

Christmas Song Playlist for December 21, 2022

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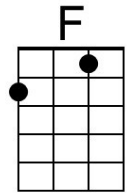
Deck The Hall

Welsh carol "Nos Galan" (16th Century) with English lyrics by Thomas Oliphant (1862);
altered lyrics from the *Pennsylvania School Journal* (December, 1877).

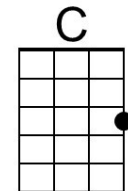
Deck the Hall by Nat King Cole

Intro

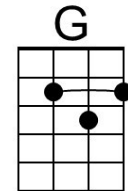
F C G C
Fa la la la la, la la la la.



C G C G C
Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la,
C G C G C
'tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la.



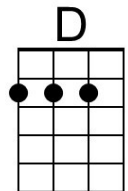
G C D G
Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la, la la la, la la la.
C F C G C
Toll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa la la la la, la la la la.



C G C G C
See the blazing Yule before us, fa la la la la, la la la la,
C G C G C
strike the harp and join the chorus, fa la la la la, la la la la.

G C D G
Follow me in merry measure, fa la la, la la la, la la la.

C F C G C
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa la la la la, la la la la.



C G C G C
Fast away the old year passes, fa la la la la, la la la la,
C G C G C
hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa la la la la, la la la la.

G C D G
Sing we joyous all together, fa la la, la la la, la la la.

C F C G C
Heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Outro (Slowly)

F C G C
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Baritone	<p>F</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>G</p>	<p>D</p>
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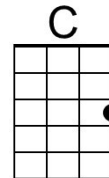
Here Comes Santa Claus

Gene Autry & O. Haldeman, 1947 – [Here Comes Santa Claus](#) by Gene Autry, 1947 (C# @ 97)

Intro Last line of verse + G7

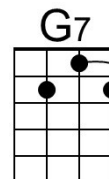
"Cowboy Strum" is suggested.

C **G7**
Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, right down Santa Claus Lane.



C **C7**
Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer are pulling on the rein.

F **Em** **Dm** **G7** **C**
Bells are ringing, children singing, all is merry and bright.

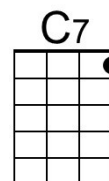


F **C** **A7** **Dm** **G7** **C**
Hang your stockings and say your prayers, 'Cause Santa Claus comes to-night.

C **G7**
Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, right down Santa Claus Lane.

C **C7**
He's got a bag that is filled with toys for the boys and girls a-gain.

F **Em** **Dm** **G7** **C**
Hear those sleigh bells jingle jangle, what a beautiful sight.

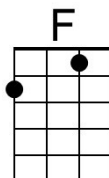


F **C** **A7** **Dm** **G7** **C**
Jump in bed, cover up your head, 'Cause Santa Claus comes to-night.

C **G7**
Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, right down Santa Claus Lane.

C **C7**
He doesn't care if you're rich or poor, he loves you just the same

F **Em** **Dm** **G7** **C**
Santa Claus knows that we're all God's children, that makes everything right

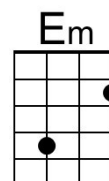


F **C** **A7** **Dm** **G7** **C**
So fill your hearts with Christmas cheer, 'cause Santa Claus comes to-night.

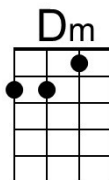
C **G7**
Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, right down Santa Claus Lane.

C **C7**
He'll come around when chimes ring out, it's Christmas time again

F **Em** **Dm** **G7** **C**
Peace on earth will come to all, if we just follow the light



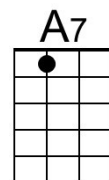
F **C** **A7** **Dm** **G7** **C** **G7**
So let's give thanks to the Lord above, 'cause Santa Claus comes to-night.



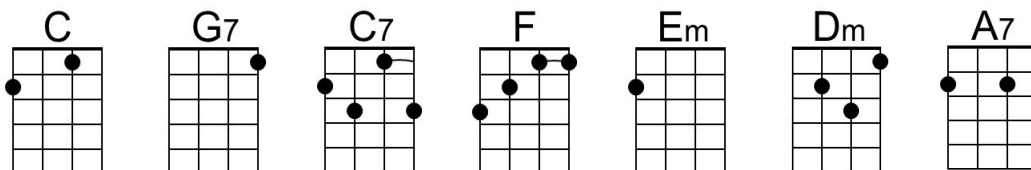
Repeat First Verse

Outro

A7 **Dm** **G7** **C** | **G7** **C**
Tonight, Santa Claus comes to-night.



