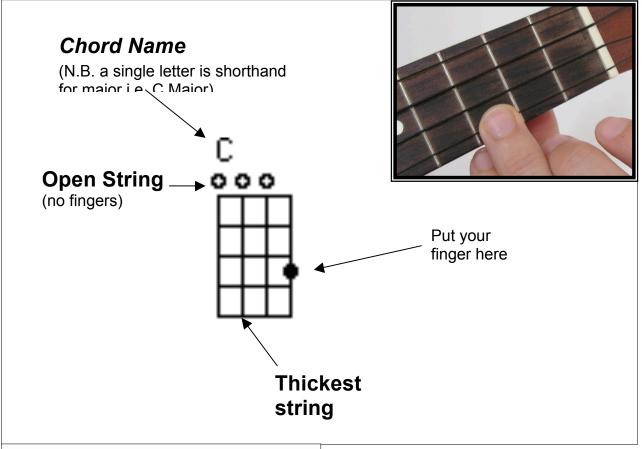
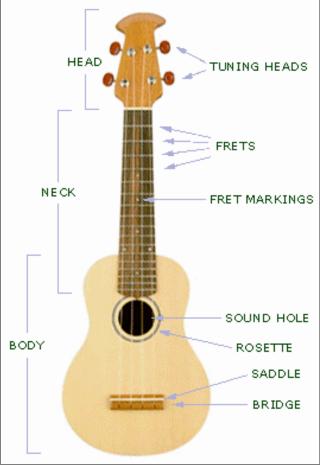
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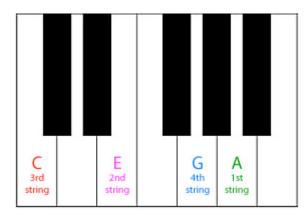
HOW TO READ UKULELE CHORDS







Relative Tuning



I recommend the **DaTuner Lite** app for apple and android – it's free! (C4, G4, E4, A4) 3

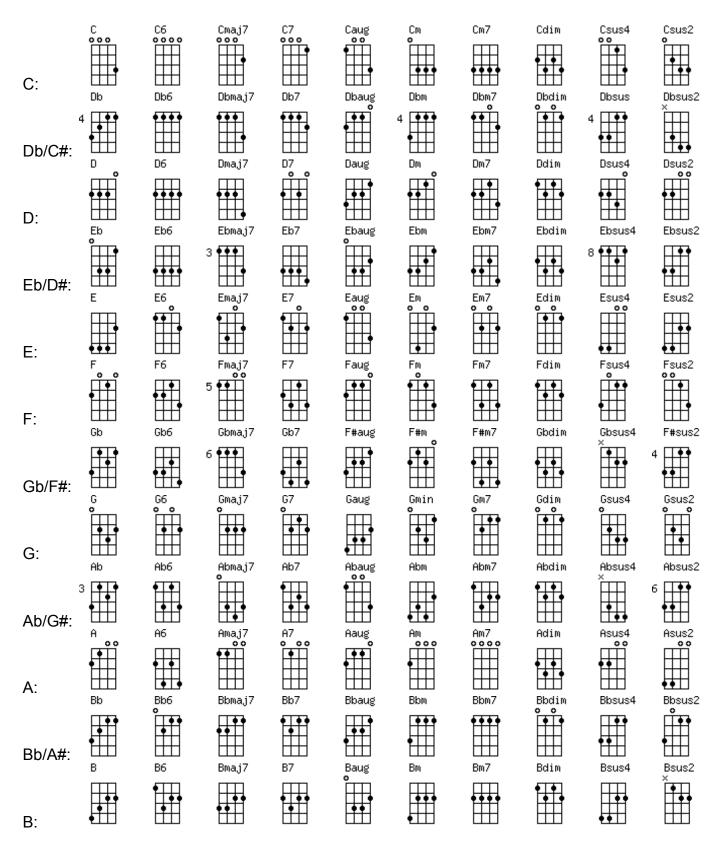
Sometimes it's a bit much at first to play the full chord. Sometimes you want more variety too. Here are some alternatives to commonly found chords:



Chord Name	Root Chord	Easier		Harder
С	C	C6		7
D		D6	D7	5 5
D7	D7	D7		D7 D7 5 T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T
Dm	Dm •	Dm7		9 Dm Dm 5
E	E	E7		E 7
Em	Em	Em7	Em	7 Em Em
F	F	Fadd9		5 F 5 F 5 F 5 F 5 F 5 F 5 F 5 F 5 F 5 F
G	G	G6	Gsus2	5
G7	G7	G7sus2		5 F G7 G7 T
Am	Am	Am7		Am Am Am 4
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Bm	Bm	Bm7		5 Bm



Chromatic Root Position Chords:



IKO IKO - Trad, Arr. B. Farmer



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Intro: F	
Verse 1	
F	С

My grandma and your grandma were sittin' by the fire.

