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!

December 2020 Update

Happy holidays! Thank you for downloading this updated Beginner Holiday Jam Songbook. For the 2020 Update, I've added 2 Hanukkah songs at the end of the packet. You'll also find new green video link tabs at the top of each song page. Just click the button to go directly to the YouTube practice video.

You can now find a list of these videos on my website http://ukulele101.com. Visit the Holiday Songbook link for holiday videos, and explore the other tabs for more beginner-friendly videos and song sheet links.

You are welcome to share this free Songbook with friends, family, and your local ukulele group. The download link is http://bit.ly/BeginnerHolidaySongbook. I hope you'll find it useful for singing, jamming, and making music together during this holiday season.

2020 Holiday Livestream Events

Please join me online for these live events, and invite your friends and family to watch together! Tune up your uke, and play and sing along with hundreds of uke players across the world!

12/5 Holiday Strum-Along, with Ukulenny: http://bit.ly/HolidayUkeJam2020

12/12 Holiday Aloha Concert, with Ukulenny, Craig Chee & Sarah Maisel: http://bit.ly/HolidayAloha2020

To support this free Songbook and these free livestream events, you can join my positive online community via Patreon and support my mission: http://patreon.com/cynthialin

You can also download and stream my ukulele holiday albums:
- *Cozy Christmas*: http://bit.ly/StreamCozyChristmas
- *A Very Merry Christmas*: http://bit.ly/StreamCLVeryMerry

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

BEGINNER UKULELE BASICS

Video tutorials at youtube.com/cynthialinmusic

HOLD AN UKE

1 Neck points 10 o'clock on your body.
2 Left hand at neck, right arm wrap around, use right forearm to tuck uke against your body.
3 Right hand should be able to strum on the fretboard above the sound hole.

TUNE AN UKE

- String order: G C E A (top to bottom)
- Practice plucking each string clearly, and say each string's name
- Video on how to use an electronic tuner available at youtube.com/cynthialinmusic

STRUM CLEARLY

- Start with your thumb (easier grip) but you'll want to move to using your index finger. Get under the string and pluck each individual string clearly and loudly–don't be afraid of plucking hard.

- Then use the same force to pluck down onto the next string. Build control to be able to stop on each string. Articulate each string, G C E A, and build into a slow strum.

- When the slow strum sounds clear, then you can speed up.

- Do this for each new chord that you try.

PLACE YOUR FINGER FOR CHORDS

- I recommend the "handshake" method. Hold your left hand out like you're going to shake someone's hand, straight and vertical. Allow the neck of the ukulele to make contact with your hand at the inside knuckle joint - this will serve as your anchor point, try to maintain this connection to the uke at all times.

- Curl your fingers around into chord position. The very tips of your fingers should press straight into the strings, and your knuckles should be perpendicular to the fretboard, like a nail into a wall. Your thumb should be placed on the back of the neck so that it's as if you are pinching your thumb against your fingertips.

- Your palm should be curled, like you have a ping-pong ball tucked in your hand–be careful that your palm does not press against the neck. Your wrist should be straight, and your arm should support your wrist and hand.

- It will take some time for your hand and fingers to build stretch and strength. Practice chord fingering for 5 minutes a day, and you will see fast improvement!
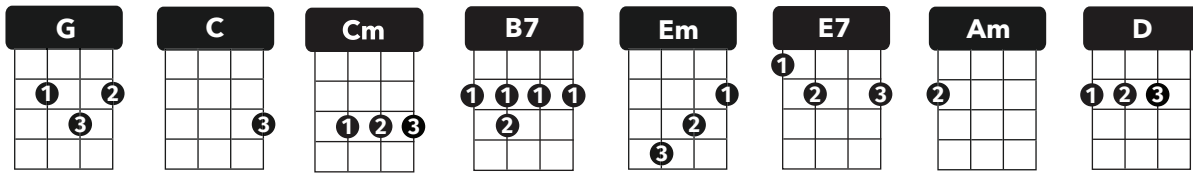
READ CHORD DIAGRAMS

