

A Place In The Choir (Bill Staines, 1979) (Alt.) (C)

With thanks to the West GA Ukulele Ensemble

A Place In The Choir by Bill Staines from "Bridges" (1989) (F# @ 110)

A Place In The Choir by Celtic Thunder Heritage (G @ 94)

Starting pitch: C, E, G

Intro G C ↓ C ↓ C

Chorus (2x) (First time a cappella)

C G C
All God's ukers got a place in the choir, some sing low and some sing higher,
F C
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire,
G C ↓ C ↓ C
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now.

C

1. Listen to the top where the little bird sings

G C
And the mel...odies and the high notes ringing
F C G C
And the hoot owl cries over everything, and the blackbird dis-a-grees.

C

2. Singing in the night-time, singing in the day,

G C
And the little duck quacks and he's on his way
F C G C
And the otter hasn't got much to say, and the porcupine talks to him-self.

C

G C C
All God's ukers got a place in the choir, some sing low and some sing higher,
F C
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire.
G C ↓ C ↓ C
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now.

C

3. Dogs and the cats they take up the middle

G C
While the honeybee hums and the crick...et fiddles
F C G C
The donkey brays and the pony neighs, and the old grey badger sighs.

C

4. Listen to the bass, it's one on the bottom,

G

C

Where the bullfrog croaks and the hip...popotamus

F

C

G

C

Moans and groans with a big to-do, and the old cow just goes moo.

C

G

C

All God's ukers got a place in the choir, some sing low and some sing higher,

F

C

Some sing out loud on the telephone wire.

G

C ↓

C ↓

C

Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now.

C

5. It's a simple song of livin' sung everywhere

G

C

By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear

F

C

G

C

The dopey alligator and the hawk above, the sly old weasel and the turtledove.

Chorus (2x)

C

G

C

All God's ukers got a place in the choir, some sing low and some sing higher,

F

C

Some sing out loud on the internet wire,

G

C ↓

C ↓

C

Some just strum their strings, or pick, or anything they got now.

Outro (NC – a cappella – slowing)

All God's creatures got a place in the choir **(Hold)**

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- [A Place in the Choir](#) by Bill Staines from "The Whistle of the Jay" (1979) (G @ 107)
- [A Place in the Choir](#) by Makem & Clancy (Live at Bunratty Castle, Ireland) (1981) (F @ 108)
- [A Place in the Choir](#) by The Fógues (Live in Kilfinane Old Chapel Rooms) (2022)
- [A Place in the Choir](#) by The Highwaymen (F @ 110)
- [A Place In The Choir](#) by Celtic Thunder from "Legacy" (G @ 101)
- [All God's Creatures](#) by Peter, Paul & Mary from "In These Times" (2004 Remaster) (Ab @ 89)
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G D G
All God's critters got a place in the choir, some sing low and some sing higher,
C G
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire,
D G ↓ G ↓ G
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now.

G

1. Listen to the bass, it's one on the bottom,

D G
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hip...popotamus
C G D G
Moans and groans with a big to-do, and the old cow just goes moo.

G

2. Dogs and the cats they take up the middle

D G
While the honeybee hums and the crick...et fiddles
C G D G
The donkey brays and the pony neighs, and the old cowote howls. **Chorus**

G

3. Listen to the top where the little bird sings

D G
And the melodies with the high notes ringing
C G D G
And the hoot owl hollers over everything, and the jaybird dis-a-grees.

G

4. Singing in the night-time, singing in the day,

D G
The little duck quacks, then he's on his way
C G D G
The possum ain't got much to say, and the porcupine talks to him-self. **Chorus**

G

5. It's a simple song of living sung everywhere

D

G

By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear

C

G

D

G

The grumpy alligator and the hawk above, the sly raccoon and the turtle dove.

Chorus

G

D

G

All God's critters got a place in the choir, some sing low and some sing higher,

C

G

Some sing out loud on the telephone wire,

D

G ↓

G ↓

G

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