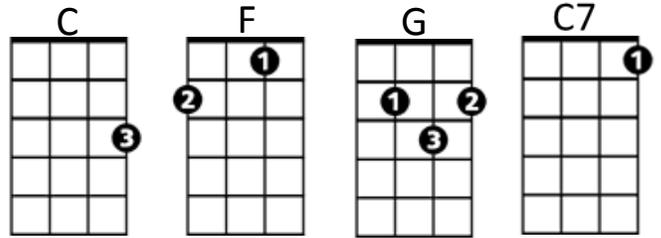


Dark as a Dungeon (Merle Travis)

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Intro: C F C
And it's dark as a dungeon way down in the mines.

C F G
Come listen you fellers so young and so fine
C F C
Oh seek not your fortune in the dark dreary mine
C7 F G
It will form as a habit and seep in your soul
C F C
Till the stream of your blood is as black as the coal.



Chorus:
G F C
It's dark as a dungeon and damp as the dew
G F C
Where danger is double and pleasures are few
C7 F G
Where the rain never falls and the sun never shines
C F C
It's dark as a dungeon way down in the mines.

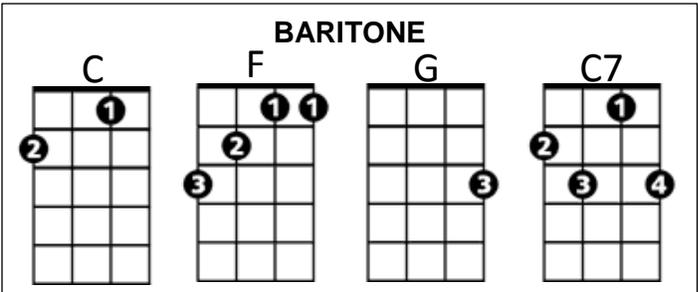
C F G
It's many a man I've known in my day
C F C
Who lived just to labor his young life away
C7 F G
Like a fiend with his dope and a drunkard his wine
C F C
A man will have lust for the lure of the mine.

(Chorus)

C F G
The midnight, the morning, or the middle of the day
C F C
It's the same to the miner who labors away
C7 F G
Where the demons of death often come by surprise
C F C
One fall of the slate and you're buried alive.

(Chorus)

C F G
I hope when I'm gone and the ages shall roll
C F C
My body will blacken and turn into coal
C7 F G
Then I'll look from the door of my heavenly home
G F C
And pity the miner a-diggin' my bones.



(Chorus)