1 index finger
2 middle finger
3 ring finger

1st fret
2nd fret
3rd fret

neck

ring finger
on the 3rd fret
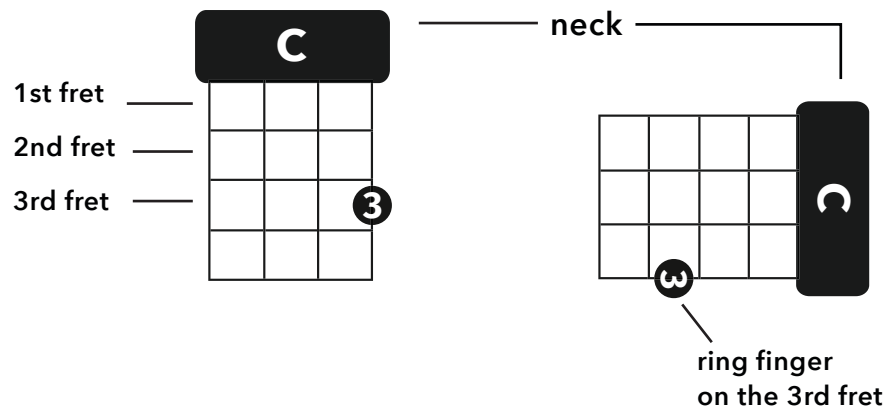
ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

by Mariah Carey and Walter Afanasieff

G	C	Cm	B7	Em	E7	Am	D

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

CLICK TO PLAY ALONG ON YOUTUBE

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

(continued)

G   C   Cm   B7   Em   E7   Am   D
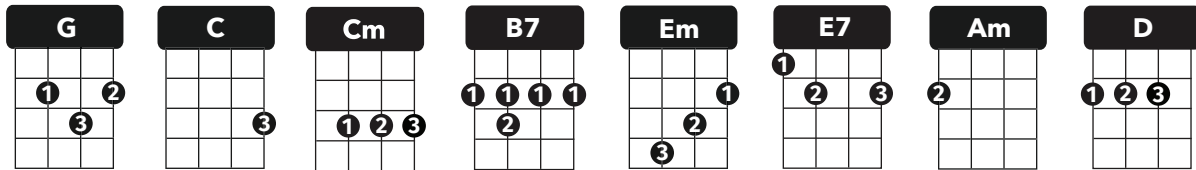
BRIDGE

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
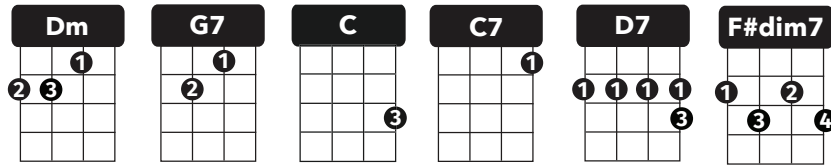
G   **Em**   **C**   **D**
you….

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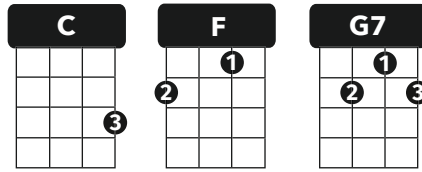
ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

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#
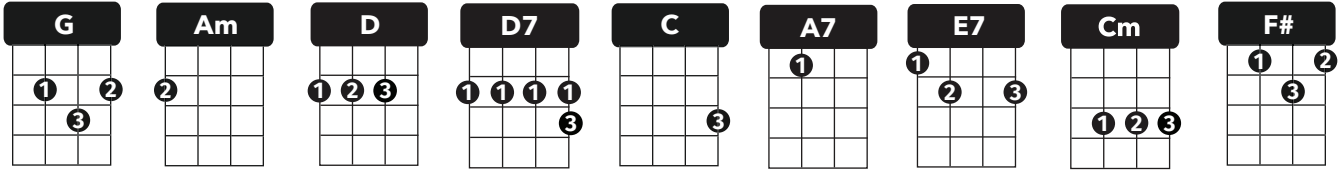
SWING STRUM: d- du d- du

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
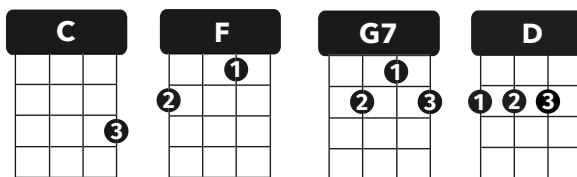
BACKBEAT STRUM: d D d D
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

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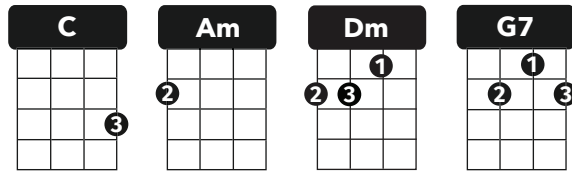
C   **Am**   **Dm**   **G7**

