Mardi Gras Songs



Baton Rouge Battle of New Orleans C'est La Vie City of New Orleans Diggy Liggy Lo House of the Rising Sun Jambalaya Johnny B. Goode Lady Marmalade Me and Bobby McGee Mr Bojangles **Proud Mary** St James Infirmary Blues The Ella B When the Saints Go Marching In You're No Good

Baton Rouge (Guy Clark / John Charles li Crowley) Key G

G I'm gonna leave Texarkana I'm gonna learn to walk that walk I'm goin' down to Louisiana I'm gonna learn to talk that talk I'm gonna try my luck in Baton Rouge I'm gonna learn to dance in Baton Rouge I'm gonna follow ol' red river down Ain't life just like a cul-de-sac Till I see the lights of town I'm a Texas boy and I'm goin' back G I ain't gonna get no sleep in Baton Soon as I catch my breath in Baton Rouge Rouge **CHORUS:** (CHORUS) **Baton Rouge Baton Rouge** D I'm gonna strut my stuff in Baton Rouge I'm gonna get me some alligator shoes I'm gonna cool my heels in Baton Rouge Baton Rouge Baton Rouge I'm gonna wear 'em out in Baton Rouge G It was a Texas girl that broke my heart Then she tore my truck apart G I guess I'll get me another in Baton Rouge I like Crawfish I like rice **BARITONE** I like girls that treat you nice I'm gonna find me one in Baton Rouge

(CHORUS)

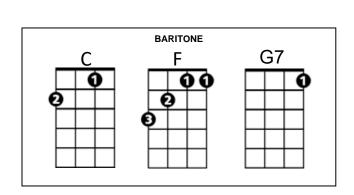
BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS (Jimmie Driftwood)	
C F In 1814 we took a little trip	Reprise:
G7 C Along with Colonel Jackson down the mighty Mississip'	Yeah! They ran through the briars and they ran through the brambles G7
F We took a little bacon and we took a little beans	And they ran through the bushes where a rabbit C
And we caught the bloody British in the town of New Orleans	couldn't go They ran so fast that the hounds couldn't catch 'em
Chorus C	On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico
We fired our guns and the British kept a comin' G7 C There wasn't as many as there was a while ago	C F We fired our cannon till the barrel melted down G7 C
We fired once more and they began to runnin' G7 C	So we grabbed an alligator and we fought another round
On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico C	We filled his head with cannonballs and F
We looked down the river and we see the British come	powdered his behind G7 C And when we touched the powder off, the 'gator
G7 C And there musta been a hundred of 'em beatin'	lost his mind
on the drum F	(Chorus) / (Reprise)
They stepped so high and they made their bugles ring	Instrumental first two lines of verse
We stood beside our cotton bales and didn't say a thing	$ \begin{array}{c c} C & F & G7 \\ \hline $
(Chorus)	8 8

Old Hickory said we could take 'em by surprise

If we didn't fire our musket till we looked 'em in the eyes

We held our fire till we seen their faces well Then we opened up with squirrel guns and really gave 'em Well...

(Chorus)



C'est La Vie (Chuck Berry)

F

It was a teen-aged wedding

And the old folks wished them well

You could see that Pierre

C

Truly loved the mademoiselle

And now the young Monsieur and Madame

Have rung the chapel bell

C'est La Vie, say the old folks

F

It goes to show you never can tell

F

They furnished off the apartment

With a two room tag-end sale

The coolerator was crammed

C

With TV dinners and Ginger Ale

But when Pierre found work

The little money come in, worked out well

C'est La Vie, say the old folks

F

It goes to show you never can tell

F

They had a hi-fi phono -

Boy, did they let it blast

700 little records

C

All rock and rhythm and jazz

But when the sun went down

The rapid tempo of the music fell

C'est La Vie say the old folks

F

It goes to show you never can tell

F

They bought a souped up chitney

Was cherry red fifty-three

Drove it down to Orleans

C

To celebrate their anniversary

It was there where Pierre

Was wedded to the lovely mademoiselle

C'est La Vie say the old folks

F

It goes to show you never can tell

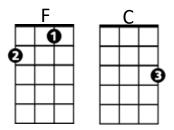
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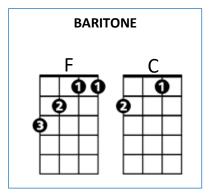
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City of New Orleans (Steve Goodman)

