BEGINNER HOLIDAY JAM
with CYNTHIA LIN

Notes

*songs with 4 chords or less

strums are suggested - you can always simplify by playing downstrums

/ = single strum

shuffle island strum has a bluesy, syncopated feel

ALOHA, UKE FRIENDS!

Happy holidays! Please join me on YouTube for a live webcast holiday uke jam - grab your uke, download a chord chart, and play and sing along with me, my band, and thousands of uke players across the world!

TUNE IN to CYNTHIA'S HOLIDAY UKULELE LIVE JAM 2016
SUNDAY DEC 4, 2016
2:00-3:30pm PST
direct link to YouTube webcast: http://bit.ly/HolidayUkeJam2016

The jam will be recorded for you to watch anytime. During the live webcast, you can sign in to YouTube and chat with your fellow uke jammers.

DOWNLOAD the BEGINNER HOLIDAY JAM PACKET
I'm happy to present my new Beginner Holiday Jam packet, which features 13 popular holiday songs in beginner-friendly ukulele arrangements. We'll play through these songs together in the Live Jam. Free download at
http://gumroad.com/cynthialin

GATHER YOUR UKE FRIENDS FOR THE JAM
I encourage you to share this packet with friends, family, and your local ukulele group. You can practice together and meet up for the live jam, or create your own holiday jam.

Jam details and support my mission at http://patreon.com/cynthialin
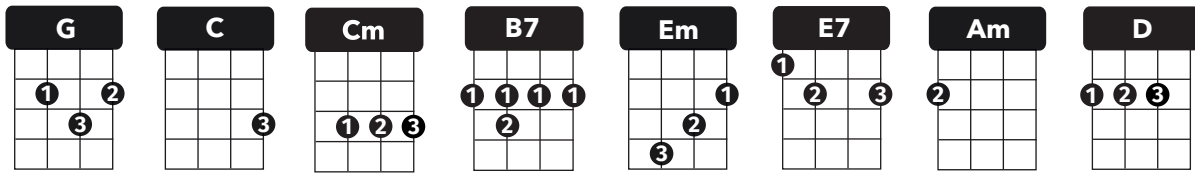Holiday tutorials at http://youtube.com/cynthialinmusic
Mailing list for jam reminders at http://gumroad.com/cynthialin

Wishing you a wonderful holiday with lots of opportunity to share the joy of ukulele!
xo cynthia.