С

My grandma told your grandma $_{-}^{\mathrm{m}}$

F

I'm gonna set your flag on fire.



F

Talkin' 'bout, hey now (hey now) hey now (hey now)

С

Iko, iko, unday

С

Jockamo feeno ai nané, Jockamo fee nané

Verse 2

F C Look at my king all dressed in red, iko, iko, unday

Look at my king all dressed in red, iko, iko, unday

I betcha five dollars he'll kill you dead

F

Jockamo fee nané

Chorus

Verse 3

F C

My flag boy to your flag boy, were sittin' by the fire,

C

My flag boy told your flag boy

F

I'm gonna set your tail on fire.

Chorus

Verse 4

See that guy all dressed in green, iko, iko, unday

He's not a man, he's a lovin' machine

F

Jockamo fee nané

Chorus

1st verse

Chorus (×2)



DON'T WORRY; BE HAPPY

Bobby McFerrin		C	Dm o	F
Whistle 2 x C, Dm, F, C				
C D	m	Ш		
Here's a little song I wrote, you		or note,		
Don't worry, be happy	Dm			
In every life we have some trouble F C	e, when you wo	rry you m	ake it do	uble,
Don't worry, be happy				
Ooh's 2x C , Dm , F , C				
С	Dm			
Ain't got no place to lay your head F C		me and to	ook your	bed,
Don't worry, be happy				
C	Dm			
The Landlord say your rent is late	, he may have t	o litigate,		
F C Don't worry, be happy				
Whistle 2x C, Dm, F, C				
С	Dm			
Ain't got no cash, ain't got no style F C		oal to ma	ke you s	mile,
Don't worry, be happy				
C	Dm	201 15 25 5 5 5		.1
Cos when you worry, your face will f	rown, and that w	ili bring ev	verybody	oown,
Don't worry, be happy				
Ooh's 2x C, Dm, F, C				
C There's the little song I wrote, F C	Dm nope you learnt it	note for n	ote,	
Don't worry, be happy				
C	Dm			
In your life expect some trouble,	but when you w	orry you r	make it d	louble,
F C				
Don't worry, be happy				
Whistle 3 x C, Dm, F, C				

CATCH THE WIND



Donovan

Verse 1:				
С	F ^{add9}	С	F ^{add9}	
In the chilly hours C	and minutes of G ^{sus2}	of uncertain	•	be
In the warm hold C F	of your lovin' add9	mind C	F ^{adds}	l
To feel you all ard C	ound me and to F^{add9} G ^{su}		hand along G7	the sand
Ah, but I may as v	well try and cat	ch the win	d.	
Verse 2: C	F ^{add9}	C		Fadd9
When sundown p	ales the sky, l	want to hid	de a while bo	ehind your smile
And everywhere I	'd look, your ey F ^{add9}	yes I'd find C	I	F ^{add9}
For me to love yo C	u now would b		etest thing t'	would make me sing
Ah, but I may as v	well try and cat	ch the win	d.	
Verse 3:				
C	F ^{add9}		С	F ^{add9}
When rain has hu	ing the leaves of F add9 G sus2	١	I want you i G7	near to kill my fears
To help me to lea	ve all my blues	s behind		
O 1		С	F ^{add9}	
Standin' in your h	eart is where I F ^{add9} G st	want to be	_	be,
C Ah, but I may as v	. •	_	G7	
Air, but i may as	well try and cat	CIT CITC WITH	u.	
	add9 Gsus	2 G7		
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Ewan MacColl

C

I met my love by the gasworks door,

Dreamed a dream by the old canal,

n

Kissed my girl by the factory wall.

Dm An

Dirty old town, dirty old town.

C

The moon is shifting behind a cloud

Cats are crawling all along the beat.

km C

Springs a girl in the streets at night.

Dm An

Dirty old town, dirty old town.

C

I heard a whistle coming from the docks,

-

And a train set the night on fire,

Am C

Smelled the spring on a smoke-filled air.

Dm Am

Dirty old town, dirty old town.

C

I'm gonna get me a nice sharp axe,

Shining steel, tempered in a fire,

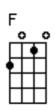
Am C

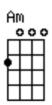
Cut you down like an old dead tree.

Dm Ar

Dirty old town, dirty old town.









