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Buying And Setting Up An Autoharp

(These are condensed notes from the original author)

Exactly what kind of autoharp you want to buy depends on what you want to do with it and how much you want to spend. My personal principle with all musical instruments is simple: spend the money to get a good one. A cheap, poor quality instrument will simply frustrate you. It will be more difficult to play, be less satisfying when you do, and be resaleable for less money when you give up. Pay what you have to for good quality, and you will learn more easily, enjoy it more, and, if you do decide to give the instrument up, be able to resell it more easily and for a better price.

It is, however, not always intuitively obvious what constitutes a "good quality" autoharp, and this instrument may be the one exception to the rule. The high-end, handmade autoharps, such as those from Evo Bluestein, Orthey, and others are of course the most expensive, and my impression is that they can run you anywhere from \$800 to \$1500. The most common make of autoharp you'll find out there is Oscar Schmidt, and these are factoryproduced jobs that run, new, anywhere from \$250 (street) to \$650 (list) depending on the model and the source. It does seem to me that if you're going to spend enough money for a high-end autoharp you might as well have it custom-made to your exact requirements, and you're not going to know what those are until you've been playing for a while. On the other hand, I do think it's silly to spend \$650 on an OS mass-produced instrument if you can get a hand-made one for not much more.

My advice, however, is NOT to buy a new Oscar Schmidt autoharp unless you do so from a shop that really knows what it's doing in setting it up, such as Michigan's Elderly Instruments. My OS harp sounds fine, but it took quite a bit of work to get it that way, some of which I'd have had to do for any OS harp, and some of it because of the low price, which meant I did all my own set-up. Instrument store owners of my acquaintance tell me that after Oscar Schmidt (now owned by Washburn) moved its autoharp production to the Far East, the build quality of the instruments plummeted. It was, they tell me, common for harps to arrive cracked. Mine arrived in good condition, but it had never been tuned, there were buzzes in places where the pins had not been milled correctly, and several of the strings were so short that when they popped out of the tuning pins I couldn't get them to reset and had to buy new strings. It is not uncommon even for an expert technician to spend a couple of days getting the autoharp ready for sale. If you buy a new OS inexpensively (as I did), be prepared to put in the work. If you are not an experienced musician and do not have a good ear, pay more and buy from a shop that will do the tuning and setup for you. Otherwise you will probably have a miserable couple of weeks tuning the harp every day.

My advice if you're beginning the instrument and want to limit how much you spend is to look for a used OS in the 20-30 years old range. You'll still get a good instrument (assuming it's been reasonably well taken care of by its previous owner), but you'll know it's not going to fall apart and it will be in playing shape. Elderly Instruments (in the US) and Hobgoblin in the UK both get occasional used autoharps, but the primary source at the moment seems to be eBay, with all the normal risks that buying sight unheard over the Net involves. So far, I've bought two autoharps, both OS21s, one new, one 24 years old, over eBay and it's been a fine experience. But be careful "Out There".

Hobgoblin sells some used autoharps, including the old black 12- or 15chord harps, either OS or a German make. The suppliers at UK Autoharps can probably help you find a better instrument, and there are some listed on eBay UK, though the numbers are very thin and most of the instruments are, again, those old, black jobs. This may be the moment to take that vacation in central Pennsylvania, Michigan, or upstate New York you've always dreamed of.

<u>Accessories</u>

You will not need much in the way of accessories. Most autoharps, new or used, come with a tuning wrench and at least some picks. If you want to play any of the modern styles, you will need a thumbpick and three fingerpicks. For the latter, I prefer Dunlop 0.25 gauge, as these can be shaped to fit but aren't so soft that they get easily bent in transit. I would never consider using an electronic tuner for a guitar or banjo, but for autoharp it really does make a huge difference, particularly when the harp or its strings are new. I have a Korg CA-30 chromatic tuner with a suction cup pickup I can shmush onto the anchor cover. Ideally, you do want a tuner that shows you what the exact pitch is. This is because even with an electronic tuner you do end up tempering the pitch a bit (another Google search, if you don't understand this), and if you have a readout that tells you what the pitch is when you're happy with it, you can match it more easily next time. If you want to play the autoharp standing up (recommended, certainly for singing, if you're going to perform in front of an audience at all), you will want to attach a strap. To do this on any of the OS harps, you will need to install strap buttons as per the picture about halfway down this page (******NOTE MISSING PICTURE****). You may want to get a professional to drill the necessary holes, but if you do, make sure s/he understands where the buttons go. Once you have the buttons, a guitar strap works fine. There are, of course, many more modifications you can make -- they make pickups for autoharp, for example -- but you don't need more than this to get started. If you like to learn out of books, there are a number to choose from, available from music shops or from Elderly Instruments.

The one other thing you may want to spend money on is a good case. Autoharps are wonderfully portable instruments (no fights over carrying *these* guys on aircraft), but the standard nylon "gig bag" sold by Oscar Schmidt is pitifully inadequately padded, and the cardboard ("chipboard") cases many of the old ones come with is even worse. I'd advise against the other extreme, the hard, velvet-lined variety because although they protect the instrument admirably they are so heavy they take away the fun of having something you can take with you more easily than a laptop. I vote for well padded, well made cases. Tough Traveler makes some gig bags, but has yet to answer my query about autoharp bags. At the moment, Blue Heron and Colorado Cases make high-quality, well-padded gig bags for autoharp, and while these are expensive (about \$150 including shipping within the US), you don't have to take your nylon OS bag many places before the stitching starts to rip and you hit something and get a dent in the instrument you've just finished customizing.

How Many Chords?

It all depends what you want to do with your autoharp. But as a general rule, I'd say the more the better. If you're buying one of those very old black jobs with 12 bars because it's cheap and pretty, be aware that what you can do with the harp is going to be very limited. You will wind up either a) only playing songs with three or four chords in them or b) only playing in one or two keys with a greater range of chords available in each. For general playing and accompanying singing, I'd make a strong pitch for either buying a 21-chord harp (the maximum you usually see on the market) or buying a 21-chord assembly to install on one of those older harps. You can get the assemblies from any of the specialist retailers such as Elderly or *****Andy's Front Hall******.

You will at some point come across references to chromatic versus diatonic autoharps. The average autoharp you buy, unless otherwise specified, is chromatic. That means that it has all the notes in a scale on the piano, both white and black keys. This is the most versatile in terms of having many different notes available, but is limited in terms of the number of notes filling out each chord. My recommendation: unless you know you want a diatonic harp for some reason (in which case you're probably too advanced to be reading this), stick with your chromatic harp until you've learned the basics of how to play it and your ideas about what kind of music you want to play on it are taking shape. You can convert a chromatic harp into a diatonic (and vice versa); to do so, expect to change both the set of chord bars and their layout *and* the stringing schedule -- that is, the pattern in which the strings are tuned. This may in turn involve buying some new strings to ensure that the retuned strings do not overly stress the instrument. (Thirty-six strings tuned up to pitch put a lot of tension on that sound board.)