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

by Mariah Carey and Walter Afanasieff

Chords: G | C | Cm | B7 | Em | E7 | Am | D

SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO

G

VERSE

| G | G | G | G |

I don't want a lot for Christmas / there is just one thing I need

| C | C | Cm | Cm |

I don't care a-bout the presents / underneath the Christmas tree

| G | G | G | G |

I don't need to hang my stocking / there upon the fireplace

| C | C | Cm | Cm |

Santa Claus won't make me happy / with a toy on Christmas day

CHORUS

| G | [G// - B7//] | Em | [Em// - Cm//] |

I just want you for my own / more than you could ever know

| G | E7 | Am | D |

Make my wish come true, baby / All I want for Christmas is

| G | Em | C | D |

you, / you, / baby

VERSE

| G | G | G | G |

I won't ask for much this Christmas / I won't even wish for snow

| C | C | Cm | Cm |

I'm just gonna keep on waiting / here under the mistletoe

| G | G | G | G |

I won't make a list and send it / to the North Pole for Saint Nick

| C | C | Cm | Cm |

I won't even stay awake to / hear those magic reindeer click

CHORUS

| G | [G// - B7//] | Em | [Em// - Cm//] |

I just want you here to-night / holding on to me so tight

| G | E7 | Am | D |

What more can I do, baby / All I want for Christmas is

| G | Em | C | D |

you, / you…

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

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Chord diagrams: G, C, Cm, B7, Em, E7, Am, D
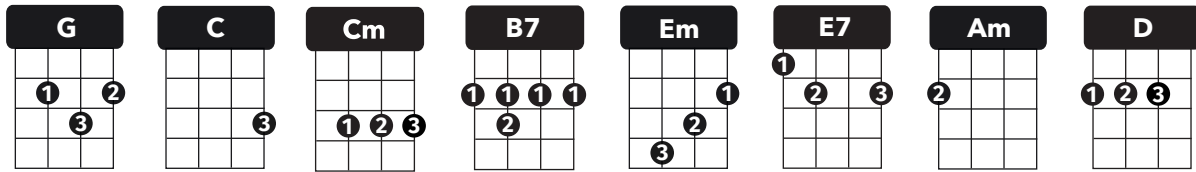
BRIDGE

| B7 | B7 | Em | Em |
All the lights are shining so brightly every-where

| B7 | B7 | Em | Em |
And the sound of children's laughter fills the air

| Cm | Cm | G | E7 |
and every-one is singing I hear those sleigh bells swinging

| Am/ | | Am/ | |
Santa won't you bring me the one I really need, won't you

| D/ | D/ *(hits)* | D//// | D//// |
please bring my baby to meeee yeah yeah yeah

VERSE

| G | G | G | G |
I don't want a lot for Christmas this is all I'm asking for

| C | C | Cm | Cm |
I just want to see my baby standing right out-side my door

CHORUS

| G | [G// - B7//] | Em | [Em// - Cm//] |
I just want him for my own more than you could ever know

| G | E7 | Am *(hits)* | D//// | D//// |
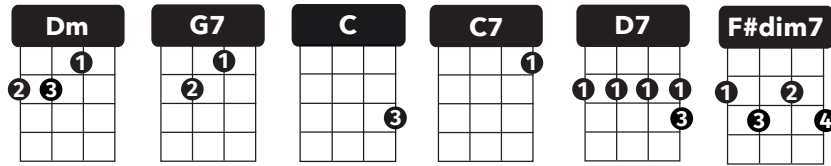Make my wish come true, baby All I want for Christmas is

| G | Em | C | D |
you….

OUTRO x3

| G | Em | C | D |
All I want for Christmas is you, baby

END

| G/ |
ooh

BLUE CHRISTMAS

by Bill Hayes and Jay Johnson

Dm	G7	C	C7	D7	F#dim7

SWING STRUM: d- du d- du
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO

Dm   G7   C   G7/

VERSE

| C | C | G7 | G7 |
I'll have a blue   Christmas   with-out you

| Dm | G7 | C | C |
I'll be so   blue just   thinking   a-bout you

| C7 | C7 | Dm | Dm |
Deco-rations of red on a   green Christmas tree

| D7 | D7 | G7// - Dm// | G7/ |
Won't be the same, dear if   you're not   here with   me

VERSE

| C | C | G7 | G7 |
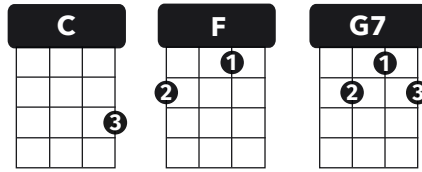And when those   blue   snowflakes   start fallin'

| Dm | G7 | C | C |
That's when those blue   memories   start callin'

| C7 | C7 | Dm | F#dim7 |
You'll be doin'   al-right with your   Christmas of   white

| G7 | G7 | C | C |
But I'll have a blue, blue   Christmas

ENDING

G7   G7//   G7/ - G7/ - G7/   C   C/ G7/ C/
But I'll have a blue,   blue, blue, blue   Christmas

FELIZ NAVIDAD

by José Feliciano

C	F	G7

ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO

C   C/

VERSE

    F   G7   C   C
Feliz Navi-dad   Feliz Navi-dad
    F   G7   C   C/
Feliz Navi-dad Prospero Año y   Felici-dad
    F   G7   C   C
Feliz Navi-dad   Feliz Navi-dad
    F   G7   C   C/
Feliz Navi-dad Prospero Año y   Felici-dad