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**
<u>Last</u> Christmas I <u>gave</u> you my heart   But the <u>very</u> next day you <u>gave</u> it away
Dm   **G7**
<u>This</u> year to <u>save</u> me from tears   I'll <u>give</u> 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 |
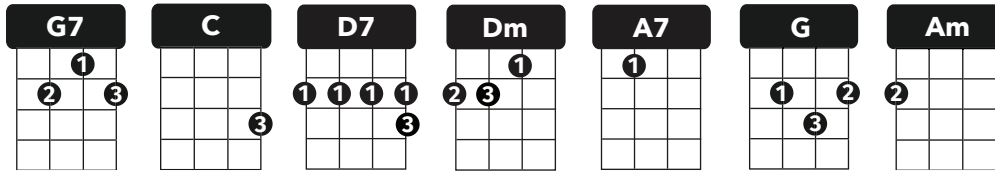
SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord;
on split measure, play 2 swing strums: [d du - d du]

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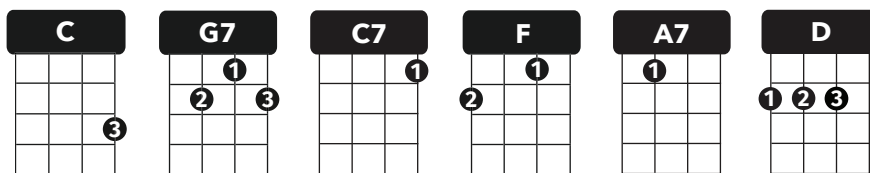
BACKBEAT STRUM: d D d D
TIMING: 2 strums per chord;
on split measure, play 1 per chord: [d D d D - d D d D]

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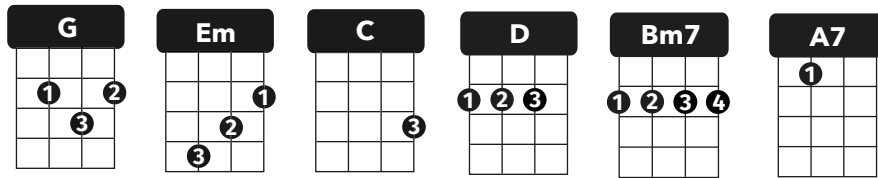
SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

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#
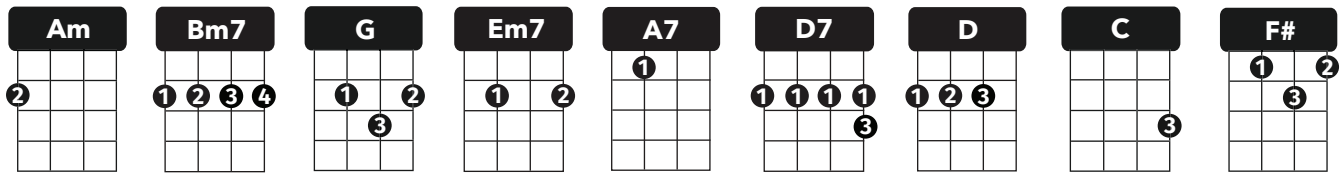
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TIMING: 1 strum per chord

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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

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]

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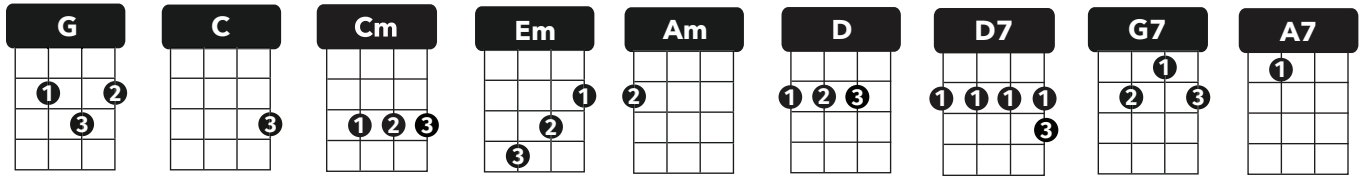
INTRO

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

Hawaiian lyrics by Stephen & Mary Desha

G **D** **C**
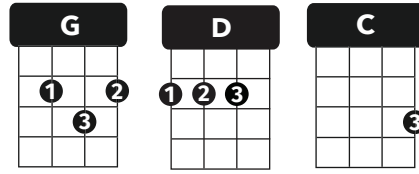
WALTZ STRUM: pick d d
TIMING: 1 per chord

or

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

INTRO	**G**

VERSE

G　　**G**　　　　**G**　　**G**
Silent　night　　　　holy　　night
Pō la'i　ē　　　　　pō kama-ha'o

D　　**D**　　　　**G**　　**G**
all is　　calm　　　all is　　bright
Malu -hia　　　　　mālama-lama

C　　　　**C**　　　**G**　　　　**G**
'Round yon virgin　　mother and child
Ka makua　-hine　　aloha　　　ē

C　　**C**　　　　**G**　　　　**G**
holy　　infant so　　tender and　mild
Me ke keiki　　　　hemolele　　ē