Baritone



A Holly Jolly Christmas

Johnny Marks (1962) – [A Holly Jolly Christmas](#) by Burl Ives

Intro C Cmaj7 | C6 Cmaj7

C
Have a holly, jolly Christmas, it's the best time of the year,

G7
C
I don't know if there'll be snow, but have a cup of cheer.

G7
Have a holly, jolly Christmas, and when you walk down the street,

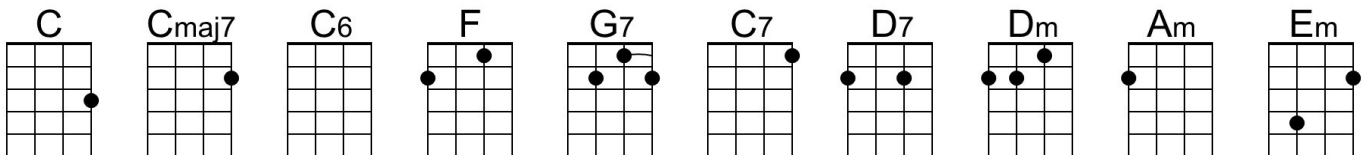
C C7
Say hello to friends you know and everyone you meet.

F Em F C
Hey, ho, the mistletoe, hung where you can see,
Dm Am D7 Am D7 G G7
Somebody's waiting there, kiss her once for me.

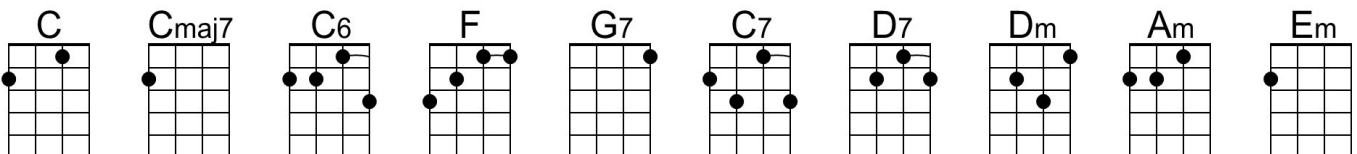
C
Have a holly, jolly Christmas and in case you didn't hear,

C D7 G7 C G7
1. Oh, by golly, have a holly, jolly Christmas this year. **Repeat from Top**

C D7 G7 C
2. Oh, by golly, have a holly, jolly Christmas this year.



Baritone

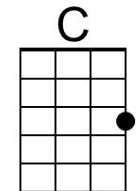
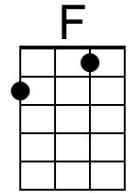


Jingle Bells (James Pierpont, 1857)

Jingle Bells by Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters (1943)

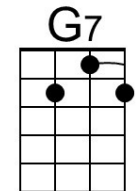
Intro

F C G7 C
 Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.
 C F
 Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh,
 G7 C
 O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way,
 F
 Bells on bobtails ring, making spirits bright,
 G7 C ↓ G7 ↓
 What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song to-night. Oh!



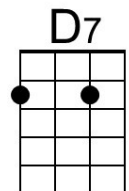
Chorus

C
 Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
 F C D G7 ↓ G7 ↓
 Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh – ay!.
 C
 Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
 F C G7 C | C
 Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.



Outro: Repeat last line; end with G7 – C.

C F
 A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride,
 G7 C
 And soon Miss Fanny Bright was seated by my side;
 F
 The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seemed his lot;
 G7 C ↓ G7 ↓
 He got into a drifted bank and then we got up-sot. Oh! **Chorus**



C F
 Now the ground is white, Go it while you're young,
 G7 C
 Take the girls to-night, and sing this sleighing song;
 F
 Just get a bob-tailed bay, Two-forty as his speed
 G7 C ↓ G7 ↓
 Hitch him to an open sleigh, And crack! you'll take the lead. Oh! **Chorus**

<p>Baritone</p>					<p>“Two forty as his speed” means the horse can cover a mile in 2 minutes, 40 seconds – nicknamed the “minute mile” – which is about 22 miles per hour.</p>
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Mele Kalikimaka

R. Alex Anderson, 1949 – [Mele Kalikimaka](#) by Bing Crosby & The Andrews Sisters (1950)

Words that are underlined fall on the down beat.
An underscore (_) indicates a pause.