VERSE

        F   G7   C   C
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas,   I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
        F   G7   C   C/
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart
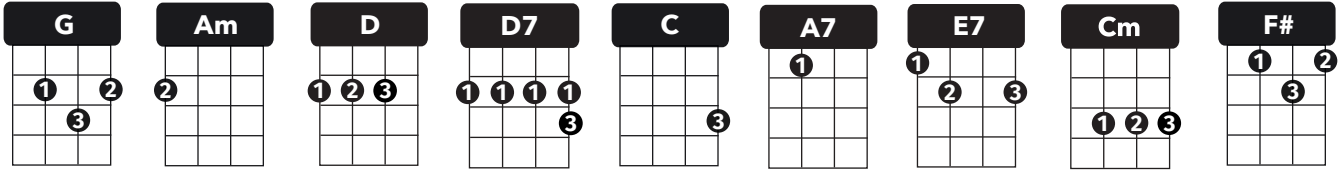   F   G7   C   C
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas,   I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
        F   G7   C   C/
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart

ENDING

        F   G7   C C/ /// (cha-cha-cha)
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart

JINGLE BELL ROCK

by Joseph Beal and Jim Boothe

G	Am	D	D7	C	A7	E7	Cm	F#

SWING STRUM: d- du d- du

TIMING: 1 strum per chord; on split measure, play [d du - d du]

SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu

TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO

G

VERSE

G   G   G   [Am - D]

Jingle-bell Jingle-bell Jingle Bell Rock   Jingle bell swing and   Jingle bells ring

[Am - D]   [Am - D]   Am /   D7 *(island strum)*

Snowin' and blowin' up bushels of fun   Now the jingle hop has begun

VERSE

G   G   G   [Am - D]

Jingle-bell Jingle-bell Jingle Bell Rock   Jingle bells chime in   Jingle bell time

[Am - D]   [Am - D]   [Am - D]   G *(island strum)*

Dancin' and prancin in Jingle Bell Square,   In the frosty air

BRIDGE

(island strum)   C   C   G   G

What a bright time, it's the right time   to rock the night away

A7   A7   D7/   D7

Jingle-bell time is a swell time   To go glidin' in a one-horse sleigh

VERSE

G   G   G   E7

Giddy-up jingle horse pick up your feet   Jingle a-round the clock

C   Cm   [A7 - D]   G *(island strum)*

Mix and mingle in a jinglin' beat   That's the Jingle Bell Rock

ENDING

[A7 - D]   [A7 - D]

That's the Jingle Bell,   that's the Jingle Bell,

[A7 - D]   G *(island strum)*   G/ F#/ G/

that's the Jingle Bell   Rock!

JINGLE BELLS

by J.S. Pierpont

| C | F | G7 | D |
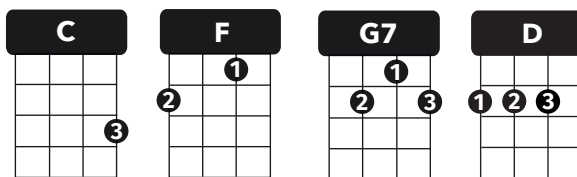
BACKBEAT STRUM: d D d D
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO

C

VERSE

C   C   C   F
Dashing through the snow   in a one-horse open sleigh

F   G7   G7   C
O'er the fields we go   laughing all the way

C   C   C   F
Bells on bob-tail ring   making spirits bright

    F   G7   G7   C/   G7/
What fun it is to ride and sing a   sleighing song to-night - oh!

CHORUS

C   C   C   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   C   C   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

VERSE

C   C   C   F
Now the ground is white   Go it while you're young

F   G7   G7   C
Take the girls tonight   And sing this sleighing song

    C   C   C   F
Just get a bob-tailed bay   Two forty as his speed

F   G7   G7   C/   G7/
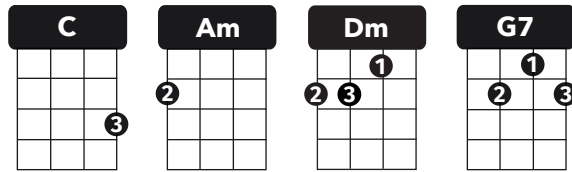Hitch him to an open sleigh   and crack, you'll take the lead - oh!