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C G7 C Riding on the city of New Orleans Am F C Illinois Central Monday morning rail G7 C	G7 C Nighttime on the City of New Orleans Am F C Changing cars in Memphis Tennessee G7 C
Fifteen cars and fifteen restless riders Am G7 C Three conductors and twenty five sacks of mail Am	Halfway home and we'll be there by morning Am G7 Through the Mississippi darkness rolling down to the C
All along the southbound Odyssey Em The train pulls out of Kankakee G7 D7 And rolls along past houses farms and fields	sea Am And all the towns and people seem Em To fade into a bad dream
Am Passing trains that have no name Em And freight yards full of old black men G7 C	G7 D7 And the steel rail still ain't heard the news Am The conductor sings his songs again Em
And the graveyards of the rusted automobiles Chorus:	The passengers will please refrain G7 C This train got the disappearing railroad blues
Good morning America how are you Am F C Say don't you know me I'm your native son G7 C G7 Am I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans Bb G7 C I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day is done G7 C Dealing card game with the old men in the club car Am F C Penny a point ain't no one keeping score G7 C Pass the paper bag that holds the bottle Am G7 C Feel the wheels rumbling 'neath the floor Am	(Chorus) (GOOD NIGHT) (Repeat last line to end) C G7 Am F Bb Bb BB BARITONE
And the sons of Pullman porters Em And the sons of engineers G7 Ride their fathers' magic carpet made of steel Am Mothers with their babes a sleep Em Rocking to the gentle beat G7 And the rhythm of the rails is all they feel (Chorus)	C G7 Am F O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O

Diggy Liggy Lo (J.D. Miller)

Intro: Chords/melody 1st Verse

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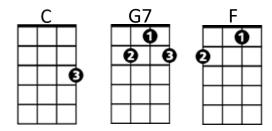
C

Diggy Liggy Li and Diggy Liggy Lo **G7**

They fell in love at the fais-do-do

The pop was cold and the coffee *chaud

For Diggy Liggy Li and Diggy Liggy Lo



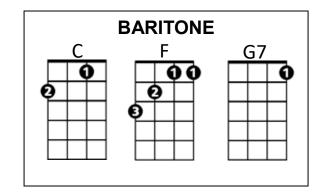
CHORUS:

C F
Diggy Liggy Li loved Diggy Liggy Lo
C
Everyone knew he was her beau
G7
No body else could ever show
C
So much love for Diggy Liggy Lo

C
That's the place they find romance
G7
Where they do the Cajun dance
Steal a kiss now they had a chance
C
She show's her love with ev'ry glance

(CHORUS)

C
Finally went and uh-seen her Pa
G7
Now he's got hisself a Papa-in-law
Moved out where the Bayou's low
C
Now he's got a little Diggy Liggy Lo



(CHORUS) 2x

House of the Rising Sun (Traditional / adapted by Eric Burdon)

Intro: Am C D F / Am E7 Am E7

Am C D F

There is a house in New Orleans

Am C E7

They call the Risin' Sun

Am C D

And it's been the ruin of many a poor boy.

Am E7 Am E7

And God, I know I'm one.

Am C D F

My mother was a tailor.

Am C E7

She sewed my new blue jeans.

Am C D F

My father was a gamblin' man

Am E7 Am E7

Down in New Or-leans.

Am C D F

Now, the only thing a gambler needs

Am C E7

Is a suitcase and a trunk

Am C D

And the only time that he's satis-fied

Am E7 Am E7 Is when he's on a drunk

Am C D F
Oh, Mother, tell your children

Am C E7

Not to do what I have done.

Am C D F
Spend your lives in sin and misery

Ám E7 Am E7

In the house of the risin' sun.

Am C D F

Well, I've got one foot on the platform.

Am C E7

The other foot on the train.