Intro Dm G7 C G7 |

To say Merry Christmas to you.

C
Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say

G7
On a bright Hawaiian Christmas Day

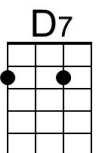
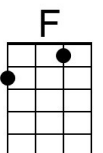
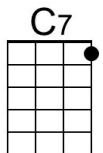
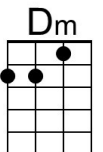
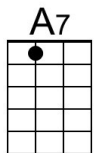
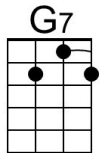
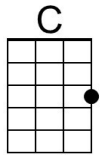
That's the island greeting that we send to you

C
From the land where palm trees sway.

C7 F
Here we know that Christmas will be _ green and bright.

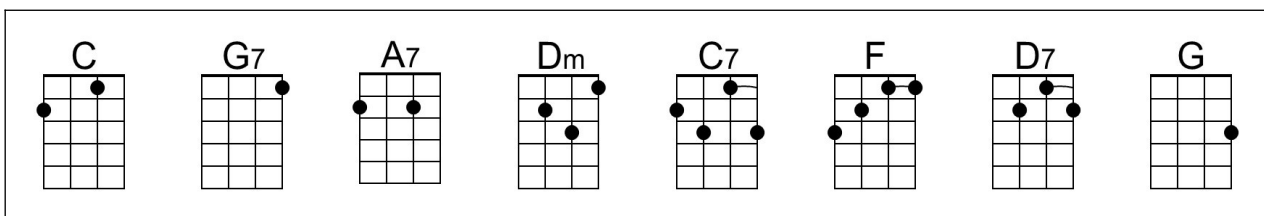
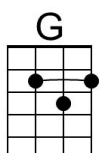
A7 D G7
The sun will shine by day and all the _ stars by night.

C A7
Mele Kalikimaka is Ha-waii's way



Dm G7 C G7
1. To say Merry Christmas to you. **(Repeat from Top)**

Dm G7 Dm G7
2. To say Merry Christmas, a very Merry Christmas
Dm G7 C | B | C
A very, very merry, Merry Christmas to you.



Silver Bells (G)

Jay Livingston and Ray Evans, 1950 – $\frac{3}{4}$ Time

Silver Bells by Bob Hope & Marilyn Maxwell (Original from "The Lemon Drop Kid", 1951)

Silver Bells by Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters (First hit recording, 1950)

Intro G

G **G7** **C**
 City sidewalks, busy sidewalks dressed in holiday style,
D **D7** **G** **D7**
 In the air there's a feeling of Christmas.
G **G7** **C**
 Children laughing, people passing, meeting smile after smile,
D **D7** **G** **D7**
 And on every street corner you hear.

G **C**
 Silver bells (*Silver bells*), silver bells (*silver bells*),
D **D7** **G** **D7**
 It's Christmas time in the city.
G **C**
 Ring-a-ling (*ring-a-ling*), hear them ring (*hear them ring*),
D **D7** **G**↓
 Soon it will be Christmas day.

G **G7** **C**
 Strings of street lights, even stop lights blink a bright red and green,
D **D7** **G** **D7**
 As the shoppers rush home with their treasures.
G **G7** **C**
 Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch, this is Santa's big scene,
D **D7** **G** **D7**
 And a-bove all this bustle you hear

G
 Silver bells (*the corner Santa Claus*)
C
 Silver bells (*is busy just because*),
D **D7** **G** **D7**
 It's Christmas time in the city.
G
 Ring-a-ling (*it fills the winter air*),
C
 Hear them ring (*you hear it everywhere*),
D **D7** **G**
 Soon it will be Christmas day
D **D7**↓ **G** | **G**↓
 ... soon it will be Christmas day.