REPEAT CHORUS

ENDING

F   C   G7   G7   C   F   C   C/
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open   sleigh

LAST CHRISTMAS

by Wham!

C **Am** **Dm** **G7**

ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 2 strums per chord

*practice singing the underlined syllables on the downbeat to build your singing-while-playing skills

INTRO

C   Am   Dm   G7

CHORUS x2

C   **Am**
Last Christmas I gave you my heart   But the very next day you gave it away
Dm   **G7**
This year to save me from tears   I'll give it to someone special

VERSE

C   **Am**
  Once bitten twice shy   I keep my distance, but you still catch my eye
Dm   **G7**
  Tell me baby, do you recognize me?   Well, it's been a year, it doesn't surprise me
C   **Am**
(Happy Christmas) I wrapped it up and sent it   With a note saying"I love you", I meant it
Dm   **G7**
  Now I know what a fool I've been, but if you kissed me now, I know you'd fool me again

REPEAT CHORUS x2

VERSE

C   **Am**
  Crowded room, friends with tired eyes,   I'm hiding from you, and your soul of ice
Dm   **G7**
  My god, I thought you were someone to rely on, Me? I guess I was a shoulder to cry on
C   **Am**
A face on a lover with a fire in his heart   A man under cover but you tore me
Dm   **G7**
a-part, Oh oh   Now I've found a real love you'll never fool me again

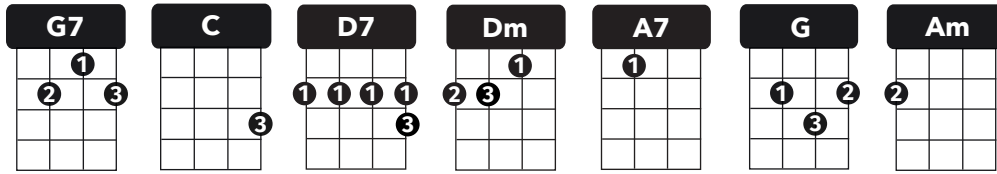**REPEAT CHORUS x2**

FINAL CHORUS

C   **Am**
A face on a lover with a fire in his heart   A man under cover but you tore me
Dm   **G7**   **C/**
a-part, Oh   I'll give it to someone, give it to someone special

LET IT SNOW!

by Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne

| G7 | C | D7 | Dm | A7 | G | Am |

SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord;
on split measure, play 2 swing strums: [d du - d du]

INTRO

G7   C/ // (two hits)

VERSE

[C - G7] C   [C - D7] G7
Oh, the weather out-side is frightful   But the fire is so   de-lightful

[Dm - A7] Dm   G7   C
And since we've no place to go,   Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

[C - G7] C   [C - D7] G7
It doesn't show signs of stopping,   And I brought some corn for popping

[Dm - A7] Dm   G7   C
The lights are turned way down low,   Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

BRIDGE

G   G   [Am - D7]   G
When we finally kiss good night,   How I'll hate going out in the storm

G   G   [A7 - D7]   G7
But if you really hold me tight,   All the way home I'll be warm

VERSE
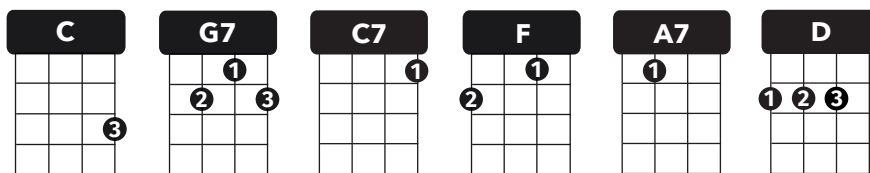
[C - G7] C   [C - D7] G7
The fire is slowly   dying,   And my dear, we're still good-bye-ing

[Dm - A7] Dm   G7   C
But as long as you love me so,   Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

