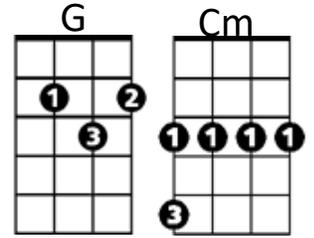


# If I Were a Rich Man (Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock)

## Intro: G

Dear God, you made many, many poor people.  
I realize, of course, that it's no shame to be poor~ But it's no great honor, either.  
So what would have been so terrible if I had a small fortune?



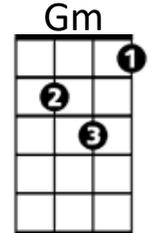
## CHORUS:

**G**  
If I were a rich man, Daidle deedle daidle, Daidle daidle deedle daidle dum

**Cm Gm A7 D**  
All day long I'd biddy biddy bum, if I were a wealthy man

**G**  
I wouldn't have to work hard, Daidle deedle daidle, Daidle daidle deedle daidle dum

**Cm Gm D7 G**  
If I were a biddy biddy rich, Daidle deedle daidle daidle man

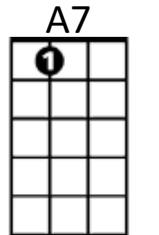


**Cm F7 Bb Gm**  
I'd build a big tall house with rooms by the dozen, right in the middle of the town

**Cm F G (E7)**  
A fine tin roof with real wooden floors below

**Cm F Bb Gm**  
There would be one long staircase just going up, and one even longer coming down,

**Cm Gdim D**  
And one more leading nowhere, just for show



**Cm F7**  
I'd fill my yard with chicks and turkeys and geese

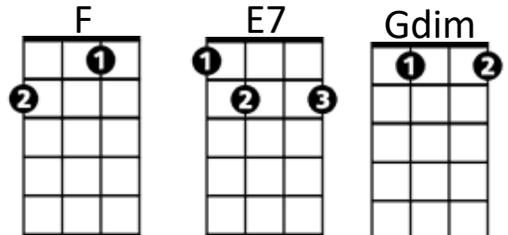
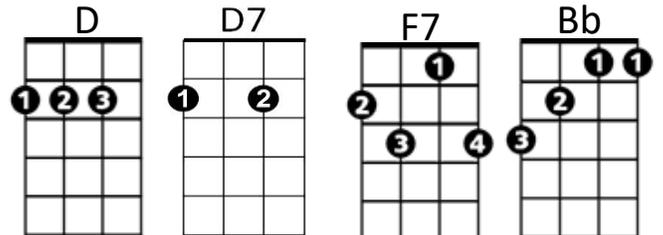
**Bb Gm**  
And ducks for the town to see and hear

**Cm F G (E7)**  
Squawking just as noisily as they can

**Cm F**  
And each loud "cheep" and "squawk" and "honk" and "quack"

**Bb Gm**  
Would land like a trumpet on the ear,

**Cm Gdim D**  
As if to say, "Here lives a wealthy man"



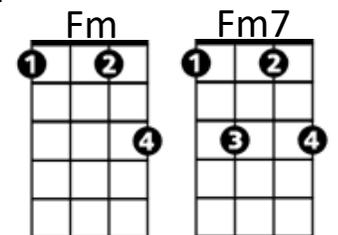
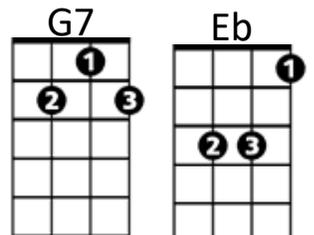
## (Chorus)

**Cm F7 Bb Gm**  
I see my wife, my Golde, looking like a rich man's wife with a proper double chin

**Cm F G (E7)**  
Supervising meals to her heart's delight

**Cm F Bb Gm**  
I see her putting on airs and strutting like a peacock, Oh what a happy mood she's in

**Cm Gdim D**  
Screaming at the servants, day and night



## (Chorus)

**G7** **Eb**  
*The most important men in town will come to fawn on me*  
**Cm**  
*They will ask me to advise them, like a Solomon the Wise*  
**Fm** **Fm7**  
*"If you please, Reb Tevye?" "Pardon me, Reb Tevye?"*  
**G**  
*Posing problems that would cross a rabbi's eyes*  
*Ya va voy, ya va voy voy vum*

**Cm** **F** **Bb** **Gm**  
 And it won't make one bit of difference if I answer right or wrong  
**Cm** **Gdim** **D**  
 When you're rich they think you really know.

**Cm** **F7** **Bb** **Gm**  
 If I were rich, I'd have the time that I lack to sit in the synagogue and pray,  
**Cm** **F** **G** **(E7)**  
 And maybe have a seat by the Eastern wall,  
**Cm** **F** **Bb** **Gm**  
 And I'd discuss the holy books with the learned men, seven hours every day  
**Cm** **Gdim** **D**  
 That would be the sweetest thing of all ~ Oy!

**G**  
 If I were a rich man, Daidle deedle daidle, Daidle daidle deedle daidle dum  
**Cm** **Gm** **A7** **D**  
 All day long I'd biddy biddy bum, if I were a wealthy man  
**G**  
 I wouldn't have to work hard, Daidle deedle daidle, Daidle daidle deedle daidle dum  
**Cm** **Gm**  
 Lord who made the lion and the lamb,  
**Cm** **Gm**  
 You decreed I should be what I am  
**Cm** **Gm**  
 Would it spoil some vast, eternal plan,  
**D** **D7 G** **D7 G**  
 If ~ I were a weal-ty man?

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The diagram shows the following chord fingerings:

- G**: 3rd fret, 5th string.
- Cm**: 1st fret, 2nd string; 2nd fret, 4th string; 4th fret, 5th string.
- Gm**: 3rd fret, 5th string; 1st fret, 2nd, 3rd, 4th strings; 3rd fret, 6th string.
- D7**: 2nd fret, 4th string; 1st fret, 5th string; 3rd fret, 6th string.
- F7**: 1st fret, 2nd, 3rd, 4th strings; 2nd fret, 5th string.
- A7**: 2nd fret, 5th string; 1st fret, 6th string.
- Bb**: 1st fret, 6th string; 2nd fret, 4th string; 3rd fret, 5th string.
- F**: 1st fret, 2nd, 3rd strings; 2nd fret, 4th string; 3rd fret, 5th string.
- Eb**: 1st fret, 2nd, 3rd, 4th strings; 2nd fret, 5th string; 3rd fret, 6th string.
- Fm**: 1st fret, 2nd, 3rd strings; 3rd fret, 5th string.
- Fm7**: 1st fret, 2nd, 3rd, 4th strings; 3rd fret, 5th string.