

Welcome!

The songs in this Songbook have been selected and transposed to provide some basic songs to play for those who are new to the ukulele. We opted for ease of play rather than on providing the songs in a “singable” key, given the fact that everyone has a different singing range, so no one key fits everyone. The idea is to get playing first; get familiar with a set of chords, gain proficiency with changing chords and various strumming patterns. Transposing songs to a key that a player can sing in will come later.

The Songbook is organized in sets of songs based on the number of chords in each song; for example, the song “Buffalo Gals” is song 201. The first numeral, “2” denotes the number of chords in the song and the other numbers indicate the position the song has in the series, so “Buffalo Gals” is the first song in the 200 Series of songs. Likewise, song 202 “Deep in the Heart of Texas” is the second song in the 200 series and this continues through song 1201 “Build Me Up Buttercup” (a 12-chord song). We will refer to these numbers throughout the classes. Any songs added will be assigned a number corresponding to the number of chords in it and its place in the sequence. In some songs, we have provided the song in more than one key: for example, “Dream Baby” is given in two keys, “C” and “G” and are numbered 204C and 204G respectively. The same applies to a few songs where a separate Baritone Chord version is provided and will be designated with a “(B)”.

We have provided the song list in both alphabetical order and in numerical order so you can find the song you want quickly.

In addition, we have included chord sheets for both standard and baritone ukuleles at the back of this book.

It is recommended that you place these songs in a three-ring binder to allow you to add new songs as we go.

Now let’s get strumming!