Am C D F

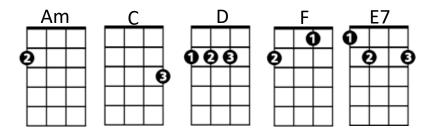
I'm goin' back to New Orleans

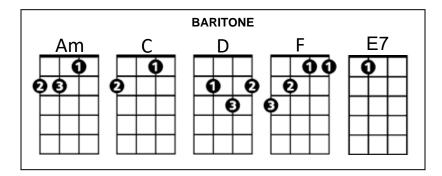
Am E7 Am E7

To wear that ball and chain.

Am C D F
There is a house in New Orleans
Am C E7
They call the Risin' Sun
Am C D F
And it's been the ruin of many a poor boy.
Am E7 Am
And God, I know I'm one.

Am C D F Am E7/ Am D Am D Am D/Am





Jambalaya (Hank Williams)

1 Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou.

Chorus:

Well jambalaya and a crawfish pie and filé gumbo

1

Cause tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher amio.

5(7)

Pick guitar, fill fruit jar and be gayo,

Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou.

1 Thibodaux, Fontaineaux, the place is buzzin',

1 Kinfolk come to see Yvonne by the dozen.

5(7)

We dress in style and go hog wild, me oh my oh.

1 Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou.

(Chorus) (2X)

1	5(7)
A 9	E7
C	G7 9
D 0 0 0	A7
F 9	C7
G 9 9	D7

Johnny B. Goode (Chuck Berry)

Intro: C F C G F C G

C

Deep down Louisiana close to New Orleans

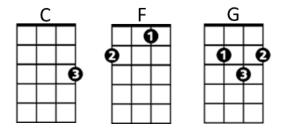
Way back up in the woods among the evergreens

There stood a log cabin made of earth and wood

Where lived a country boy named Johnny B. Goode

Who never ever learned to read or write so well

But he could play the guitar just like a ringing a bell



Chorus:

C

Go go, Go Johnny go - Go, Go Johnny go

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Go, Go Johnny go - Go, Go Johnny go

F C G

Go, Johnny B. Goode

C

He used to carry his guitar in a gunny sack

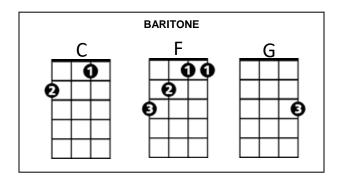
Go sit beneath the tree by the railroad track

Oh, the engineers would see him sitting in the shade

Strumming with the rhythm that the drivers made

People passing by they would stop and say

Oh my that little country boy could play



(Chorus)

C

His mother told him "Someday you will be a man,

And you will be the leader of a big old band.

F

Many people coming from miles around

C

To hear you play your music when the sun go down **G**

Maybe someday your name will be in lights

C F (

Saying Johnny B. Goode tonight."

(Chorus)

Lady Marmalade (Kenny Nolan / Robert Crewe) Intro: Dm Gm Dm G Dm Gm Hey sister, go sister, soul sister, go sister Hey sister, go sister, soul sister, go sister Dm He met marmalade down in old New Orleans Struttin' her stuff on the street Dm She said "hello, hey Joe, you wanna give it a go?" **Chorus:** Dm Gitchi gitchi ya ya da da Dm Itchi gitchi ya ya here Mocha-choca-lata ya ya Creole Lady Marmalade Reprise: G Dm Voulez-vous coucher avec moi ce soir? Dm Voulez-vous coucher avec moi? Dm He sat in her boudoir while she freshened up **BARITONE** Dm That boy drank all that magnolia wine **A7** On her black satin sheets where he started to freak (Chorus) Dm G G Hey, hey, hey – Touch of her skin feelin' silky smooth The colour of café au lait

Gm Dm A7

Made the savage beast inside roar until it cried - More, more, more

Dm

But when he turns off to sleep - old memories creep, more, more, more

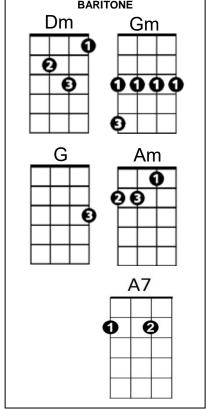
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Now he's back home doing nine-to-five