What To Play

You're in luck. A three-CD collection called "Autoharp Legacy" has recently been released that covers the gamut of modern playing styles. To get a feel for what you can do on this instrument, buy it, and listen all the way through. The set can be purchased for about \$40 (October, 2010). Google for "Autoharp Legacy CD"

<u>Setting Up Your Instrument</u>

Assuming you've bought an OS harp from one of these sources, you are likely to find that some work will greatly improve its playability. This is work you will not have to do on the handmade harps, as the people making those all tend to play themselves and therefore have designed harps that are much easier to play.

There are two main things that you might want to do to an OS harp to make it more playable. One: lower the action of the chord bars so it's more responsive. Two: change the chord bar layout to make it more convenient. Most of what you need to know about the first of these is at *****Chuck Daniels' how-to page***. The one comment I'd make is that if it's prohibitively expensive or logistically difficult for you to get his diecut molefoam quieting button template, I found that I could get reasonable results by using small pieces of molefoam to fill around the buttonholes inside the chordbar assembly. It's not going to win any beauty contests, and it's not as elegant as the job he would do, and it may all fall out in another few months, but so far, so good. The rest of his instructions regarding lowering the chord bars themselves I followed pretty much as given.

Chord Bar Layouts

I probably spent about two weeks reading everyone's ideas on chord bar layouts. It seems as though everyone who plays autoharp has *the* definitive chord bar layout. After reading the relevant threads on Mudcat and elsewhere, I made up a big sheet of paper with everyone's layouts on them. And then I constructed *the* definitive layout, which is what I am currently using.

The vogue for changing the chord bar layout began, I believe, with Bryan Bowers, the father of modern autoharp playing. The fact is that if you want to be able to pick out melodies and have a shot at playing fiddle tunes and complex melodies, you will need to find a layout that suits you. This may or may not include changing the actual chords themselves.

If you do want to change the chords, you can do so either by removing the existing felt and replacing it (you can buy chord bar felt by the foot from *****Elderly, Andy's Front Hall, or the UK suppliers listed at UK Autoharps****) or by buying blank chord bars (from the same sources), which come with the felt and button you need, and making the custom chords you want.

Several of the people I read on the subject of chord bars and layouts were adamant that any autoharp needs the three diminished chords (if you don't understand what these are or why there are only three, you probably need to read up on some music theory; try a Google search).

The chord bar layout below assumes you're using the standard OS set of 21 bars and have made no substitutions. Configured this way, your chromatic harp will have the fullest chords and be the most versatile in F, C, and Bb, and their relative minors. While these are *terrible* keys for playing with fiddlers (or mandolins) in sessions, for many people they are good keys for singing. My second harp, which is another OS21C, I intend to optimize for the fiddle keys D, G, and A. I decided there would be advantages in having two identical harps that would use the same parts.

This layout isn't perfect for every situation, but then no layout will be. I decided after some thought that the procession of major chords in fifths up the center would provide a valuable "home row" (to borrow a typewriter expression), and so it has proved. The layout is designed to use the same configuration in all keys as far as is possible given the uneven chord list, so that if you need to change keys you can without putting much thought in to it. It is a little more awkward playing in minor keys, as it's a bigger stretch to the major 7th chords, but it does work. As a side note, if you wanted to play a single note, you can do so by pressing two adjacent chord bars simultaneously (eg, the C and F, which are next to each other, if pressed together, will give you all the Cs on the harp but nothing else). I'm convinced this could be a usable gambit for getting a specific note when you don't have the appropriate chord, but have yet to incorporate it into anything. Here's the layout: Chord Bar Layout (21 Button)

_____ ______ Ab Bb7 F7 C7 G7 D7 A7 My autoharp Eb Bb F С G D Α Cm Gm Dm Am Em E7 **B7** In addition, for reference, here is the original factory layout. It has the same buttons as the above but in different positions. Eb Bb F С G D Α A7 F7 C7 G7 D7 E7 B7 Ab Bb7 Cm Gm Dm Am Em Here is another slightly different layout which is the same as the previous layout except for the row with the minor chord buttons. Eb Bb F С G Mercedes autoharp D Α F7 **C7** G7 D7 A7 E7 B7

Gm Dm Am Em Cm Bb7 Ab

Chord Bar Layout (15 Buttons)

*D	G	Sm A7	Dm		E7	Am	(D7)		
	-	-					. ,		
*Eb	* 🕫 7	Bb	C7	F	G7	(C)	(G)		
			07	Ľ	Gr		(9)		

Chord Bar Layout (12 Buttons)

Same a	s 15	bar b	ut :	four	buttor	ns mis	sing	
	Gm	A7		Dm	Е7	 Am	(D7)	
		Bb	C7	F	G7	(C)	(G)	

The following chords are on 21 bar but not on 15 or 12 bar autoharps: Ab, A, Bb7, B7, Cm, Em

Following chords are on 21 bar and 15 bar but not on 12 bar: D, Eb, F7

Keys on the Autoharp

The following keys are available on the above layouts:

Key	of	Α	(A	D	E7)[*]	21	bar,	15	bar		
key	of	С	(C	FC	G7) [Am]	21	bar,	15	bar,	12	bar
Key	of	D	(D	G	A7)[Bm*]	21	bar,	15	bar		
Key	of	Е	(E	Α	B7)[*]	21					
key	of	F	(F	Bb	C7)[Dm]	21	bar,	15	bar,	12	bar
Key	of	G	(G	С	D7)	21	bar,	15	bar,	12	bar
Key	of	Am	(Ar	n Dr	n E7)	21	bar,	15	bar,	12	bar
Key	of	Dm	(Dr	n Gr	n A7)	21	bar,	15	bar,	12	bar
Key	of	Em	(Er	n Ar	n B7)	21	bar				
Key	of	Gm	(Gr	n Cr	n D7)	21	bar				

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How To Practice The Autoharp

- Write down all the chords.
- Find chords on autoharp.
- Plan how to play chords (which fingers).try to stick to chosen finger position.
- Play first chord to hear starting note.
- Play in chunks (until next chord change).
- Play slowly.
- Pause until holding new chord.
- Play with notes (words and chords).
- Play with notes (words, No chords).
- Play without notes (known words and chords).

