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Dm   C   G
Christus natus ho-di-e;   [*hoo-dee-ay*]
   C   **F**   **C   G7   C**
The Babe, The Son, the Holy One of Mary.

C
2. He is born to set us free, He is born our Lord to be,
Dm   C   G
Ex Maria Vir-gi-ne,   [*weer-gay-nay*]
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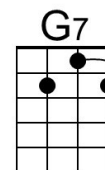 **C**   **F**   **C   G7   C**
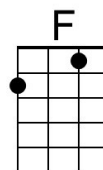The Babe, The Son, the Holy One of Mary.

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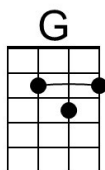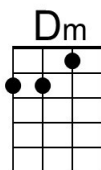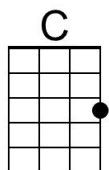4. Christian men, rejoice and sing, 'Tis the birthday of a King
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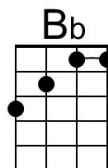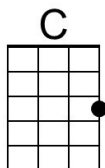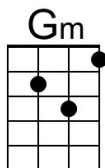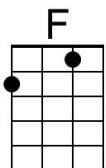   **F**   **Bb**   **F** **C7**   **F**
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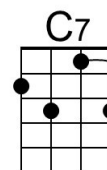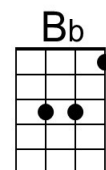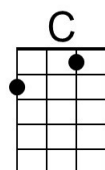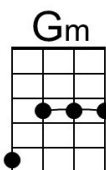4. Christian men, rejoice and sing, 'Tis the birthday of a King
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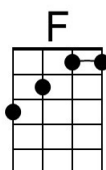
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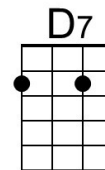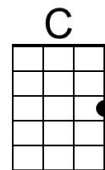The Babe, The Son, the Holy One of Mary.
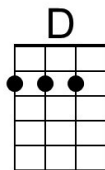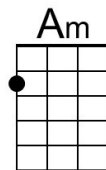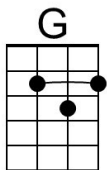
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