END

G7   G7   C   C/ G7/ C/
Let it snow,   let it snow,   let it snow

MELE KALIKIMAKA

by Robert Alex Anderson

| C | G7 | C7 | F | A7 | D |

BACKBEAT STRUM: d D d D
TIMING: 2 strums per chord;
on split measure, play 1 per chord: [d D d D - d D d D]

or

SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 2 strums per chord; on split measure, play 1 per chord

INTRO

C

VERSE

C   C   C   G7
Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say on a bright Hawaiian Christmas day

G7   G7   G7   C
That's the island greeting that we send to you 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 at night

C   A7 [D - G7] C C
Mele Kalikimaka is Ha-waii's   way   to say Merry Christmas to you

ENDING

C   A7
Mele Kalikimaka is Ha-waii's   way

 [D - G7] [D - G7]
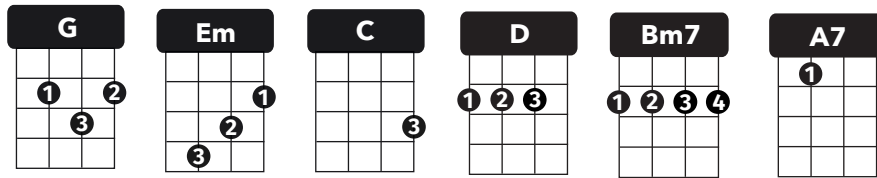to say Merry Christmas   a very merry Christmas

 [D - G7] C/ G7/ C/
a very very merry merry Christmas to you

ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

by Johnny Marks

G	Em	C	D	Bm7	A7

SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO

G   Em C   D

VERSE

G   G   D   D
Rockin' around the Christmas tree at the Christmas party hop

D   D   D   G
Mistletoe hung where you can see every couple tries to stop

G   G   D   D
Rockin' around the Christmas tree, let the Christmas spirit ring

D   D   D   G
Later we'll have some pumpkin pie and we'll do some caro-ling

BRIDGE

C   C   Bm7   Bm7
You will get a sentimental feeling when you hear

Em   Em   A7/   D
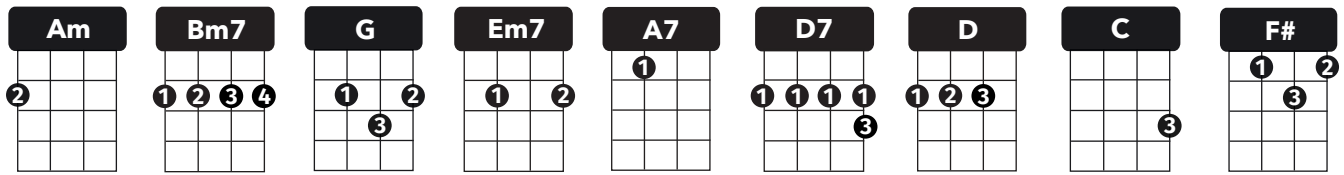Voices singing let's be jolly,   deck the halls with boughs of holly

VERSE

G   G   D   D
Rockin' around the Christmas tree, have a happy holiday

D   D   D   G
Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way

ENDING

D   D   D   D
Everyone dancing merrily in the new old - fa - shioned

G   Em   C G/
way

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

by Johnny Marks

Am **Bm7** **G** **Em7** **A7** **D7** **D** **C** **F#**

SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

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OPTIONAL INTRO
(single strums)

Am /   **Bm7 /**   **Am /**   **G /**
You know Dasher and Dancer and   Prancer and Vixen

Am /   **Bm7 /**   **Am /**   **G /**
Comet and Cupid   and Donner and Blitzen

Em7 /   **A7 /**   **Em7 /**   **A7 /**
But do you re-call   the most famous   reindeer of

(island strum) **D7**   **D7**
all?