Christmas Don't Be Late ("The Chipmunk Song")

Ross Bagdasarian (as "David Seville"), 1958 (¾ Time)

Christmas Don't Be Late by Alvin & the Chipmunks (winning 3 Grammy Awards in 1958)

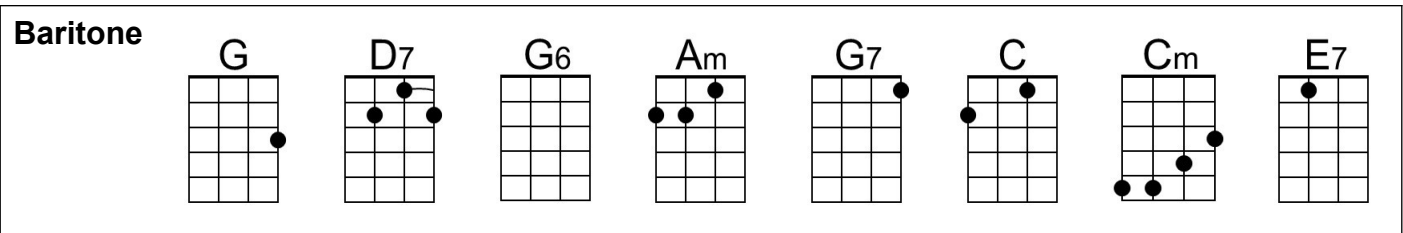
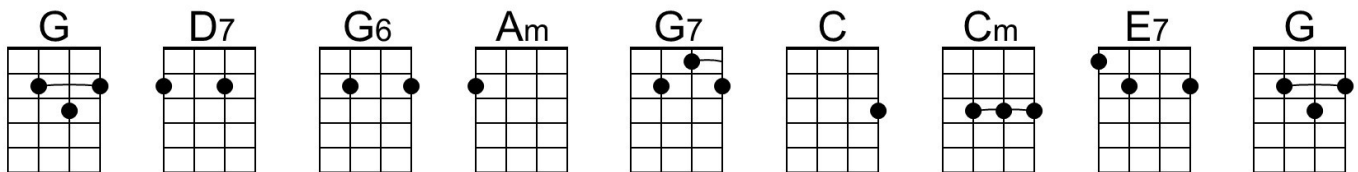
Suggested chord strumming pattern: $||: \overset{3}{\text{G G G}} _ \text{D7 D7} :||$
 ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑

Intro Am D7 G | D7
 -Christmas, don't be late

G G6 D7 G6
 Christmas, Christmas time is near. Time for toys and time for cheer.
 Am D7 Am D7 Am D7 G G6
 We've been good, but we can't last. Hurry Christmas, hurry fast.
 G G6 G G6
 Want a plane that loops the loop,

G7 C
1. Me, I want a Hula-Hoop.
 C Cm G E7 Am D7 G D7
 We can hardly stand the wait, please Christmas, don't be late.
 (Repeat from Top)

G7 C
2. I STILL want a Hula-Hoop!
 C Cm G E7 Am D7 G G7
 We can hardly stand the wait, please Christmas, don't be late.
 C Cm G E7
 We can hardly stand the wait,
 Am D7 G D7 | G D7 | G D7 | G
 Please Christmas, don't be late.



Jingle Bell Rock

Jim Beal & Jim Boothe, ca. 1957 – [Jingle Bell Rock](#) by Bobby Helms (1957)

Intro A D | G D7 |

G Gmaj7 G6 Gmaj7 G Gmaj7 Am D7
 Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock, Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring,
Am D7 Am D7 Am D7
 Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun, ___ now the jingle hop has begun.