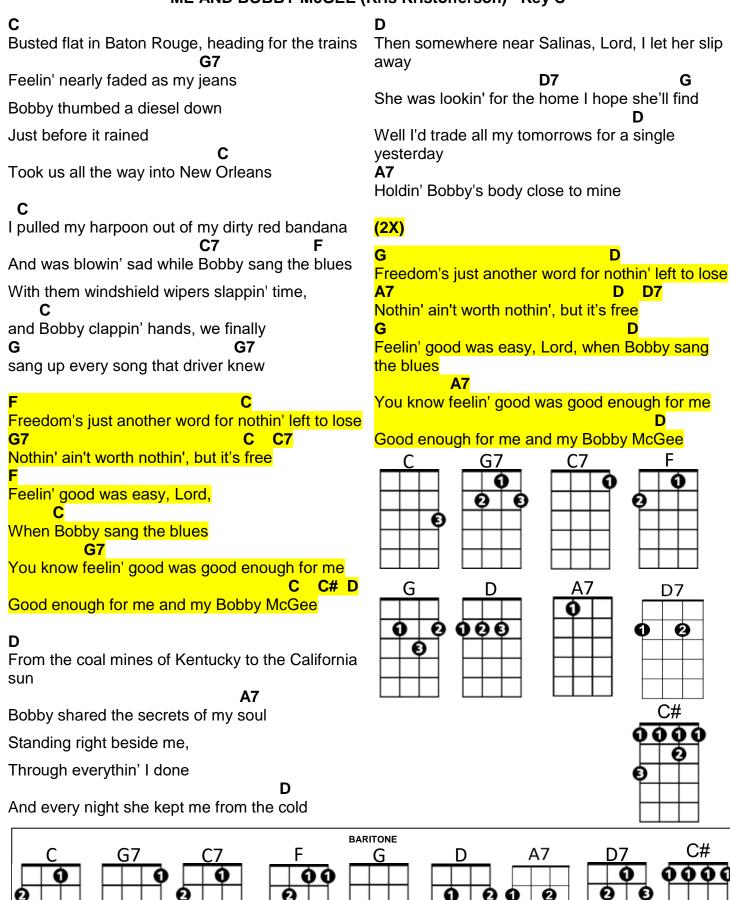
Living his grey flannel life

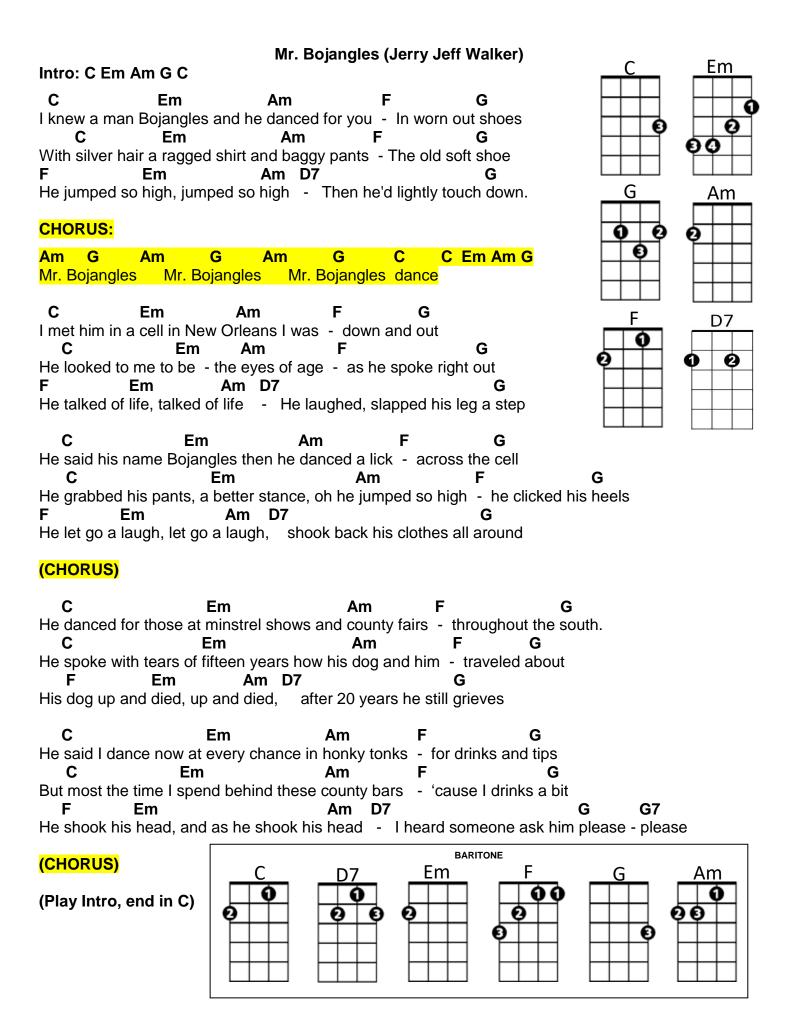
(Chorus) / (Reprise)

