
C C7 F (Fm)
May your days be merry and bright
C Dm G7 C
and may all your Christmases be white

Ok here is the classic from the film. One of the best known songs ever. Strum it with your thumb for a gentle sound and don't forget to hold the notes at the end of the lines ( legato )

Note I've put a couple of chords in (brackets) this means they're optional depending on your **leavel**(ballso add playing ability. Between C & C7 you

#### Repeat both sections then...

C C7 F (Fm)

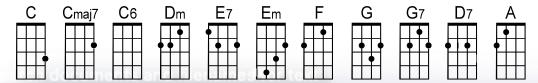
May your days be merry and bright
C Am Dm G7 C

and may all your Christmases be white

Slow down at end

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# Winter Wonderland: Felix Bernard and Bernard Smith, 1934



Intro: |G/F|Em/Dm|D7/G7|C| or |G7|G7|D7/G7|C|

Sleigh bells [C] ring [Cmaj7] are you [C6] listening [Cmaj7]\*
In the [Dm] lane snow is [G7] glistening
A [G] beautiful [F] sight, we're [Em] happy to-[Dm]-night \*
[D7] Walking in a [G7] winter wonder-[C]-land

Gone [C] away [Cmaj7] is the [C6] blue bird [Cmaj7] Here to [Dm] stay is the [G7] new bird

He [G] sings a love [F] song, as [Em] we go a [Dm] long \* [D7] Walking in a [G7] winter wonder-[C]-land

[E7] In the meadow [A] we can build a [E7] snowman [E7] Then pretend that [A] he is Parson [E7] Brown [G] He'll say, "Are you [C] married?" We'll say, [G] "No man But [G7] you can do the [D7] job when you're in [G7] town"

Later [C] on [Cmaj7] we'll [C6] conspire [Cmaj7] As we [Dm] dream by the [G7] fire to [G] face una-[F] fraid the [Em] plans that we [Dm] made [D7] Walking in a [G7] winter wonder-[C]-land

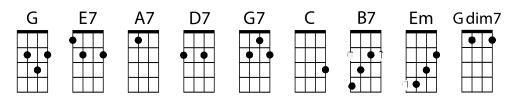
[E7] In the meadow [A] we can build a [E7] snowman [E7] Then pretend that [A] he's a circus [E7] clown [G] We'll have lots of [C] fun with mister [G] snowman [G7] 'Til all the other [D7] kids knock him [G7] down

When it [C] snows[Cmaj7] aint' it [C6] thrilling [Cmaj7]
Though your [Dm] nose gets a [G7] chilling
We'll [G] frolic and [F] play, the [Em] Eskimo [Dm] way
[D7] Walking in a [G7] winter wonder-[C]-land
[D7] Walking in a [G7] winter wonder-[C]-land
(Slowing) [D7] Walking in a [G7] winter wonder-[C]-land

(\*If these chord changes are too fast ignore the grey and just strum the yellow

# With me Little Ukulele in me Sack:

by Jake 'Formby' Rodrigues



Intro: | E7|A7|D7/G7|C/G7|

Now [G] Santa's got a problem with a runny red nose and [A7] now he's gone down with the flu [D7] On me uke I was singing to some [G] Christmas [E7] elves and [A7] they asked me if I knew what to [D7] do ? I [B7] said I'm scared of reindeers climbing [Em] down those [B7] chimney [Em] stacks, but they [A7] changed me mind and I put me uke into me santa [D7] sack

Now [G] I'm being santa for the night, I [A7] hope some cheeky reindeer doesn't bite [D7] Me on the bottom but [G] just in [E7] case I've [A7] got a load of carrots that I've [D7] strapped round me waist ,now [G7] I was sorting out some toys it [C] was such a fiddle, a [A7] reindeer sneaked up behind and [D7] started to nibble, a [G] little bit more than the [B7] carrots round me [Em] middle, And he [A7] got the uku [D7] lele in me [G] sack, it pinged me [E7] g-string, With me [A7] little uku [D7] lele in me [G] sack [D7]