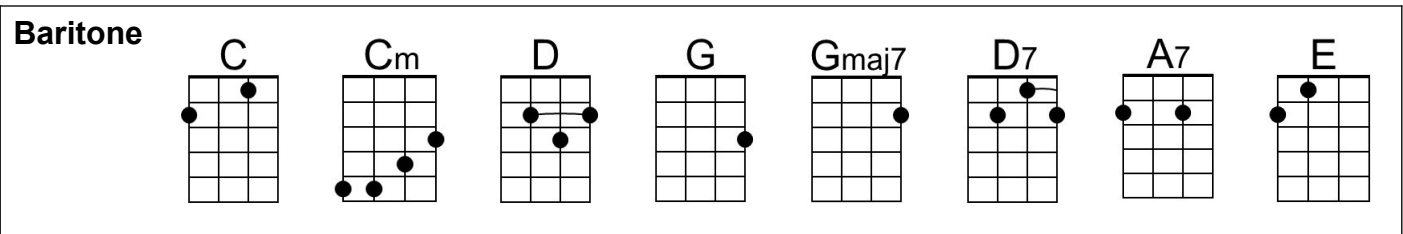
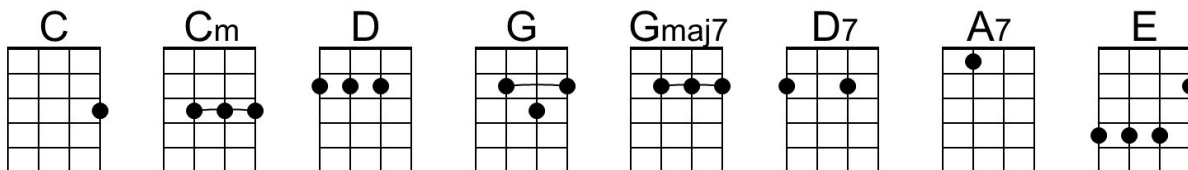
G Gmaj7 G6 Gmaj7 G Gmaj7 Am D7
 Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock, Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time,
Am D7 Am D7 Am D7 G G7
 Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square ___ in the frosty air.

Bridge

C Cm G
 What a bright time, it's the right time to rock the night away,
A7 D7
 Jingle bell time is a swell time ___ to go riding in a one-horse sleigh.

G Gmaj7 G6 Gmaj7 G E7
 1. Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet, jingle a-round the clock,
Am Cm Am D7 G D7
 Mix and a-mingle in the jingling beat, ___ that's the jingle bell rock.
 (**Repeat from Top**)

G Gmaj7 G Gmaj7 G Gmaj7 E
 2. Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet, jingle a-round the clock,
Am Cm Am D7
 Mix and a-mingle in the jingling beat, ___ that's the jingle bell,
Am D7 Am D7 G Gmaj7 | G Gb G G
 ___ That's the jingle bell, ___ that's the jingle bell rock.



Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

(Sammy Cahn & Julie Styne, 1945) – [Let It Snow](#) by Vaughan Monroe (1945)

Intro

G G7 C G7
~~Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!~~

C G7 C C D7 G
 Oh, the weather out-side is frightful, but the fire is so de-lightful
 Dm A7 Dm G G7 C G7
 And since we've no place to go. Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

C G7 C C D7 G
 It doesn't show signs of stopping, and I brought some corn for popping.
 Dm A7 Dm G G7 C
 The lights are turned way down low. Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

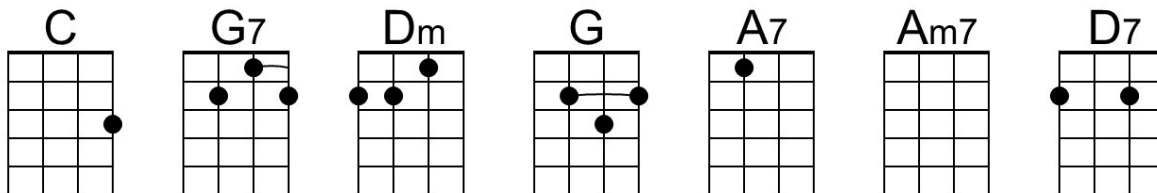
Chorus

G Am D7 G
 When we finally kiss goodnight, how I'll hate going out in the storm.
 G A7 D7 G G7
 But if you'll really hold me tight, all the way home I'll be warm

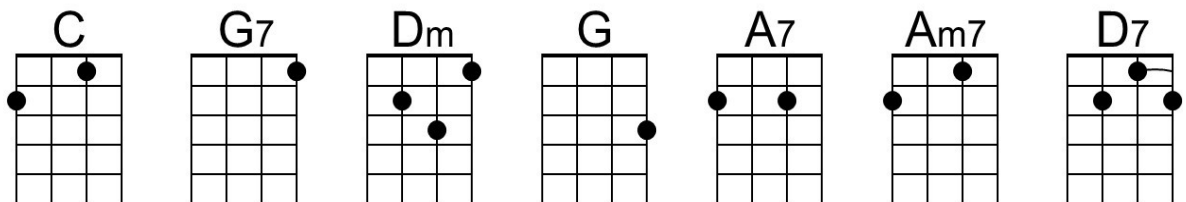
C G7 C C D7 G
 The fire is slowly dying, and my dear, we're still good-bye-ing

Dm A7 Dm G G7 C
 1. As long as you love me so, Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! **Chorus**

Dm A7 Dm G G7 C
 2. As long as you love me so, Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! **(Pause)**
 G G7 C | G7 | C
 Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!