Dm



ME AND BOBBY McGEE (Kris Kristofferson) Key C





Proud Mary (Creedence Clearwater Revival)

Intro: FD/FD/FDC BbG

G

Left a good job in the city, workin' for the man every night and day

And I never lost one minute of sleepin', worryin' 'bout the way things might have been

D Em

Big wheel keep on turnin', Proud Mary keep on burnin'

G

Rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river

G

Cleaned a lot of plates in Memphis, pumped a lot of pain down in New Orleans

But I never saw the good side of the city, 'til I hitched a ride on a river boat queen

D Em

Big wheel keep on turnin', Proud Mary keep on burnin'

G

Rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river

(Repeat Intro)

(Instrumental verse)

G

Rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river

(Repeat Intro)



If you come down to the river, bet you're gonna find some people who live

You don't have to worry, 'cause you have no money, people on the river are happy to give

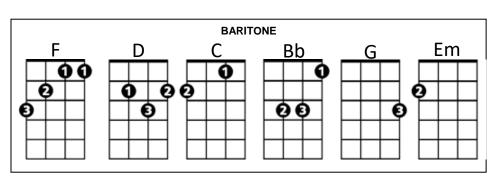
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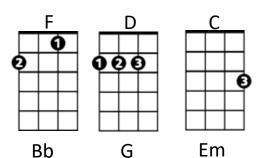
Big wheel keep on turnin', Proud Mary keep on burnin',

G

Rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river

(Repeat Intro)





St. James Infirmary Blues (Traditional)

It was down at old Joe's bar room Am F7 C E7 At the corner by the square Am E7 Am And the usual crowd was there Am E7 Am And the usual crowd was there Am E7 Am And as he looked at the gang around him F7 E7 Am These were the very words he said. Am E7 Am I went down to St. James Infirmary Am E7 Am I saw my baby there Am E7 Am I want six crap-shooters for my pall-beare Let her go. Let her go, God bless her Am F7 C E7 Wherever she may be Am E7 Am She may search this wide world over F7 E7 Am And never find another man like me Instrumental Verse Am E7 Am When I die just bury me Am E7 Am F7 C E7 In my high-top Stetson hat Am F7 E7 Am To let the Lord know I died standing pat I want six crap-shooters for my pall-beare
At the corner by the square Am E7 Am They were serving drinks as usual F7 E7 Am And the usual crowd was there Am E7 Am And the usual crowd was there Am E7 Am And never find another man like me Instrumental Verse Am E7 Am His eyes were bloodshot red Am E7 Am And as he looked at the gang around him F7 E7 Am These were the very words he said. Am E7 Am I went down to St. James Infirmary Am F7 C E7 I saw my baby there Am E7 Am Am E7 Am To let the Lord know I died standing pat
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Am E7 Am T7 Am E7 Am
SHEICHED OULOH A 10HO WINE IADIE - LAN LAN LWAIN SIX CIAD-SHOOLEIS IOLIHV DAIFDEALE:
F7 E7 Am I want six crap-shooters for my pall-bearer
So young, so cold, so fair A chorus girl to sing me a song
Am E7 Am
Am E7 Am F7 Place a jazz band on my hearse wagon
Seventeen coal-black horses F7 E7 Am
Am F7 C E7 To raise hell as we roll along
Hitched to a rubber-tied hack
Am E7 Am E7 Am
Seven girls goin' to the graveyard Now that you've heard my story
F7 E7 Am \overline{C} Am F7 C E7
Only six of them are coming back I'll take another shot of booze
Am E7 Am
And if anyone here should ask you
F7 E7 Am
BARITONE I've got the gambler's blues
A 0 57 57
Am C E7 F 7 Instrumental Verse, end on Am

