

The Merry Minuet (C)

Arrangement by Wm. Heney

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)

GCEA Uke Riffs		DGBE Uke Riffs	
[Riff 1]	[Riff 2]	[Riff 1]	[Riff 2]
A -----	A -----	e -0-0-1---0-----	e -----
E -0-0-1---0-----	E ---0-3-4---	B -----3---2---	B -----0-1---
C -----2---0---	C -2-----2-	G -----0-	G -0-2-----0-
G -----0-	G -----	D -----	D -----
E E F D E C G	G A B C G	E E F D E C G	G A B C G

On the recording these riffs are whistled.

Play before speaking:

C F G⁷ G⁹ G⁷ C

Note:

CGEA G⁹: 5 4 2 0

DGBE G⁹: 0 2 0 1

Intro - Spoken

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:

Chorus 1

G⁷ C **F C**
They're rioting in Africa **[Riff 1]** They're starving in Spain **[Riff 2/Vamp 1: G C D⁷ G]**
G⁷ C **F G⁷ C**
There're hurricanes in Florida **[Riff 1]** And Texas needs rain **[Riff 2/Vamp 2: C D⁷ G]**

G⁷ C
1. The whole world is festering with unhappy souls
C⁷ F C D⁷ G⁷
The French hate the Germans, the Germans hate the Poles
C C⁷ F G⁷ C G⁷ C
Italians hate Yugoslavs. South Africans hate the Dutch, and I don't like anybody very much!

G⁷ C C⁷ F D⁷ G⁷
2. But we can be tranquil and thankful and proud
F C D⁷ G⁷
That man's been en-dowed With a mushroom shaped cloud
C C⁷ ? D⁷ G⁷
And we know for **cer**tain That some happy / lovely day
F C G⁷ C G⁷ C
Someone will set the spark off and we will all be blown a-way!

Chorus 2

G⁷ C **F C**
They're rioting in Africa **[Riff 1]** There's strife in I-ran **[Riff 2]**
C C⁷ F G⁷ C G⁷ C
What nature doesn't do to us **[Riff 1]** Will be done by our fellow man!
(Whatever ...)

The Merry Minuet (G)

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GCEA Uke Riffs		DGBE Uke Riffs	
[Riff 1]	[Riff 2]	[Riff 1]	[Riff 2]
A -----4-0-2-----	A -----	e -----	e -----
E -3-3-----3---	E ---0-2-4---	B -0-0-1---0---	B -----
C -----2-	C -2-----2-	G -----2---0---	G -----0---
G -----	G -----	D -----0-	D -0-2-4---0-
B B C A B G D	D E F# G D	B B C A B G D	D E F# G D

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Play before speaking:

G C D⁷ D⁹ D⁷ G

CGEA D⁹: 2 4 2 3

DGBE D⁹: 0 2 1 0

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Chorus 1

D⁷ G C G
They're rioting in Africa [Riff 1] They're starving in Spain [Riff 2/Vamp 1: G C D⁷ G]
D⁷ G C D⁷ G
There're hurricanes in Florida [Riff 1] And Texas needs rain [Riff 2/Vamp 2: C D⁷ G]

D⁷ G
1. The whole world is festering with unhappy souls
G⁷ C G A⁷ D⁷
The French hate the Germans, the Germans hate the Poles
G G⁷ C D⁷ G D⁷ G
Italians hate Yugoslavs. South Africans hate the Dutch, and I don't like anybody very much!

D⁷ G G⁷ C A⁷ D⁷
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Chorus 2

D⁷ G C G
They're rioting in Africa [Riff 1] There's strife in I-ran [Riff 2]
G G⁷ C D⁷ G D⁷ G
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