Baritone



(There's No Place Like) Home for the Holidays

Robert Allen & Al Stillman, 1954

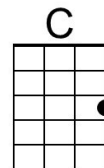
(There's No Place Like) Home for the Holidays by Perry Como (1954) (C @ 78 BPM)

(There's No Place Like) Home for the Holidays by Perry Como (1959) (F @ 146 BPM)

Intro

C ↓ ↓ G7 Dm G7 C - F | G7

For the holi-days you can't beat home, sweet home.

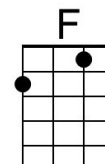


C F C
Oh there's no place like home for the holidays.

A7 D7 G7
Cause no matter how far away you roam,

C F C
When you pine for the sunshine of a friendly gaze,

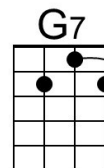
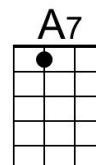
G7 Dm G7 C - F | C7
For the holi-days you can't beat home, sweet home.



Bridge

F C
I met a man who lives in Tennessee and he was headin' for
G7 C - C7
Pennsylvania and some home-made pumpkin pie.

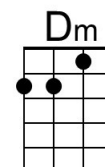
F Dm F C
From Pennsylvania, folks are travelling down to Dixie's sunny shores
G D7 G G7
From Atlantic to Pacific, gee, the traffic is terrific.



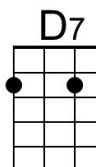
C F C
Oh there's no place like home for the holidays.

A7 D7 - G7
Cause no matter how far away you roam,

C F C
If you want to be happy in a million ways

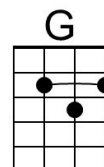


G7 Dm G7 C - F | C7
1. ___ For the holi-days you can't beat home, sweet home. **Repeat From Bridge**



G7 Dm G7 C
2. ___ For the holi-days you can't beat home, sweet home. **(Ritard)**

G7 Dm G7 C - G7 | C
. ___ For the holi-days you can't beat home, sweet home.



Baritone

C F A7 G7 Dm D7 G

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

(John Rox, ca. 1953) – [I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas](#) by Gayla Peevey (1953)

Intro Strum in on G

G
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
D
Only a hippopotamus will do
D7
Don't want a doll, no dinky tinker toy
A7 **D**
I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy

G
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
D
I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do you?
D7
He won't have to use, a dirty chimney flue
A7
Just bring him through the front door
D
That's the easy thing to do

Chorus

G7 **C**
I can see me now on Christmas morning
G7 **C**
Creeping down the stairs
D7
Oh what joy and what surprise
G
When I open up my eyes
A7 **D** **D7**
To see a hippo hero standing there

G
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
D
Only a hippopotamus will do
D7
No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses
A7 **D7**
I only like - hippopotamuses
A7 **D7** **G**
And hippopotamuses like me too

Instrumental first two lines of verse **G D**

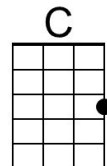
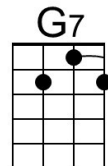
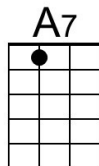
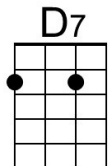
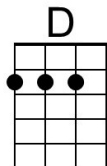
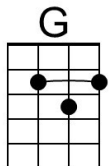
D7
Mom says a hippo would eat me up but then
A7 **D7**
Teacher says a hippo is a vege-tarian.

Instrumental first two lines of verse **G D**

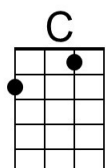
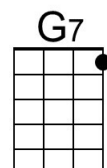
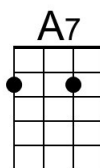
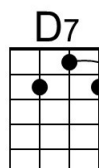
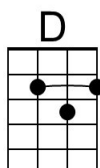
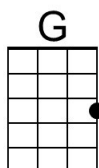
D7
There's lots of room for him in our two car
garage

A7
I'd feed him there and wash him there
D7
And give him his massage. **Chorus**

G
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D
Only a hippopotamus will do
D7
No crocodiles, no rhinocerosuses
A7 **D7**
I only like hippopotamususes
A7 **D7** **G**
And hippopotamuses like me too



