



Rocket City UkeFest Songbook

Song	
Down to the River to Play	
Leaving on a Jet Plane	
Mountain Dew	
Rocky Top	
Yellow Bird	
A Summer Song	Alt.

Down to the River to Pray (Traditional)

Chorus 1:

G
As I went down in the river to pray
D7 **G**
Studying about that good old way

And who shall wear the starry crown
D7 C **G**
Good lord, show me the way

D7 **G**
O sisters, let's go down
C **G**
Let's go down, come on down
D7 **G**
O sisters, let's go down,
C **G**
Down in the river to pray

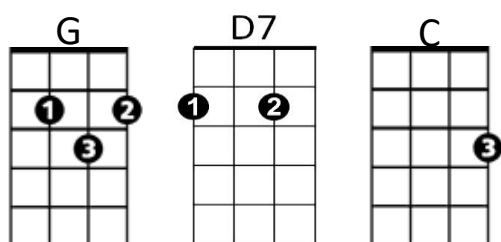
Chorus 2:

G
As I went down in the river to pray
D7 **G**
Studying about that good old way

And who shall wear the robe and crown
D7 C **G**
Good lord, show me the way

D7 **G**
O Brothers, let's go down
C **G**
Let's go down, come on down
D7 **G**
Come on Brothers, let's go down,
C **G**
Down in the river to pray

(Chorus 1)



D7 **G**
O Fathers, let's go down
C **G**
Let's go down, come on down
D7 **G**
O Fathers, let's go down,
C **G**
Down in the river to pray

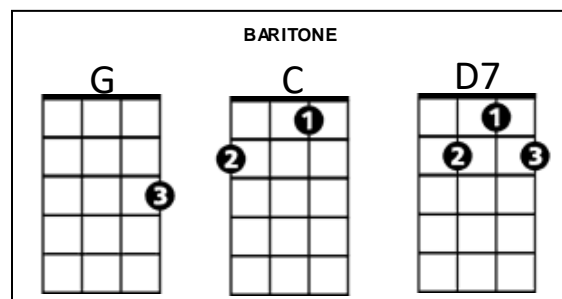
(Chorus 2)

D7 **G**
O Mothers, let's go down
C **G**
Come on down, don't you wanna go down
D7 **G**
Come on Mothers, let's go down,
C **G**
Down in the river to pray

(Chorus 1)

D7 **G**
O Sinners, let's go down
C **G**
Let's go down, come on down
D7 **G**
O Sinners, let's go down,
C **G**
Down in the river to pray

(Chorus 2)



Mountain Dew (William York)

G
There's a big holler tree
G7
Down the road here from me
C **G**
Where you lay down a dollar or two
Well you go round the bend
And when you come back again
D7 **G**
There's a jug full of good ole mountain dew

Chorus:

G **G7**
Oh they call it that ole mountain dew
C **G**
And them that refuse it are few
G
I'll shut up my mug if you fill up my jug
D7 **G**
With some good ole mountain dew

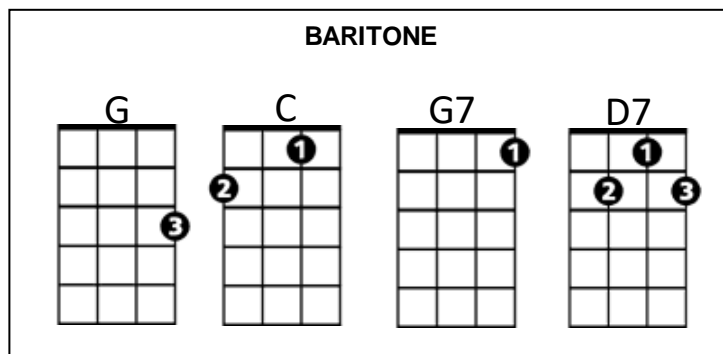
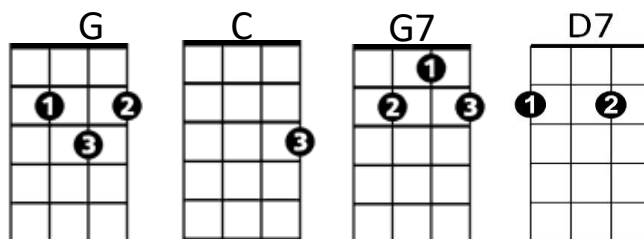
G
Now my uncle Mort,
G7
He's sawed off and short
C **G**
He measures about four foot two
But he thinks he's a giant
When you give him a pint
D7 **G**
Of that good ole mountain dew

G
Well my ole aunt June
G7
Bought some brand new perfume
C **G**
It had such a sweet-smellin' P-U
But to her surprise when she had it analyzed
D7 **G**
It was nothin' but good ole mountain dew

G
Well the preacher rolled by
G7
With his head heisted high
C **G**
Said his wife had been down with the flu
And he thought that I ought
Just to sell him a quart
D7 **G**
Of that good ole mountain dew

G **G7**
Well my brother Bill's got a still on the hill
C **G**
Where he runs of a gallon or two
The buzzards in the sky
Get so drunk, they can't fly
D7 **G**
From smellin' that good ole mountain dew

(Chorus)



Rocky Top (Rick James) Key C

C **F** **C**
 Wish that I was on ol' Rocky Top
Am **G** **C**
 Down in the Tennessee hills
C **F** **C**
 Ain't no smoggy smoke on Rocky Top
Am **G** **C**
 Ain't no telephone bills

C **F** **C**
 Once I had a girl on Rocky Top
Am **G** **C**
 Half bear, other half cat
C **F** **C**
 Wild as a mink, but sweet as soda pop
Am **G** **C**
 I still dream about that

Chorus:

Am **G**
 Rocky Top, you'll always be
Bb **F**
 Home sweet home to me
F **C**
 Good ol' Rocky Top
C **Bb** **C**
 Rocky Top, Tennes-see
C **Bb** **C**
 Rocky Top, Tennes-see

C **F** **C**
 Once two strangers climbed ol' Rocky
 Top
Am **G** **C**
 Lookin' for a moonshine still
C **F** **C**
 Strangers ain't come down from Rocky
 Top
Am **G** **C**
 Reck-on they never will

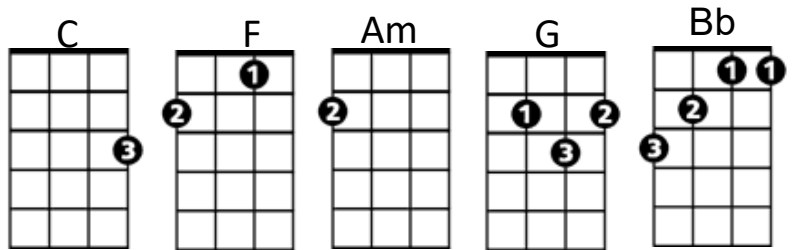
C **F** **C**
 Corn won't grow at all on Rocky Top
Am **G** **C**
 Dirt's too rocky by far
C **F** **C**
 That's why all the folks on Rocky Top
Am **G** **C**
 Get their corn from a jar

(Chorus)

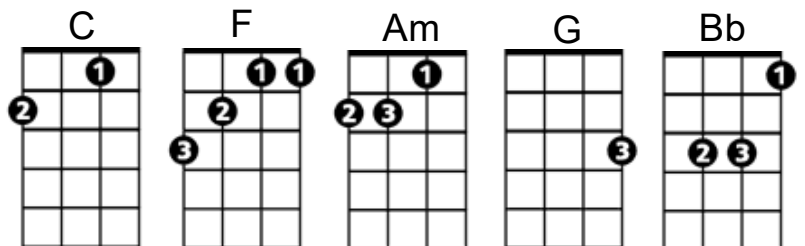
C **F** **C**
 I've had years of cramped-up city life
Am **G** **C**
 Trapped like a duck in a pen
C **F** **C**
 All I know is it's a pity life
Am **G** **C**
 Can't be simple again

(Chorus)

C **Bb** **F** **C**
 Rocky Top, Tennes – see – ee – ee



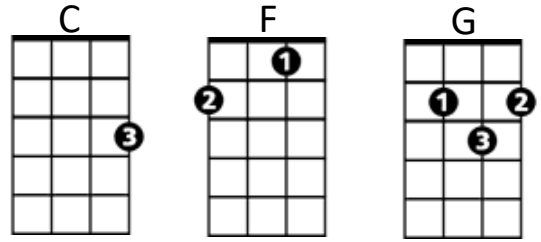
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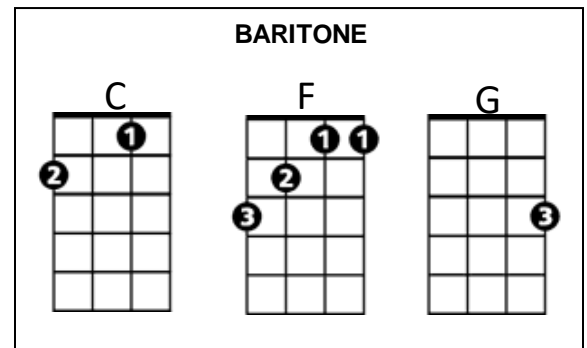
Yellow Bird (Alan and Marilyn Bergman /Michel Mauléart Monton)

INTRO: C F G C (melody of last line of song)

C **G** **C**
 Yellow bird, up high in banana tree.
C **G** **C**
 Yellow bird, you sit all alone like me.
F **C**
 Did your lady friend, leave the nest again?
G **C**
 That is very sad, makes me feel so bad.
F **C**
 You can fly away, in the sky away..
G **C**
 You're more lucky than me.



C **G** **C**
 I also have a pretty girl, she's not with me, today.
C **F**
 They're all the same, the pretty girls.
G **C**
 Make them the nest.. Then they fly away.



C **G** **C**
 Yellow bird, up high in banana tree.
C **G** **C**
 Yellow bird, you sit all alone like me.
F **C**
 Better fly away, in the sky away.
G **C**
 Picker coming soon, pick from night to noon.
F **C**
 Black on yellow, you, like banana, too.
G **C**
 They might pick you someday.

C **F** **G** **C**
 Wish that I were a yellow bird..I'd fly away with you.
C **F**
 But I am not a yellow bird..
G **C**
 So, here I sit, nothing else to do. Yellow bird .. yellow bird .. yellow bird..

A Summer Song (Chad & Jeremy) Key C

Intro: C Em F G

C Em F G C Em F
 Trees swaying in the summer breeze
 G C Em F G C
 Showing off their silver leaves as we walked by
 Em F G C Em F
 Soft kisses on a summer's day
 G C Em
 Laughing all our cares a-way
 F G C Em F G
 Just you and I

C Em F G C Em F
 Sweet sleepy warmth of summer nights
 G C Em F
 Gazing at the distant lights
 G C Em F G
 In the starry sky

BRIDGE:

F G C Am
 They say that all good things must end, someday,
 F G Am
 Autumn leaves must fall
 C E7
 But don't you know, that it hurts me so,
 Am Em Dm
 To say goodbye to you ooo,
 Am G Am G
 Wish you didn't have to go, No, no, no, no...

C Em F
 And when the rain
 G C Em F
 Beats against my window pane
 G C Em F
 I'll think of summer days a-gain
 G C Em F G
 And dream of you

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