- Play without notes (unknown words and chords). Note: In some songs in the book, some chords are marked with a strike-through (e.g. $\{C7\}$). These chords can be ignored to make it easier for a beginner to get started playing the song. As the player gets better, these chords can be included. <u>Songs For Autoharp</u>

<u>Amazing Grace (F)</u> (F Bb C7)

[F]Amazing grace how [Bb]sweet the [F]sound That saved a wretch like [C7]me I [F]once was lost but [Bb]now I'm [F]found Was blind but [C7]now I [F]see

[F]'Twas grace that taught my [Bb]heart to [F]fear and grace my fears re- [C7]lieved How [F]precious did that [Bb]grace ap- [F]pear the hour I [C7]first be- [F]lieved

[F]Through many dangers, [Bb]toils and [F]snares
I have already [C7]come
"Tis [F]grace hath brought me [Bb]safe thus [F]far
and grace will [C7]lead me [F]home

[F]When we've been there ten [Bb]thousand [F]years Bright shining as the [C7]sun We've [F]no less days to [Bb]sing God's [F]praise than when we [C7]first be- [F]gun

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL (G C D7[D A7])

[G]O beautiful for [D]spacious skies, for [D7]amber [C]waves of [G]gra-[D]ain for [G]purple mountain [D]majesties above the [A7]fruited [D]pl- [D7]ain A- [G]merica, A- [D]merica! God [D7]shed his [C]grace on [G]the- [G7]ee and [C]crown thy good with [G]brotherhood from [C]sea to [D7]shining [G]se- [D7]a. [G]O beautiful for [D]patriot dream

that [D7]sees be- [C]yond the [G] ye- [D]ars,

Thine [G]alabaster [D]cities gleam

undimmed by [A7]human [D]te- [D7]ars .

A- [G]merica, A- [D]merica!

God [D7]shed his [C]grace on [G]the- [G7]ee and [C]crown thy good with [G]brotherhood

from [C]sea to [D7]shining [G]se- [D7]a.

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ANGEL BAND (A D E7 [E])
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My [A]latest sun is [D]sinking [A]fast

My race is [E]nearly [A]run

My strongest trials [D]now are [A]past

My triumph [E]has be[A]gun

Chorus

[E7]Oh, come, [A]angel band

[E]Come and a[A]round me stand

Oh [D]bear me away on your [A]snow white wings

To my im [E7] mortal [A] home

Oh [D]bear me away on your [A]snow white wings To my im[E7]mortal [A]home

Oh [A]bear my longing [D]heart to [A]Him Who bled and [E]died for [A]me Whose blood now cleanses [D]from all [A]sin And gives me [E]victor[A]y.

Auld Lang Syne (D G A7)

[D] Should auld acquaintance [A7] be forgot

And [D] never brought to [G] mind

Should [D]auld acquaintance [A7]be forgot

And [G]days of auld lang [D]syne

For auld lang [A7] syne, my dear,

For [D]auld lang [G]syne,

We'll [D]take a cup o' [A7]kindness yet

For [G]days of auld lang [D]syne

AURA LEE (G A D7)

[G]As the blackbird [A]in the spring,

[D7] neath the willow[G] tree,

Sat and piped, I [A]heard him sing;

[D7] sing of Aura [G] Lee.

Aura Lee, Aura Lee, maid with golden hair

Sunshine came a- [A]long with thee,

and [D7]swallows in the [G]air.

In thy blush the rose was born, music when you spake. Through thine azure eye, the morn, sparkling seemed to break. Aura Lee, Aura Lee, birds of crimson wing Never song have sung to me as in that night, sweet spring.

Aura Lee, the bird may flee the willow's golden hair Swing through winter fitfully, on the stormy air. Yet if thy blue eyes I see, gloom will soon depart. For to me, sweet Aura Lee is sunshine through the heart.

When the mistletoe was green, midst the winter's snows Sunshine in thy face was seen kissing lips of rose. Aura Lee, Aura Lee, take my golden ring. Love and light return with thee, and swallows with the spring. Battle Hymn Of The Republic (G C D7 [A7])

[G]MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

OF THE COMING OF THE LORD

HE IS [C] TRAMPLING OUT THE VINTAGE

WHERE THE [G]GRAPES OF WRATH ARE STORED

HE HAS LOOSED THE FATEFUL LIGHTNING

OF HIS TERRIBLE SWIFT SWORD

HIS [A7] TRUTH IS [D7] MARCHING [G] ON

[G]GLORY GLORY HALLELUIA,

[C]GLORY GLORY HALLE- [G]LUIA

GLORY GLORY HALLELUIA,

HIS [A7]TRUTH IS [D7]MARCHING [G]ON

<u>Blowing In The Wind</u> (G C D7)

[G] HOW MANY [C] ROADS MUST A [G] MAN WALK DOWN

BEFORE YOU [C]CALL HIM A [G]MAN

HOW MANY [C] SEAS MUST A [G] WHITE DOVE SAIL

BEFORE SHE [C] SLEEPS IN THE [D7] SAND

[G] HOW MANY [C] TIMES MUST THE [G] CANNONBALLS FLY

BEFORE THEY'RE [C]FOR - EVER [G]BANNED

THE [C]ANSWER MY [D7]FRIEND IS [G]BLOWING IN THE WIND

THE [C]ANSWER IS [D7]BLOWING IN THE [G]WIND

Songs for Autoharp - 16 - Ray Voith

<u>Brahm's Lullaby</u> (C F G7)

[C] Lulla- by, and good night, With pink roses be-[G7] dight, With lilies o'er- spread, Is my baby's wee, sweet [C] bed. Lay you [F] down now, and [C] rest, May your [G7] slumber be [C] blessed Lay you [F] down now, and [C] rest, May your [G7] slumber be [C] blessed

[C] Lullaby, and good night, Your mother's de-[G7] light, Shining angels be-side My darling a-[C] bide. Soft and [F] warm is your [C] bed, Close your [G7]eyes, rest your [C]head. Soft and [F] warm is your [C] bed, Close your [G7]eyes, rest your [C]head.

Songs for Autoharp - 17 - Ray Voith

<u>Brahm's Lullaby (German)</u> (C F G7)

[C] Guten Abend, gute Nacht

Mit Rosen be- [G7] dacht,

Mit Naeglein besteckt

schlupf unter die [C] Deck'
Morgen [F] frueh, wenns Gott [C] will
wirst du [G7] wieder ge- [C] weckt
Morgen [F] frueh, wenns Gott [C] will
wirst du [G7] wieder ge- [C] weckt

[C] Guten Abend, gute Nacht Von Englein be- [G7] wacht Die zeigen im Traum dir Christkindleins [C] Baum Schlaf nun [F] selig und [C] suess Schau im [G7] Traum's Para- [C] dies Schlaf nun [F] selig und [C] suess Schau im [G7] Traum's Para- [C] dies

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CARELESS LOVE (C F G7 [C7])

[C]Love, oh, [G7]love, oh careless [C]love, Love, oh, love, oh careless [G7]love, [C]Love, oh, [C7]love, oh [F]careless love, You [C]see what [G7]love has done to [C]me.