Baritone



Candy Cane Boogie

(Pete McCarty, 2019) – [Candy Cane Boogie](#) by Pete McCarty (2019)

Intro A↓↓↓↓ A↓↓↓↓ A↓↓↓↓ A↓↓↓↓

Chorus

A

Candy Cane, Candy Canes, I can't get enough of them Candy Canes

D

A

Candy Cane, Candy Canes, I can't get enough of them Candy Canes

E7

A (Hold)

I'm savin' all my Christmas wishes, for that little shepherd's hook that tastes so delicious

A

Candy Cane, Candy Canes, I can't get enough of them Candy Canes

D

A

Candy Cane, Candy Canes, I can't get enough of them Candy Canes

E7

A (Hold)

Just when I think I can't wait no more, those little candy canes hit the store

A

When I was a little boy, you'd think that I'd want lots of toys

D

A

Cuz that's the thing most kids hold dear, the things they ask Santa for each year

E7

A (Hold)

But on Christmas morn they weren't for me, I just wanted that lil' hook on my tree **Chorus**

A

Every year I would demand, to go to a store to see the Man

D

A

And I would sit on Santa's knee, and he would ask what he could get for me

E7

A (Hold)

But he didn't know my evil plan, was to get a free candy cane from that man! **Chorus**

A

The years have passed and I can see how this big ol' world has changed for me

D

A

But deep inside lives this little boy, who waits each tear for Christmas joy

E7

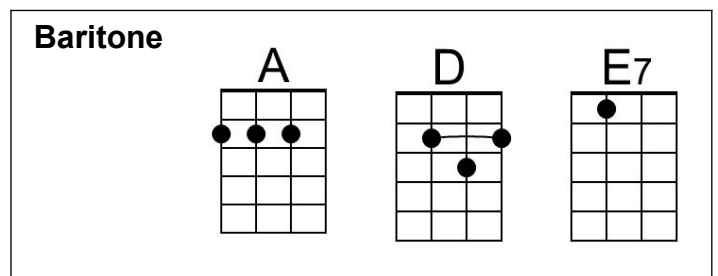
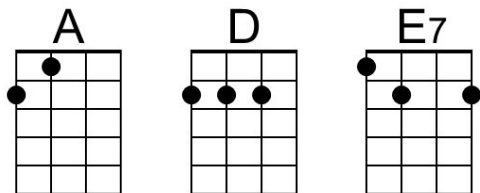
A (Hold)

He thinks this world would be less insane, if everyone ate a candy cane! **Chorus**

E7

A (Hold)

Just when I think I can't wait no more, those little candy canes hit the store!



Christmas Time's A-Comin'

(Benjamin "Tex" Logan, 1951) – (Charles de Lint version)

Christmas Time's a-Comin' by Patty Loveless – Arrangement by Theresa Miller

Intro: Strum in on A

A E7
Christmas time's a-comin', Christmas time's a-comin'
A E7 A
Christmas time's a-comin' and I know I'm goin' home

A E7
Holly's in the window homeward the wind blows
A E7 A
Can't walk for runnin', Christmas time's a-comin'

Chorus

A D
Can't you hear them bells ringin', bringin' joy to all, hear them singin'
A E7 A
When it's snowin', I'll be goin' back to my country home.
A E7
Christmas time's a-comin', Christmas time's a-comin',
A E7 A
Christmas time's a-comin', and I know I'm goin' home.

Instrumental

A E7
~~Christmas time's a-comin', Christmas time's a-comin',~~
A E7 A
~~Christmas time's a-comin', and I know I'm goin' home.~~

A E7
White candle's burnin', my old heart's a-yearnin'
A E7 A
For the folks back home when Christmas time's a-comin'. **Chorus & Instrumental**

A E7
Snow flake's a-fallin', my old home's a-callin',
A E7 A
Tall pine's a-hummin', Christmas time's a-comin'.

A D
Can't you hear them bells ringin', bringin' joy to all, hear them singin',
A E7 A
When it's snowin', I'll be goin' back to my country home.
A E7
Christmas time's a-comin', Christmas time's a-comin',
A E7 A↓
Christmas time's a-comin', and I know I'm goin' ___ home.