D　　　　**D**　　　**G**　　**G**
Sleep in　　heavenly　peace
Moe me ka maluhia　　lani

G　　　　**D**　　　**G**　　　**G /** *(flourish)*
sleep in　　heavenly　peace
Moe me ka maluhia　　lani

SILVER BELLS

by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans

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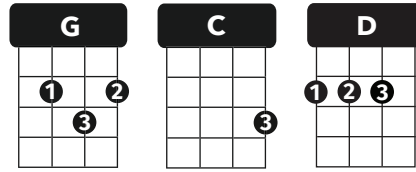
WALTZ STRUM: D du du, or pick d d
TIMING: 1 per chord

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

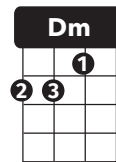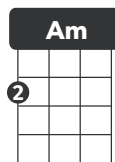**D**   **D /**   **G**   **G /**
Soon it will be Christmas   day

HANUKKAH, OH HANUKKAH

Traditional
Watch the YouTube tutorial
Ukulele arrangement by Cynthia Lin, http://cynthialin.com/ukulele

counts: 1   &   2   &
beginner: [d   D   d   D] per chord
on low G, try a bouncing bass line variation
pick & strum: [pickG- strum- pickC- strum] per chord
you can use your thumb to pick, index to strum

Am	E7	C	Dm
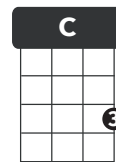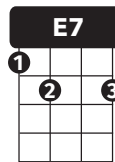
INTRO   **Am**

VERSE   **Am**   **Am**   **Am**   **E7/ Am/**
       Oh   Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah   Come light the me -no   -rah
         Am   **Am**   **Am**   **E7/ Am/**
         Let's have a   party   We'll   all dance the ho   -ra
         C   **C**   **E7**   **Am**
         Gather 'round the   table, we'll   give you a   treat
         C   **C**   **E7**   **Am**
   Dreidels to   play with and latkes to   eat

BRIDGE
   Am   **Dm/**   **Am**   **Dm/**   **Am**   **Dm/**   **E7   E7**
 And while we   are   playing   The   candles are   burning   low
   Am   **Dm**   **Am**   **Dm**   **Am**   **Dm**   **E7   E7**
   One for each night, they   shed a sweet light   To re-mind us of   days long ago
   Am   **Dm**   **Am**   **Dm**   **Am**   **E7**   **Am   Am**
   One for each night, they   shed a sweet light   To re-mind us of   days long ago

REPEAT VERSE + BRIDGE + GO TO ENDING
   Am/   **Dm/**   **Am/**   **Dm/**   **Am/**   **E7/**   **Am/ Dm/ Am/**
   One for each night, they   shed a sweet light   To re-mind us of   days long ago

Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu (Salaam)
Mosh Ben-Ari / Sheva

C   **F**   **G7**
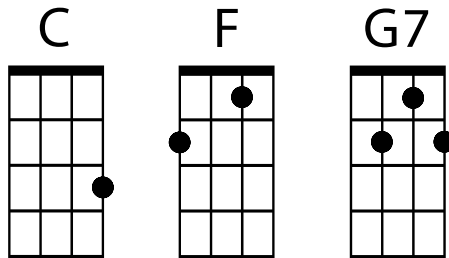
Verse
C/
Od yavo shalom aleinu
F/
Od yavo shalom aleinu
C/
Od yavo shalom aleinu
F/ G7/ G7/ C/
Ve al kulam

C/
Od yavo shalom aleinu
F/
Od yavo shalom aleinu
C/
Od yavo shalom aleinu
F/ G7/ G7/ C/
Ve al kulam

Chorus   **Strum: D DUxUD**
C
Salaam
F
Aleinu ve al kol ha olam
C   **F**
Salaam, Salaam

C
Salaam
F
Aleinu ve al kol ha olam
C   **F**
Salaam, Salaam

Verse Tab
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C/                    F/
A----------------------------0-0-----
E-------0-0-------111-3-----3-1-
C-000-2-----2-0----------------
G------------------------------

C/                    F/ G7/G7/C/
A------------------------------
E-------0-0-----1---0-----------
C-000-2-----2-0--------2-0-----
G------------------------------
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Translation:
Peace will come upon us
Peace will come upon us
Peace will come upon us
And upon everyone

Chorus Tab
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      C           F
A---------------0-0-0-0---------
E-3-3-------------------3-1-1-3-
C-----------0----------------
G----------------------------
      C           F
A------------------------------
E-----3-----0-----------------
C--------0-----2-0-----------
G----------------------------
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Translation:
Peace (in Arabic)
Upon us and upon the whole world
Peace, Peace (in Arabic)