VERSE

G   **G**   **G**   **D**
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer   had a very shiny nose

D   **D**   **D**   **G**
And if you ever saw it   you would even say it glows

G   **G**   **G**   **D**
All of the other reindeer   used to laugh and call him names

D   **D**   **D**   **G**
They never let poor Rudolph   join in any reindeer games

BRIDGE

C   **G**   **D**   **G**
Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say

D   **D**   **A7**   **D**
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright,   won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

VERSE

G   **G**   **G**   **D**
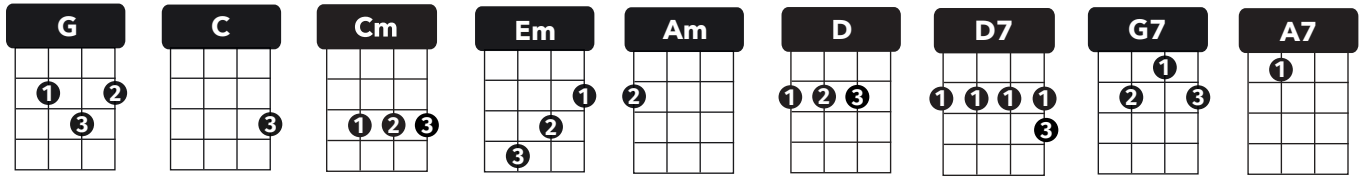Then how the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee

D   **D**   **D**   **G**
"Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in histo-ry!"

ENDING

D   **D**   **G**   **G/ F#/ G/**
You'll go down in his- to- ry

SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN

by Haven Gillespie and J. F. Coots

Chord diagrams: G | C | Cm | Em | Am | D | D7 | G7 | A7

BACKBEAT STRUM: d D d D

TIMING: 1 strum per chord; on split measure, play [d D - d D]

INTRO

G

VERSE

G   C   G   [C - Cm /]
You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why

[G - Em] [Am - D]   G   D7
Santa Claus is coming to town

VERSE

G   C   G   [C - Cm /]
He's making a list, checking it twice Gonna find out who's naughty and nice

[G - Em] [Am - D]   G   G
Santa Claus is coming to town

BRIDGE

G7   C   G7   C
He sees you when you're sleeping he knows when you're a-wake

A7   D   A7   D /   D7 /
He knows if you've been bad or good, so be good for goodness sake, Oh!

VERSE
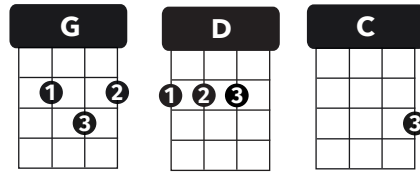
G   C   G   [C - Cm /]
You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why

[G - Em] [Am - D]   G   G
Santa Claus is coming to town

ENDING

[G - Em] [Am - D]   [G - C]   G /
Santa Claus is coming to town

SILENT NIGHT

by Franz Xaver Gruber

G   **D**   **C**

WALTZ STRUM: pick d d
TIMING: 1 per chord

or

FINGERPICKING: 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 2
TIMING: 1 per chord

INTRO	**G**

VERSE

G	G	G	G
Silent	night	holy	night

D	D	G	G
all is	calm	all is	bright

C	C	G	G
'Round yon virgin		mother and child	

C	C	G	G
holy	infant so	tender and	mild

D	D	G	G
Sleep in heavenly		peace	

G	D	G	G / *(flourish)*
sleep in	heavenly	peace	

SILVER BELLS

by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans

G	C	D
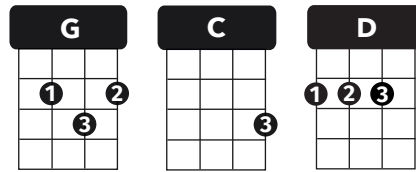
WALTZ STRUM: D du du, or pick d d
TIMING: 1 per chord

INTRO

G

VERSE

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

CHORUS

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

VERSE

      G   G   C   C
Strings of street lights, even stop lights   Blink a bright red and green
    D   D   G   G
As the shoppers run home   with their treasures
     G   G   C   C
Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch This is Santa's big scene
    D   D   G   G
And above all the bustle   you hear

REPEAT CHORUS

ENDING

D   D /   G   G /
Soon it will be Christmas   day