

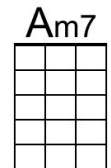
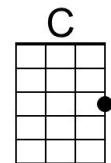
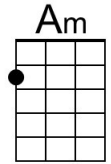
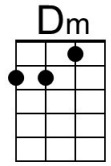


The Leprechaun (P. W. Joyce, 1853) (Dm)

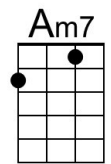
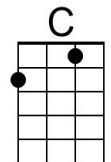
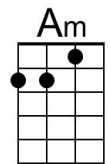
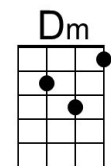
The Leprechaun by Mary O'Hara – The Leprechaun by Margaret Barry

Intro (Drone like - down strum) Dm ↓↓↓↓

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 Am C Dm
 In a scarlet cap and coat of green, A cruiskeen by his side (**croosh-kin**)
 C Dm
 'Twas tick, tack, tick, his hammer went, u-pon a weeny shoe,
 Dm C Dm Am
 Oh, I laughed to think of his purse of gold,
 Dm Am7 Dm
 But the fairy was laughing too!
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 The fairy was laughin', laughin', laughin, the fairy was laugh-in' too!



Dm Am Dm
 With tip-toe step and beating heart, quite softly I drew nigh
 Am C Dm
 There was mischief in his merry face, a twinkle in his eye;
 C Dm
 He hammered and sang with a tiny voice, and drank his mountain dew;
 Dm C Dm Am
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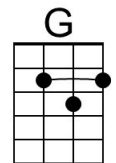
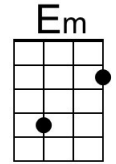
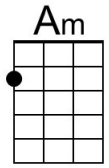
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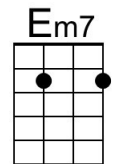
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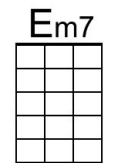
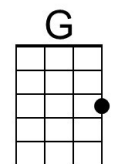
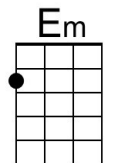
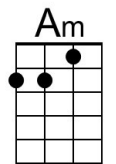
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