I love my mama and papa too, (3 times) I'd leave them both to go with you.

What, oh what, will mama say, (3 times) When she learns I've gone astray.

Once I wore my apron low, (3 times) I couldn't scarcely keep you from my door.

Now my apron strings don't pin, (3 times) You pass my door and you don't come in.

<u>Clementine</u> (C F G7)

[C]In a cavern, in a canyon,

Excavating for a [G7]mine,

Dwelt a [F]miner, forty-[C]niner,

And his [G7]daughter Clemen- [C]tine. Refrain:

[C]Oh my darling, oh my darling, Oh my darling Clemen- [G7]tine You are [F]lost and gone for- [C]ever, Dreadful [G7]sorry, Clemen- [C]tine.

[C]Light she was, and like a fairy, And her shoes were number [G7]nine, Herring [F]boxes without [C]topses, Sandals [G7]were for Clemen- [C]tine.

<u>Country Roads</u> (F Bb C [Dm C7])

[F]ALMOST HEAVEN [Dm] - WEST VIRGINIA [C] - BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS [Bb]SHENANDOAH [F]RIVER LIFE IS OLD THERE [Dm]OLDER THAN THE TREES [C]YOUNGER THAN THE MOUNTAINS [Bb] BLOWING LIKE A [F]BREEZE _____ CHORUS [F]COUNTRY ROADS TAKE ME [C]HOME TO THE [Dm] PLACE I BE- [Bb] LONG WEST VIR- [F]GINIA MOUNTAIN [C]MOMMA TAKE ME [Bb] HOME COUNTRY [F] ROADS -----[F]ALL MY MEMORIES [Dm] - GATHER ROUND HER [C]MINERS LA - DY [Bb]STRANGER TO BLUE [F]WA - TERS [F]DARK AND DUS - TY [Dm]PAINTED ON THE SKY [C]MISTY TASTE OF MOONSHINE [Bb] TEARDROP IN MY [F]EYE [Dm] I HEAR HER VOICE IN THE [F]MORNING HOURS SHE CALLS ME [Bb] RADIO RE- [F] MINDS ME OF MY [C] HOME FAR AWAY AND [Dm]DRIVING DOWN THE [G]ROAD I GET A [Bb] FEELING THAT I [F] SHOULD HAVE BEEN HOME [C]YESTERDAY, YESTER- [C7]DAY

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Crawdad Song (G C D7)

[G]YOU GET A LINE AND I'LL GET A POLE, HONEY

YOU GET A LINE AND I'LL GET A POLE, [D7] BABE

[G]YOU GET A LINE AND [D7]I'LL GET A POLE, AND

[C]WE'LL GO DOWN TO THE CRAWDAD HOLE,

[G]HONEY, [D7]BABE, [G]MINE

Down In The Valley G (G D7)

[G]Down in the valley, the valley so [D7]low,

Hang your head over, hear the winds [G]blow.

Hear the winds blow, dear, hear the winds [D7]blow.

Hang your head over, hear the winds [G]blow.

Edelweiss (G C D7)

[G]EDEL- [D7]WEISS, [G]EDEL- [C]WEISS,

[G] EVERY MORNING YOU [C] GREET [G] ME

SMALL AND [D7]WHITE [G]CLEAN AND [C]BRITE

[G]YOU LOOK [D7]HAPPY TO [G]MEET ME

[D7] BLOSSOM OF SNOW MAY YOU [G] BLOOM AND GROW

[C] BLOOM AND GROW FOR- [D7]E - VER

[G]EDEL- [D7]WEISS, [G]EDEL- [C]WEISS

[G] BLESS MY [D7] HOMELAND FOR- [G] E - VER

Frankie And Johnny (C F G7)

[C]Frankie and Johnny were lovers Lordy how they could love [F]Frankie was loyal to Johnny True as all the stars a- [C]bove He was her [G7]man But he was doing her [C]wrong [C]Frankie went down to the barroom To pick up a bucket of beer [F]Frankie did ask the bartender Has my lover Johnny been [C]here? He is my [G7 man I think he's doing me [C]wrong. [C]Ain't gonna tell you no stories Ain't gonna tell you no lies [F]I seen your lover Johnny With a gal named Nellie [C]Bly He's your man I think he's doing you [C]wrong

[C]Frankie looked over the transom Found to her great surprise [F] There on the bed lay Johnny making love to Nellie [C]Bly He's her [G7]man He's doing her [C]wrong [C] Frankie drew back her kimono Took out a big forty-four [F]Root toot toot, that gal did shoot Right through that hardwood [C]floor She shot her [G7]man Cause he was doing her [C]wrong

HAPPY [D7]BIRTHDAY TO [G]YOU

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HAPPY [C]BIRTHDAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO [G]YOU

Happy Birthday (G C D7)

[G] HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO [D7] YOU

[C] DON'T KNOW [G7] WHERE I'M [C] BOUND

[F]TRAIN I'M ON CAUSE I

[E7] PLEASE DON'T TELL WHAT

[C]GOING SO FAST

FREIGHT TRAIN FREIGHT TRAIN

[G7]GOING SO FAST

[C] FREIGHT TRAIN FREIGHT TRAIN

FREIGHT TRAIN (C F G7[E7])

<u>HARD TIMES Traditional(C F G)</u>

[C]Let us pause in life's pleasures

and [F]count it's many [C]tears

[F]While we [C]all sup [G7] sorrow with the [C]poor

There's a song that will linger

for- [F]ever in our [C]ears

[F]Oh [C]Hard times [G7]come again no [C]more

Chorus:

[C] Tis the song, the sigh of the [F] wear- [C] y

Hard times, hard times [D]come again no [G]more

Many [C] days you have lingered

a- [F]round my cabin [C]door

[F]Oh [C]hard times [G]come again no [C]more

While we seek mirth and beauty and music bright and gay There are frail forms feinting at the door Tho their voices are silent, there pleading looks still say Ahh hard times come again no more

chorus

There's a pale droopy maiden who toils her life away With the worn heart whose better days are o'er Though her voice would be merry, 'tis sighing all the day Ahh hard times come again no more chorus (2)

<u>He's Got The Whole World</u> (C G7)

[C]HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

HE'S GOT THE [G7] WHOLE WIDE WORLD

IN HIS [C] HANDS

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

HE'S GOT THE [G7] WHOLE WORLD

IN HIS [C] HANDS

HOME ON THE RANGE (C F G7 {C7, F7])

Note: In this song, some chords are marked with a strike-through (e.g. $\frac{\{C7\}}{\}}$). These chords can be ignored to make it easier for a beginner to get started playing the song. As the player gets better, these chords can be included.

