

The Merry Minuet (a.k.a. "The Merry Little Minuet") (C)

Full Original Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick (1949); tune adapted from W. A. Mozart, [Minuet in G Major](#) (1761) from John Murray Anderson's 'Almanac' (1953) ($\frac{3}{4}$ Time)
[Merry Minuet](#) by The Kingston Trio (1959) (G) – [Merry Minuet](#) by Charlotte Rae (1955) (G)

Optional Intro (spoken or sung)

There are days in my life, when everything is dreary
I grow pessimistic, sad and world weary.
But when I'm tearful and fearfully upset,
I always sing this merry little minuet.

Intro (2x) C | F | G | C |

C | C C G7 C
They're rioting in Africa (La, la, la, la, la, la)

F C | F F G7 C
They're starving in Spain (La, la, la, la, la, la)

C | C C G7 C
There's hurricanes in Florida (La, la, la, la, la, la)

F G7 C | F F G7 C
And Texas needs rain (La, la, la, la, la, la)

G7 C
The whole world is festering with unhappy souls.

F C D7 G7
The French hate the Germans, the Germans hate the Poles,

G7 C
Italians hate Yugoslavs, South Africans hate the Dutch.

F G7 C | G7 C
And I don't like anybody very much.

C | C C G7 C
In faraway Siberia (La, la, la, la, la, la)

F C | F F G7 C
They freeze by the score (La, la, la, la, la, la)

C | C C G7 C
An avalanche in Switzerland (La, la, la, la, la, la)

F G7 C | F F G7 C
Just got fifteen more (La, la, la, la, la, la)

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C F D7 G
But we can be tranquil and thankful and proud.

F C F G7
For man's been en-dowed with a mushroom shaped cloud.

C F D7 G
And we know for certain that some lovely day

F C F G7 C | C C G7 C
Someone will set the spark off and we will all be blown a-way!

C | C C G7 C
They're rioting in Africa (La, la, la, la, la, la)

F C | F F G7 C
There's strife in Iran (La, la, la, la, la, la)

C | C C G7 C
What nature doesn't do to us (La, la, la, la, la, la)

F G7 C | G7 | C [*Optionally, end with a broken chord*]
Will be done by our fellow man (La, la, la, la, la, la).

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