

Nine Pound Hammer (Merle Travis) Key C

Intro: C F7 / C G7 C

C F7

This nine pound hammer is a little too heavy

C G7 C

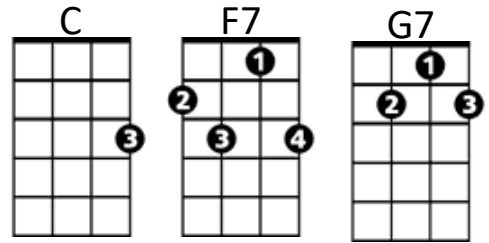
Buddy for my size, buddy for my size

C F7

I'm going on the mountain, gonna see my baby

C G7 C

But I ain't coming back, no I ain't coming back



Chorus:

C F7

Roll on buddy, don't you roll so slow

C G7 C

How can I roll, when the wheels won't go

C F7

Roll on buddy, pull your load of coal

C G7 C

Now, how can I pull, when the wheels won't roll

C F7

This nine pound hammer, killed John Henry

C G7 C

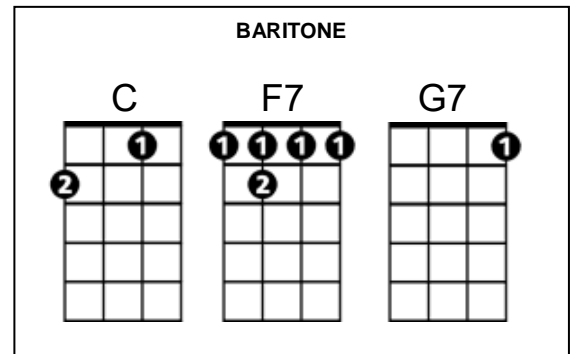
But it won't get me, ain't a-gonna get me

C F7

Well I'm just a poor boy, a long ways from home

C G7 C

Down in Tennessee, down in Tennessee



(Chorus)

C F7

It's a long way to Harlan, it's a long way to Hazard

C G7 C

Just to get a little brew, just to get a little brew

C F7

Well when I'm long gone, just make my tombstone

C G7 C

Out of number nine coal, out of number nine coal

(Chorus)

(Outro)

G7 C

How can I roll, roll, roll, when the wheels won't go?

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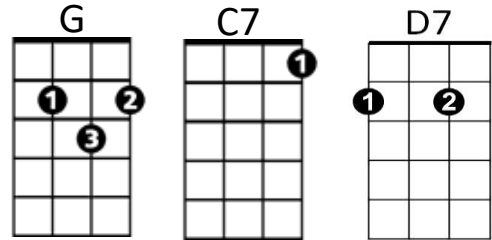
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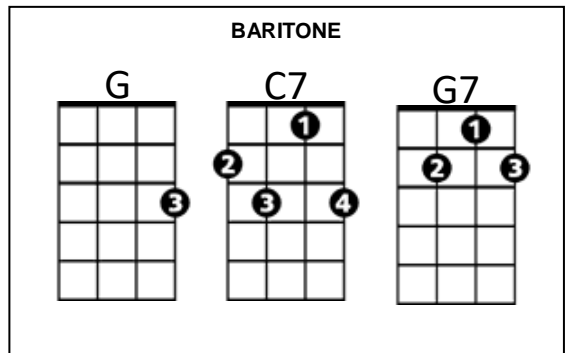
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