[C]Oh, give me a $\frac{1}{1000}$ home

where the [F]buffalo [F7]roam

Where the [C]deer and the

antelope [G7]play

Where [C]seldom is [C7]heard

a dis- [F]couraging [F7]word

and the [C] skies are not

[G7]cloudy all [C]day

Chorus:

[G7]Home, home on the [C]range

Where the deer and the antelope [G7]play

Where [C]seldom is $\frac{1}{1}$ heard a

dis- [F]couraging [F7]word

and the [C]skies are not [G7]cloudy all [C]day

Hush Little Baby (C G7)

[C] Hush Little Baby [G7] Don't Say a Word Papa's gonna to buy you a [C] mocking bird [C] If that mocking [G7] bird don't sing Papa's gonna to buy you a [C] diamond ring [C] If that diamond ring turns [G7] brass Papa's gonna to buy you a [C] looking glass [C] If that looking [G7] glass gets broke Papa's gonna to buy you a [C] billy goat [C]If that billy [G7] goat don't pull Papa's gonna to buy you a [C] cart and bull [C] If that cart and [G7] bull turn over Papa's gonna to buy you a [C] dog named Rover [C] If that dog named [G7] Rover don't bark Papa's gonna buy you a [C] horse and cart [C] If that horse and [G7] cart fall down You'll still be the sweetest

little [C] baby in town

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<u>I'll Fly Away</u> (C F G7)
[C] Some bright morning
When this life is o'er
[F]I'll fly a- [C]way
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll [G7]fly a- [C]way
(Chorus)
[C]I'll fly away oh glory
[F]I'll fly a- [C]way
When I die Hallelujah by and by
I'll [G7]fly a- [C]way
[C]When the shadows of this life are over
[F]I'll fly a- [C]way
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly
I'll [G7]fly a- [C]way
  ----- (Chorus)
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[C]Oh how glad and happy when we meet [F]I'll fly a- [C]way No more cold iron shackles on my feet I'll [G7]fly a- [C]way -----(Chorus) [C]Just a few more weary days and then [F]I'll fly a- [C]way To a land where joys will never end I'll [G7]fly a- [C]way (Chorus)

<u>I WALK THE LINE</u> (C F G7)

[C]I KEEP A [G7]CLOSE WATCH ON THIS HEART OF [C]MINE I KEEP MY [G7]EYES WIDE O-PEN ALL THE [C]TIME I KEEP THE [F]ENDS OUT FOR THE TIES THAT [C]BIND BE- CAUSE YOU'RE [G7]MINE I WALK THE [C]LINE

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GOOD- [F]NIGHT I- [D7]RENE I'LL [C]SEE YOU [G7]IN MY [C]DREAMS _____ [C] LAST SATURDAY NIGHT I GOT [G7] MARRIED ME AND MY WIFE SETTLED [C]DOWN NOW ME AND MY [C7] WIFE ARE [F] PARTED I'M GONNA [C] TAKE A LITTLE [G7] STROLL DOWN- [C] TOWN -----CHORUS [C] SOMETIMES I LIVE IN THE [G7] COUNTRY, SOMETIMES I LIVE IN THE [C] TOWN SOMETIMES I [C7]TAKE A GREAT [F]NOTION, TO [G7]JUMP IN THE RIVER AND [C]DROWN -----CHORUS [C] STOP RAMBLIN' AND STOP [G7] GAMBLIN' STOP STAYIN' OUT LATE AT [C]NIGHT STAY HOME WITH YOUR [C7] WIFE AND YOUR [F] FAMILY AND SIT [G7] DOWN BY THE FIRE SIDE [C] BRIGHT -----CHORUS

CHORUS

Note:

[C] IRENE GOOD- [G7] NIGHT, IRENE.

these chords can be included.

Irene Good Night (C F G7 [C7 D7])

IRENE GOOD- [C]NIGHT. GOOD- [C7]NIGHT IRENE

In this song, some chords are marked with a strike-through

(e.g. $\frac{167}{1}$). These chords can be ignored to make it easier for a beginner to get started playing the song. As the player gets better,

I WISH I HAD SOMEONE TO LOVE ME (A D E)

(Chorus) ------[A] I wish I had someone to [D] love [A] me, [D] Someone to [A] call me their [E] own, [A] Someone to stay with me [D] al- [A] ways, I'm [D] weary of [E] being a-[A]lone. _____ [A] Meet me tonight in the [D] moon- [A] light, [D] Meet me [A]tonight all a-[E]alone; I [A] have a sad story to [D] tell [A] you, I'll [D] tell by the [E] light of the [A] moon. -----(Chorus) [A] I'll be sent to the new jail to-[D]mor- [A] row, [D] Leavin' my [A] darlin' a-[E]lone, With the [A]cold iron bars all a-[D]round [A] me, And my [D]head on a [E] pillow of [A] stone. ----- (Chorus) [A] Tonight is our last night to-[D]ge- [A] ther, The [D] nearest and [A] dearest must [E] part, For [A]all that has bound us to-[D]ge- [A] ther, Is [D] quickly being [E] torn a-[A]part. ----- (Chorus) [A] I have a large ship on the [D] o- [A] cean, All [D] laden with [A] silver and [E] gold, And be-[A]fore my poor darlin' will [D] suf- [A] fer, That [D] ship will be [E] anchored and [A] sold. ----- (Chorus) [A] I wish I had wings of a [D] spar- [A] row, For [D] those prison [A] walls I must [E] flee; I'd [A]fly to the arms of my [D] true [A] love, And [D] bring her home [E] safety to [A] me. -----(Chorus)

<u>Just A Closer Walk With Thee</u> (F Bb C7) [F]I am weak but Thou art [C7]strong; Jesus, keep me from all [F]wrong; I'll be satisfied as [Bb]long

as I [F]walk, let me [C7]walk close to [F]Thee. Chorus:

[F]Just a closer walk with [C7]Thee,

grant it, Jesus, is my [F]plea;

Daily walking close to [Bb] Thee,

let it [F]be, dear [C7]Lord, let it [F]be.

[F]Through this world of toil and [C7]snares, if I falter, Lord, who [F]cares? Who with me my burden [Bb]shares?