Three Little Birds

Bob Marley

Chorus:

C

Don't worry, about a thing

F

C

Cause' every little thing, gonna be alright

(C)

Singin' don't worry, about a thing

F

С

Cause' every little thing, gonna be alright

Verse:

 \mathbf{C}

Rise up this mornin'

G

Smile with the rising sun

F

three little birds perch by my doorstep

C

Singin' sweet songs

G

of melodys pure and true

F

sayin', this my message to you-oo-oo

Chorus:

С

Singin' don't worry, about a thing

F

C

Cause' every little thing, (is) gonna be alright

(C)

Singin' don't worry, (don't worry) about a thing

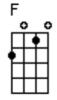
F

С

Cause' every little thing, gonna be alrightVerse

Chorus

Chorus





Chorus

(Fade)



Matty Groves

Fairport Convention Em7 Am A holiday, a holyday, the first one of the year Em7 Am Em7 Am Lord Arlen's wife came into the church, the gospel for to hear Am Em7 Am And when the meeting it was done, she cast her eyes about Em7 Am Em7 Am And there she saw little Matty Groves, walking in the crowd Am Em7 Am "Come home with me little Matty Groves, come home with me tonight Em7 Am Come home with me little Matty Groves, and sleep with me tonight" Am Em7 "Oh, I can't come home, I won't come home and sleep with you tonight Em7 Am Em7 Am By the rings on your fingers I can tell you are Lord Arlen's wife". Em7 Am Am "T'is true I am Lord Arlen's wife; Lord Arlen's not at home Em7 Am He is out to the far corn fields, bringing the yearlings home" Em7 And the servant, who was standing by and hearing what was said, Em7 Am He swore Lord Arlen he would know before the sun would set. Em7 Am And in his hurry to carry the news he filled his breast and ran Em7 Em7 Am And when he came to the broad mill stream, he took off his shoes and swam Em7 Little Matty Groves, he laid down and took a little sleep Em7 Em7 Am Am When he awoke Lord Arlen was standing at his feet, Em7 Am Saying "how do you like my feather bed and how do you like my sheets?

Em7 "Oh well I like your feather bed and well I like your sheets, Am

And how do you like my lady who lies in your arms asleep?"

Em7

Am

Em7 Am

But better I like your Lady maid, who lies in my arms asleep".



Am Em7 Am

Well "get up, get up", Lord Arlen cried, "get up as quick as you can,

C Em7 Am Em7 Am

It'll never be said in fair England I slew a naked man".

Am Em7 Am

"Oh I won't get up, I won't get up, I can't get up for my life,
C Em7 Am Em7 Am

For you have two lang bester swords and I not a resistativities"

For you have two long beaten swords and I not a pocket knife".

Am Em7 Am
"Well it's true I have two beaten swords, they cost me deep in the purse,
C Em7 Am Em7 Am
But you will have the better of them and I will have the worst.

Am Em7 Am

And you will strike the very first blow and strike it like a man,

C Em7 Am Em7 Am

And I will strike the very next blow and hit you if I can".

Am Em7 Am
So Matty struck the very first blow, but struck Lord Arlen's sword,
C Em7 Am Em7 Am
Lord Arlen struck the very next blow and Matty struck no more.

Am Em7 Am

And then Lord Arlen took his wife and he sat her on his knee,

C Em7 Am Em7 Am

Saying "Who do you like the best of us, Matty Groves or me?"

Am Em7 Am

And then up spoke his own dear wife, never heard her speak so free,

C Em7 Am Em7 Am

"I'd rather get a kiss from dead Matty's lips than you and your finery"

Am Em7 Am

Lord Arlen he jumped up and loudly he did bawl,

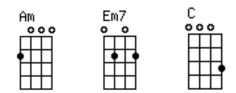
C Em7 Am Em7 Am

He stuck his wife right through the heart and pinned her against the wall

Am Em7 Am

"A grave, a grave", Lord Arlen cried, "to put these lovers in,
C Em7 Am Em7 Am

But bury my lady at the top, for she was of noble kin".



All God's Critters



Bill Staines

Chorus:

C

All God's critters got a place in the choir

G C

Some sing low, some sing higher,

.

Some sing out loud on the telephone wires,

G C (stop)

And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now

Repeat

Verse 1

C

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom

i

Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus

F C

Moans and groans with a big t'do

G C

And the old cow just goes moo.

C

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle

G Č

While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles,

F (

The donkey brays and the pony neighs

G C

And the old coyote howls.

