

# Mary's Boy Child

Author: Jester Hairston (1956); Recorded by [Harry Belafonte](#) (1956)

**Intro** C | F Dm | C G7 | C (last line of 1st verse)

C Dm G7 C  
 1. Long time ago in Bethle-hem, so the Holy Bible say,  
 F Dm C G7 C  
 Mary's boy-child, Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day.

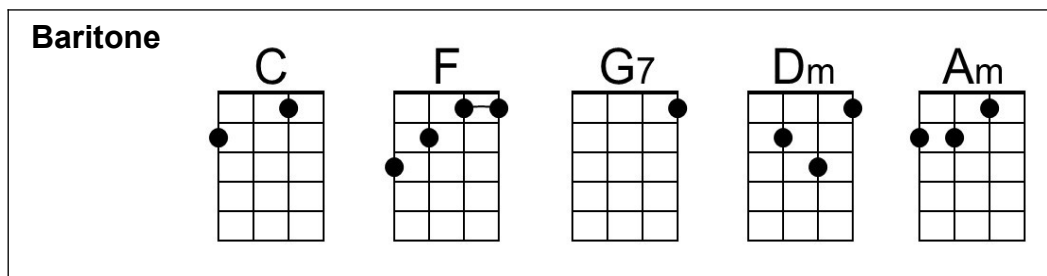
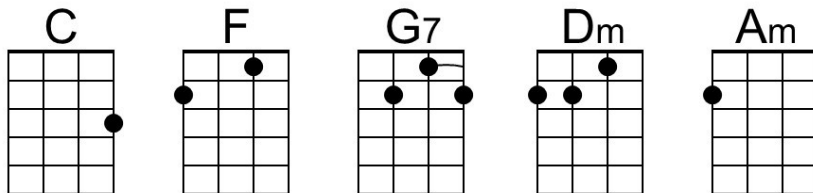
C F G7 C Am Dm G  
 Hark now! Hear the angels sing, a King was born to-day, **Chorus**  
 C F D7 C G7 C | C  
 And man will live for-ever more, be-cause of Christmas day.

C Dm G7 C  
 2. While shepherds watch their flocks by night, they see a bright new shining star,  
 F Dm C G7 C  
 They hear a choir sing a song, the music seemed to come from a-far. **Chorus**

C Dm G7 C  
 3. Now Joseph and his wife Mary came to Bethlehem that night,  
 F Dm C G7 C  
 They found no place to bear the child, not a single room was in sight. **Chorus**

C Dm G7 C  
 4. By and by they found a little nook in a stable all for-lorn.  
 F Dm C G7 C  
 And in a manger cold and dark, Mary's little boy was born. **Chorus**

C F G C Am Dm G  
 Trumpets sound and angels sing; listen to what they say,  
 C F Dm C G7 C  
 That man will live for-ever more because of Christmas day. **Chorus (2x)**



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**Chorus**

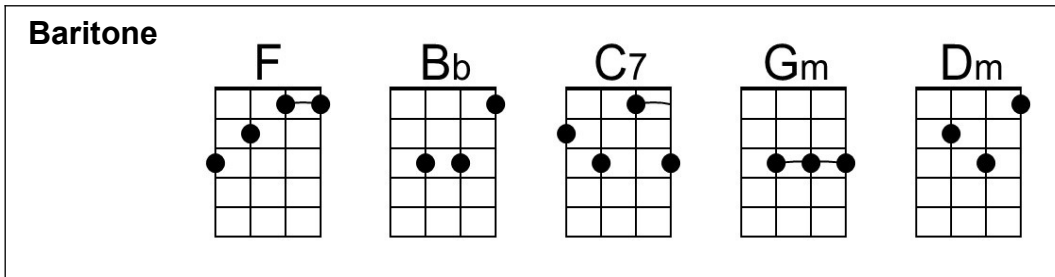
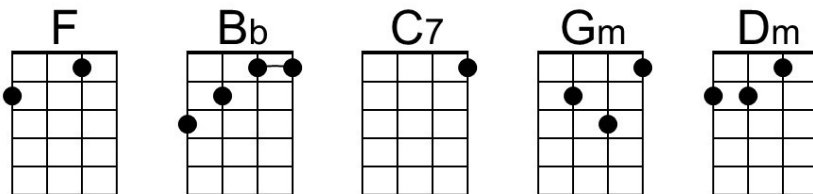
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