None but [F] thee, dear [C7] Lord, none but [F] Thee.

[F]When my feeble life is [C7]o'er,

time for me will be no [F]more;

Guide me gently, safely [Bb]o'er,

to Thy [F]kingdom [C7]shore, to Thy [F]shore.

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[G]Let me call you sweetheart I'm in [C]love with you [D7]Let me hear you whisper That you [G]love me too Chorus [G]Keep the love light glowing In your[C] eyes so [D7]blue Let me call you [G]sweetheart [C]I'm in love [D7]with [G]you repeat Chorus

LOVE ME TENDER (G) (G C D7 [A7 E7])

Note: In this song, some chords are marked with a strikethrough (e.g. $\{D7\}$). These chords can be ignored to make it easier for a beginner to get started playing the song. As the player gets better, these chords can be included.

[G]Love me tender, [A7]Love me sweet

[D7]Never let me [G]go $-\frac{1}{100}$.

[G]You have made my [A7]life complete

[D7]And I love you [G]so.

Chorus:

[G]Love me tender, [G7]Love me true

[C]All my dreams ful- [G]fill

For my [E7]darlin' [A7]I love you

[D7]And I always [G]will.

[G]Love me tender, [A7]Love me long

[D7]Take me to your [G]heart - [D7].

[G]For it's there that [A7]I belong

[D7]And we'll nev-er [G]part.

Chorus-----

[G]Love me tender, [A7]Love me dear

[D7]Tell me you are [G]mine.

I'll be yours through [A7]all the years

[D7]Till the end of [G]time.

Chorus-----
LOVE ME TENDER (C) (C F G7[D7 A7]) -voice

Note: In this song, some chords are marked with a strikethrough (e.g. $\{G7\}$). These chords can be ignored to make it easier for a beginner to get started playing the song. As the player gets better, these chords can be included.

[C]Love me tender, [D7]Love me sweet,

[G7]Never let me [C]go $-\frac{1}{167}$.

[C]You have made my [D7]life complete

[G7]And I love you [C]so.

[C]Love me tender, [C7]Love me true

[F]All my dreams ful- [C]fill

For my [A7] darlin' [D7] I love you

[G7]And I always [C]will.

[C]Love me tender, [D7]Love me long

[G7]Take me to your [C]heart -[G7].

[C]For it's there that [D7]I belong

[G7]And we'll nev-er [C]part.

Chorus-----

[C]Love me tender, [D7]Love me dear

[G7]Tell me you are [C]mine -[G7].

[C]I'll be yours through [D7]all the years

[G7]Till the end of [C]time. Chorus-----

Michael Row The Boat Ashore (G C D7)

[G]Michael row the boat ashore

alle-[C]lu-[G]ia

[G]Michael row the [C]boat a- [D7]shore

alle-[G]lu -[D7]u-[G]ia

My Bonnie Lies Over The Ocean(G C D7 [A7])

[G]MY BONNIE LIES [C]OVER THE [G]OCEAN,

MY BONNIE LIES [A7] OVER THE [D7] SEA

MY [G]BONNIE LIES [C]OVER THE [G]OCEAN,

OH [A7] BRING BACK MY [D7] BONNIE TO [G] ME

BRING BACK, [C]BRING [A7]BACK,

OH [D7] BRING BACK MY BONNIE TO [G] ME, TO ME

BRING BACK, [C]BRING [A7]BACK,

OH [D7] BRING BACK MY BONNIE TO [G] ME

<u>On Top Of Old Smokey (C)</u> (C F G7)

[C]ON TOP OF OLD [F]SMOKEY ALL COVERED WITH [C]SNOW

I LOST MY TRUE [G7]LOVER FROM COURTING TOO [C]SLOW

On Top Of Old Smokey (G) (G C D7) - voice

[G]ON TOP OF OLD [C]SMOKEY ALL COVERED WITH [G]SNOW

I LOST MY TRUE [D7]LOVER FROM COURTING TOO [G]SLOW

Precious Memories (G C D7 [A7])

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[G]Precious [C]memories, unseen [G]angels Sent from somewhere [A7]to my [D7]soul [G]How they [C]linger, ever [G]near me And the [D7]sacred scenes un- [G]fold. chorus [G]Precious memories, how they [D]lin-[G]ger

[C]How they ever flood my [G]soul [D][D7]

[G]In the [C]stillness of the [D]midnight

Precious, [D7] sacred scenes un- [G] fold.

RAILROAD BILL (C F G7 [E7])

[C]RAILROAD BILL, RAILROAD BILL

[E7]LIVE WAY UP ON [F]RAILROAD HILL

[C]RIDE [G7]RIDE [C]RIDE

RIDDLE SONG (G C D7 [A7])

Red River Valley (C F G7 [C7])

Note: In this song, some chords are marked with a strike-through (e.g. $\{C7\}$). These chords can be ignored to make it easier for a beginner to get started playing the song. As the player gets better, these chords can be included.

[C] FROM THIS VALLEY THEY SAY YOU ARE GOING

WE WILL MISS YOUR BRIGHT EYES AND SWEET [G7]SMILE FOR THEY [C]SAY YOU ARE $\frac{\{C7\}}{TAKING}$ THE [F]SUNSHINE THAT HAS [C]BRIGHTENED OUR [G7]PATHWAY A- [C]WHILE

Rock A Bye Baby (G D7)

[G]Rock-a-by baby On the tree [D7]top,

When the wind blows

The cradle will [G]rock.

When the bough bends,

The cradle will [D7]fall,

And down will come [G]baby

[D7]Cradle and [G]all.

[G]Rock-a-by baby On the tree [D7]top,

When the wind blows

The cradle will [G]rock.