Now [G] I'm being santa you see and [A7] everyone is being nice to me, there's

[D7] Lots of sherry and [G] mince pies to [E7] munch, I [A7] tried a pickled walnut

but I didn't like the [D7] crunch! [G7] Granny heard me coming, cos

[C] I'd just said Ho Ho [A7] There were scented candles and the

[D7] lights were turned down low, We [G] had a kiss and cuddle under

[B7] neath the mistle[Em] toe Till she [A7] grabbed the uku[D7]lele in me

[G] sack , I shouted [E7] mother She [A7] grabbed the uku[D7]lele in me [G] sack [D7]

#### Solo: |G|G|A7|A7|D|G-E7|A7|D7|B7/Em|B7/Em| A7|D7

Now [G] I'm being Santa now hear, [A7] filling the world with good cheer

[D7] It's confusing with [G] all those chimney [E7] flues, [A7] it's no wonder sometimes

[D7] Santa gets the blues! Now [G7] I fell down a chimney, crash[C] landed on a bed

The [A7] couple there weren't sleeping [D7] (they were newly wed!)

Me [G] uke peeked out me sack and the [B7] rest is left un [Em] said

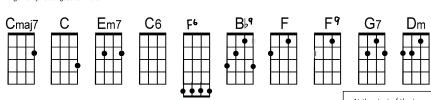
With me [A7] little uku[D7]lele in me [G] sack (they said it's [E7] shiny)

With me [A7] little uku[D7]lele in me [G] sack (and a little bit [E7] briny)

With me [A7] little uku[D7]lele in me [G] sack \*

Alternate ending: With me [A7] little uku[D7]lele in me [Gdim7] sack [D7][G]

# Wonderful Christmas : Paul McCartney



fretted note up to fret 5 (a C9) then fret 7 C11) I've marked these as

the Bb9 just hold the F6 and go to C

Intro | Cmaj7 | Cmaj7 | C | C | C \* | C \* | C \* | C \* | |Dm/G7|Em7/C6|F6/Bb9|C|Dm/G7|Em7/C6|F6/Bb9|C|

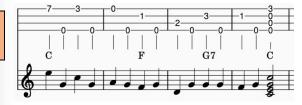
This bonkers Christmas song is originally in the key of B so I'd suggest tune your uke down a semitone to play along with the original

[Cmaj7] The mood is right [C] The spirit's up [Em7] We're here to night [C] And that's enough [Dm] Sim- [G7] ply [Em7] ha- [C6] ving a [F6] wonderful [Bb9] Christmas [C] time [Dm] Sim- [G7] ply [Em7] ha- [C6] ving a [F6] wonderful [Bb9] Christmas [C] time

[Cmaj7] The party's on [C] the feelings here [Em7] That only comes [C] this time of year [Dm] Sim- [G7] ply [Em7] ha- [C6] ving a [F6] wonderful [Bb9] Christmas [C] time [Dm] Sim- [G7] ply [Em7] ha- [C6] ving a [F6] wonderful [Bb9] Christmas [C] time

[C] The choir of [F] children [G7] sing their [C] song |C|F/G7|

TCL



Ding dong ding [F9] dong ding dong ding [Dm] Ooooh [F] ooooh [F] OOH [C] Doo – loo Doo-loo Doo -loo oo | Cmaj7 | C | Em7 | C |

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[Cmaj7] The word is out [C] About the town [Em7] So lift a glass and [C] oh don't look down [Dm] Sim- [G7] ply [Em7] ha- [C6] ving a [F6] wonderful [Bb9] Christmas [C] time [Dm] Sim- [G7] ply [Em7] ha- [C6] ving a [F6] wonderful [Bb9] Christmas [C] time x2

[C] The choir of [F] children [G7] sing their [C] song [C] They've practised [F] all year [G7] long [C]Ding dong ding [F9]dong ding dong ding dong ding dong [F] ding dong ding dong

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Strange solo |Dm/G7|Em7/C6|F6/Bb9|C/Cmaj7| x 2or 3 then C

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[Em7] Ohhh [Dm] Ohhh [C6] Ohhh [Dm] Ohhh [Em7] Ohhh [Dm] Ohhh [C6] Ohhh [G7] Christmas [Cmaj7] time [Cmaj7]

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