The Ella B (The Amazing Rhythm Aces) Key C

C Have you ever took a boat ride It takes about a week ~ To get back down that ol' river Down the Mississippi Well if you ever do you oughta take it on the Once you get on board you just wish Ella B It would last forever G7 Oh you just sit out on the deck, Cause she starts off in St. Louis in Missouri Fish off the side all day And she takes you down to New Orleans and Watch the sunny southland roll by On out to the sea And dream your blues away Well you heard about the good Queen Mary Well you heard about the ship Titanic ~ That sailed on the seven seas Sailing on the northern sea But you ain't never took no boat ride, But you ain't never took no boat ride, Till' you been riding on the Ella B Till' you been riding on the Ella B C **G7** Her accommodations are among the best Give you three square meals a day Well there ain't no tourist class ~ And a place to rest And it ain't too fast You just smell them ol' hot biscuits Just one for all and we' re having a blast And the country ham Good 'ol fried chicken, mashed potatoes And candied yams Well you heard about the Constitution ~ Fightin'n th' Revolutionary War **BARITONE** For America's inland Navy She's the finest from shore to shore

BRIDGE: Chords for verse

when the Saints Go Marc	ning in (James wicFarkland)
Intro: G D7 G	
G	G
Oh, when the saints go marching in D7	Oh, when the rev-elation comes D7
Oh, when the saints go marching in G G7 C	Oh, when the revelation comes G G7 C
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number G D7 G	Oh Lord, I want to be in that number G D7 G
When the saints go marching in	When the revelation comes
G	G
Oh, when the trumpet sounds the call D7	Oh, when the sun begins to shine D7
Oh, when the trumpet sounds the call G G7 C	Oh, when the sun begins to shine G G7 C
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number G D7 G	Oh Lord, I want to be in that number G D7 G
When the trumpet sounds the call	When the sun begins to shine
G	G
Oh, when the band begins to play D7	Oh, on that hal-lelujah day D7
Oh, when the band begins to play G G C	Oh, on that hallelujah day G G C
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number G D7 G	Oh Lord, I want to be in that number G D7 G
When the band begins to play	On that hallelujah day
G	G
Oh, when the stars fall from the sky D7	Yes, when the saints go marching in D7
Oh, when the stars fall from the sky G G C	Yes, when the saints go marching in G G7 C
Oh Lord, I want to be in that num ber G D7 G	Yes Lord, I want to be in that number G D7 G
When the stars fall from the sky	When the saints go marching in G C D7 G
G D7 G7 C	Halla lu-uuu ja BARITONE
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You're No Good (Clint Ballard, Jr.) (Linda Rondstadt arrangement)

Intro: Am D7 / Am D7 / Am D7

D7 D7 Am Am Feeling better now that we're through Am **D7** Am **D7** Feeling better 'cause I'm over you G C I learned my lesson, it left a scar Am **D7 E7** Now I see how you really are

Am D7
And I'm going my way
Am D7
Forget about you baby
Am D7
'Cause I'm leaving to day

Am

I'm telling you now baby

Chorus:

Am
You're no good, you're no good,
Am
You're no good
D7 Am D7
Baby you're no good
Am D7
I'm gonna say it again

I'm gonna say it again

Am

You're no good, you're no good,

Am

You're no good

D7

Am

D7

Baby you're no good

Am **D7** Am **D7** I broke a heart that's gentle and true Am **D7** Am **D7** Well I broke a heart over someone like you G I'll beg his forgiveness on bended knee **D7 F7** Am I wouldn't blame him if he said to me

(CHORUS)

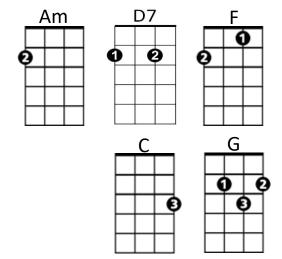
D7 Am D7 Oh, oh no

(TACET)

You're no good, you're no good, You're no good Baby you're no go -oo - od

D7

(Repeat Intro) end on Am



(CHORUS)