When the bough bends,

The cradle will [D7]fall,

And down will come [G]rock-a-bye

[D7]baby and [G]all

Rock My Soul (C G7)

[C]ROCK MY SOUL IN THE BOSSOM OF ABRAHAM [G7]ROCK MY SOUL IN THE BOSSOM OF ABRAHAM [C]ROCK MY SOUL IN THE BOSSOM OF ABRAHAM [G7]OH, ROCK-A MY [C]SOUL

[C]SO HIGH YOU CAN'T GET OVER IT [G7]SO LOW YOU CAN'T GET UNDER IT [C]SO WIDE YOU CAN'T GET ROUND IT [G7]OH, ROCK-A MY [C]SOUL

She'll Be Coming 'ROUND The Mountain (G C D7) [G]She'll be coming 'round the mountain When she comes? She'll be coming 'round the mountain When she [D7] comes. She'll be [G] coming 'round the mountain, She'll be [C]coming 'round the [D7]mountain, She'll be [G]coming 'round the [D7]mountain, When she [G] comes. She'll be driving six white horses We will kill the old red rooster We'll all have chicken n' dumplin's SHOO FLY C (C G7) С Shoo, fly, don't bother me, **G7** Shoo, fly, don't bother me, С Shoo, fly, don't bother me, **G7** С For I belong to somebody. С **G7** I do, I do, I do, and I will not tell you who С For I belong to somebody, yes indeed I do. [*]

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<u>Skip To My Lou</u> (C G7)

[C]SKIP SKIP SKIP TO MY LOU

[G7] SKIP SKIP SKIP TO MY LOU

[C] SKIP SKIP SKIP TO MY LOU

[G7] SKIP TO MY LOU MY [C] DARLING

SKIP TO MY LOU (Notes) (C G7)

C <-----chord E C E E G <----note SKIP SKIP SKIP TO MY LOU

G7 <----chord D B D D D F <----note

SKIP SKIP SKIP TO MY LOU

C <-----chord E C E E E G <----note SKIP SKIP SKIP TO MY LOU

G7 C G7 C G7 C <----chord D E F E D C <----note SKIP TO MY LOU MY DARLING

STREETS OF LAREDO (C F G7 [Am Dm G])

[C]As I walked [F]out in the

[C]streets of Lar- [G7]edo,

As [C]I walked [F]out in

Lar- [C]edo one [G7]day,

I [C] spied a poor [F] cowboy

all [C]wrapped in white [G7]linen,

All [Am]wrapped in white [Dm]linen

as [G]cold as the [C]clay.

"I see by your outfit that you are a cowboy," These words he did say as I proudly stepped by. "Come sit down beside me and hear my sad story, I'm shot in the breast and I know I must die."

"'Twas once in the saddle I used to go dashing, Was once in the saddle I used to go gay, First led to drinkin', and then to card playin', Got shot in the breast and I'm dying today."

"Get six jolly cowboys to carry my coffin, Get six pretty gals come to carry my pall. Throw bunches of roses all over my coffin, Roses to deaden the clods as they fall."

"Oh, beat the drum slowly and play the fife lowly, Play the dead march as you carry me along. Take me to the green valley and lay the earth o'er me, For I'm a poor cowboy and I know I've done wrong."

We beat the drum slowly and played the fife lowly, And bitterly wept as we carried him along. For we all loved our comrade, so brave young and handsome, We all loved our comrade although he'd done wrong.

This Land Is Your Land (C) (C F G7) - voice

[C]THIS LAND IS [F]YOUR LAND, THIS LAND IS [C]MY LAND FROM CALI- [G7]FORNIA TO THE NEW YORK [C]ISLAND FROM THE REDWOOD [F]FOREST TO THE GULF STREAM [C]WATERS [G7]THIS LAND WAS MADE FOR YOU AND [C]ME

This Land Is Your Land (G) (G C D7)

[G]THIS LAND IS [C]YOUR LAND, THIS LAND IS [G]MY LAND FROM CALI- [D7]FORNIA TO THE NEW YORK [G]ISLAND FROM THE REDWOOD [C]FOREST TO THE GULF STREAM [G]WATERS [D7]THIS LAND WAS MADE FOR YOU AND [G]ME

Tom Dooley (G D7)

[G] HANG DOWN YOUR HEAD TOM DOOLEY HANG DOWN YOUR HEAD AND [D7]CRY HANG DOWN YOUR HEAD TOM DOOLEY POOR BOY YOU'RE BOUND TO [G]DIE

[C]O WHEN THE REVELATION COMES O WHEN THE REVELATION [G7]COMES O LORD I [C]WANT TO BE IN THAT [F]NUMBER WHEN THE [C]SAINTS GO [G7]MARCHING [C]IN

[C]O WHEN THE TRUMPET SOUNDS THE CALL O WHEN THE S TRUMPET SOUNDS THE [G7]CALL O LORD I [C]WANT TO BE IN THAT [F]NUMBER WHEN THE [C]SAINTS GO [G7]MARCHING [C]IN

[C]O WHEN THE MOON TURNS RED WITH BLOOD O WHEN THE MOON TURNS RED WITH [G7]BLOOD O LORD I [C]WANT TO BE IN THAT [F]NUMBER WHEN THE [C]SAINTS GO [G7]MARCHING [C]IN

[C]O WHEN THE SUN BEGINS TO RISE O WHEN THE SUN BEGINS TO [G7]RISE O LORD I [C]WANT TO BE IN THAT [F]NUMBER WHEN THE [C]SAINTS GO [G7]MARCHING [C]IN

[C]O WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN O WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING [G7]IN O LORD I [C]WANT TO BE IN THAT [F]NUMBER WHEN THE [C]SAINTS GO [G7]MARCHING [C]IN

When The Saints Go Marching In (C F G7)

WHEN THE SNOW IS ON THE ROSES (C F G7)

[C]Now the Golden [F]sun can see us [C]kiss Every summer [F]day we'll love like [C]this Chorus

When the snow is on the [F]roses When the [G7]bluebirds flown a - [C]way In my arms we'll both re - [F]member All the [G7]love we share to - [C]day

[C]As we walk [F]along the silvery [C]shore Vows we make will [F]last forever - [C]more

When the snow is on the [F]roses

When the [G7] summer stars are [C] gone

One more summer will be [F]over

But our [G7]love will still go [C]on

Chorus

[G]Now the Golden [C]sun can see us [G]kiss Every summer [C]day we'll love like [G]this Chorus

When the snow is on the [C]roses When the [D7]bluebirds flown a - [G]way In my arms we'll both re - [C]member All the [D7]love we share to- [G]day

[G]As we walk a - [C]long the silvery [G]shore Vows we make will [C]last forever- [G]more

When the snow is on the [C]roses When the [D7]summer stars are [G]gone One more summer will be [C]over But our [D7]love will still go [G]on Chorus Where Have All The Flowers Gone (F Bb C7 [Dm])

- [F] WHERE HAVE ALL THE [Dm] FLOWERS GONE,
- [Bb] LONG TIME [C7] PASSING
- [F] WHERE HAVE ALL THE [Dm]FLOWERS GONE,
- [Bb] LONG TIME A- [C7]GO
- [F] WHERE HAVE ALL THE [Dm] FLOWERS GONE
- [Bb] YOUNG GIRLS PICKED THEM [C7] EVERYONE
- [Bb] WHEN WILL THEY [F]EVER LEARN
- [Bb] WHEN WILL THEY [C7]EVER [F]LEARN

Where Have All The Flowers Gone (C F G7 [Am]) - voice

- [C] WHERE HAVE ALL THE [Am] FLOWERS GONE,
- [F] LONG TIME [G7] PASSING
- [C] WHERE HAVE ALL THE [Am] FLOWERS GONE,
- [F] LONG TIME A- [G7]GO
- [C] WHERE HAVE ALL THE [Am] FLOWERS GONE
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<u>Wildwood Flower (C)</u> (C F G7)

[C]I will twine and will mingle

my waving black [G7]hair

with the [C]roses so red

and the [G7]lilies so fair

the myrtle so bright

of an [F]emerald [C]hue

and the pale eman- [G7]ita

and islip so [C]blue

<u>Wildwood Flower (G)</u> (G C D7)

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and islip so [G]blue

Will The Circle Be Unbroken (G C D7)

Chorus:

[G] WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN

BYE AND [C] BYE LORD, BYE AND [G] BYE,

THERE'S A BETTER WORLD HOME A-WAITING

IN THE SKY LORD, [D7] IN THE [G] SKY.

[G]I WAS STANDING BY MY WINDOW

ON A [C]COLD AND CLOUDY [G]DAY

WHEN I SAW THAT HEARSE COME ROLLING

FOR TO CARRY MY [D7] MOTHER A- [G] WAY.

Chorus:

[G] LORD, I TOLD THAT UNDERTAKER,

UNDER [C] TAKER PLEASE DRIVE [G] SLOW

FOR THIS BODY THAT YOU ARE HAULING

LORD, I HATE TO [D7]SEE HER [G]GO.

Chorus:

[G]I FOLLOWED CLOSE BEHIND HER TRIED TO [C]HOLD UP AND BE [G]BRAVE BUT I COULD NOT HIDE MY SORROW WHEN THEY LAID HER [D7]IN THE [G]GRAVE.

Chorus:

[G]I WENT HOME, MY HOME WAS LONELY NOW MY [C]MOTHER SHE WAS [G]GONE ALL MY BROTHERS, SISTERS CRYING WHAT A HOME SO [D7]SAD AND A-[G]LONE Chorus: Yellow Rose Of Texas (G C D7 [A7])

[G] THERES A YELLOW ROSE IN TEXAS

I'M GOING THERE TO SEE

NO OTHER FELLER [A7] KNOWS HER

NOBODY ELSE BUT [D7]ME

SHE [G]CRIED SO WHEN I LEFT HER

IT LIKE TO BROKE MY HEART

AND [C] IF WE EVER [G] MEET AGAIN

WE [D7]NEVER MORE WILL [G]PART

You Are My Sunshine (C) (C F G7 [C7]) -voice [C]YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE, MY ONLY [C7]SUNSHINE YOU MAKE ME [F]HAPPY WHEN SKIES ARE [C]GRAY YOU'LL NEVER [F]KNOW, DEAR, HOW MUCH I [C]LOVE YOU PLEASE DON'T TAKE MY [G7]SUNSHINE A- [C]WAY You Are My Sunshine (G) (G C D7 [G7]) [G]YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE, MY ONLY [G7]SUNSHINE YOU MAKE ME [C]HAPPY WHEN SKIES ARE [G]GRAY YOU'LL NEVER [C]KNOW, DEAR, HOW MUCH I [G]LOVE YOU PLEASE DON'T TAKE MY [D7]SUNSHINE A- [G]WAY <u>Christmas Songs</u>

<u>Away In A Manger (G C D7)</u>

- [G]Away in a Manger
- No [C]crib for a [G]bed
- The [D7]little Lord Jesus
- Lay down his sweet [G]head
- The stars in the sky
- look [C]down where He [G]lay
- The [D7]little Lord [G]Jesus
- A- [D7]sleep in the [G]hay

Deck The Halls (G C D7)

[G]Deck the halls with boughs of holly [D7]Fa la la la [G]la la [D7]la la [G]la Tis the season to be jolly [D7]Fa la la la [G]la la [D7]la la [G]la [D7]Don we now our [G]gay ap- [D7]parel [G]Fa la la la la la [D7]la la la [G]Troll the ancient yuletide carol [C]Fa la la la [G]la la [D7]la la [G]la

Jingle Bells (G C D7 [A7 Am])

- [G]Jingle Bells Jingle Bells
- Jingle all the way
- [C]Oh what fun it is to [G]ride
- In a [A7] one horse open [D7] sleigh
- [G] Jingle Bells Jingle Bells
- Jingle all the way
- [C]Oh what fun it is to [G]ride
- In a [D7] one horse open [G] sleigh
- [G] Dashing through the snow
- In a one horse open [C]sleigh
- [Am]O'er the fields we [D7]go
- Laughing all the [G]way
- Bells on Bobtail ring
- Making spirits [C]bright
- What [Am] fun it is to [D7] ride and sing
- A sleighing song to- [G]night

<u>O Come All Ye Faithful</u> (C F G7)

- [C]O Come All Ye [G7]Faithful
- [C] Joyful and triumphant,
- O come [G7]ye, O come ye to [C]Bethlehem.
- Come and be- [G7]hold Him
- [C]Born the King of [G7]Angels;
- [C]O come, let us adore Him
- O come, let us adore [G7]Him,
- O [F]come, let us [C]adore [F]Him
- [C]Chri- [G7]ist the [C]Lord.
- [C]Adeste fi [G7]deles
- [C]Laeti triumphantes
- Veni- [G7]te venite in [C]Bethlehem
- Natum vi- [G7]dete [C]Regem Ange- [G7]lorum
- [C]Venite adoremus
- Venite adore- [G7]MUS
- Ve- [F]nite ado- [C]re- [F]mus
- [C]Do- [G7]o mi- [C]num

<u>Silent Night</u> (C F G7)

[C]Silent night, Holy night

[G7]All is calm, [C]all is bright

[F]round yon virgin [C]mother and child

[F]holy Infant so [C]tender and mild

[G7]sleep in heavenly [C]peace

sleep in [G7]heavenly [C]peace

<u>Silent Night</u> (G C A7) - voice

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We Three Kings Am (Am Dm E7 [C])

[Am]We three kings of [E7]orient [Am]are Bearing gifts we [E7]traverse a- [Am]far [C]Field and [Dm]fountain [Am]moor and [C]mountain [Dm]Following [E7]yonder [Am]star. [E7]Oh - Oh [Am]star of [C]won-der [Am]star of [C]light [Am]star with [C]royal [Am]beauty [C]bright [Am]Westward [Dm]lead- [Am]ing [Dm]still pro- [E7]ceding [C]guide us to [Am]thy [C]perfect [Am]light <u>We Three Kings Em (Em Am B7 [C G])</u>

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