Chorus:

C

All God's critters got a place in the choir

G C

Some sing low, some sing higher,

Some sing out loud on the telephone wires,

G C (stop)

And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now



C Listen to the top where the little birds sing G C
On the melodies with the high notes ringing,
The hoot-owl hollers over everything G C
And the jaybird disagrees.
С
Singin' in the night time, singing in the day,
The little duck quacks, and he's on his way.
The 'possum ain't got much to say G C
And the porcupine talks to himself.
Chorus:
All God's critters got a place in the choir G C
Some sing low, some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires, G C (stop)
And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now
С
It's a simple song of living sung everywhere G C
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear, C
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above, G C
The sly raccoon and the turtle dove.
Chorus:
All God's critters got a place in the choir G C
Some sing low, some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires, G C (stop)
And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now

Goodnight Irene

Huddie William Ledbetter (Leadbelly)

Verse 1:
Last Saturday night I got married,
Me and my wife settled down.
Now me and my wife are parted; G C
Gonna take a long stroll down-town
Chorus: C G C
Irene, goodnight, Irene. Irene, goodnight.
Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene, G C
I'll see you in my dreams.
Verse 2:
Sometimes I live in the country,
Sometimes I live in the town.
Sometimes I take a fool notion C
To jump in the river and drown.
Chorus: C G C Irene, goodnight, Irene. Irene, goodnight.
Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene, G C
I'll see you in my dreams.
Verse 3:
Stop your ramblin', stop your gamblin' C
Stop stayin' out late at night. F
Go home to your wife and family G C
Stay there by the fireside bright.
Chorus:
Irene, goodnight, Irene. Irene, goodnight.
Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene, G C



Wreck of the Old 97 - Trad. USA
G C Oh, they gave him his orders in Monroe, Virginia, saying, G D7 "Steve, you're way behind time G C
This is not 38, this is old Ninety-Seven
G D7 G You must put her into Spencer on time".
G Then he turned around and said to his black greasy fireman G D7 Shovel on a little more coal G C And when we cross that White Oak Mountain G D7 G Watch old Ninety-Seven roll
G But it's a mighty rough road from Lynchburg to Danville G D7 And from Lima it's on a three mile grade G C It was on that grade that he lost his air brakes G D7 G See what a jump he made
G He was goin' down the grade makin' ninety miles an hour G D7 When his whistle broke into a scream G C He was found in the wreck with his hand on the throttle G D7 G A-scalded to death by the steam
G C Then the telegram came to Washington station G D7 And this is how it read G C Oh that brave engineer that run old Ninety-Seven G D7 G He's a layin' in old Danville dead
G C So now all you ladies you better take a warnin' G D7 From this time on and learn G C Never speak harsh words to your true lovin' husband

D7

He may leave you and never return

Big Yellow Taxi



Joni Mitchell

Verse 1:			
F			C
They paved p	paradise and put up a	parking	lot
F	G7		C

With a pink hotel, a boutique and a swingin' hot spot

Chorus:

C

Don't it always seem to go

F C (pause)
That you don't know what you've got 'till it's gone
F G7 C

They paved paradise and put up a parking lot

Verse 2:

F C
They took all the trees, put 'em in a tree museum
F G7 C

And they charged the people a dollar and a half just to see 'em

Chorus

Verse 3:

F C Hey farmer, farmer, put away that DDT, now

Give me spots on my apples, but leave me the birds and the bees, please

Chorus

Verse 4:

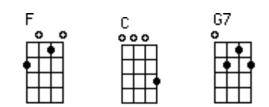
F C

Late last night I heard the screen door slam

And a big yellow taxi took away my old man

Chorus (ooooh la la-la)

Chorus



Wild Mountain Thyme



Francis McPeake

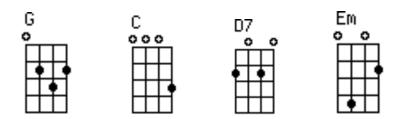
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Oh, the			-	g and t	he leave	s are sweetly	turning
			Em		G	Em	
And the	wild me	ountain	thyme lo	ooms a	across th	e purple heat	ther
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Fields of Athenry - Pete St John

Verse 1:
By the lonely prison wall, C G D7
I heard a young girl calling
G C D7
Michael, they are taking you away, G G G D7
For you stole Trevelyn's corn, so the young might see the morn, G
Now a prison ship lies waiting in the bay.
Chorus:
G C G Em
Low lie the fields of Athenry,
G D7
Where once we watched the small free birds fly. G G D7
Our love was on the wing, we had dreams and songs to sing, G
It's so lonely 'round the fields of Athenry.
Verse 2:
By a lonely prison wall
Č G D7
I head a young man calling.
O D=
G C D7
Nothing matters, Mary, when you're free, G C G D7 Nothing matters, Mary, when you're free, G C D7
Nothing matters, Mary, when you're free, G C G Against the Famine and the Crown, I rebelled, they cut me down
Nothing matters, Mary, when you're free, G C G D7
Nothing matters, Mary, when you're free, G C G D7 Against the Famine and the Crown, I rebelled, they cut me down G Now you must raise our child with dignity. Chorus:
Nothing matters, Mary, when you're free, G C G D7 Against the Famine and the Crown, I rebelled, they cut me down G Now you must raise our child with dignity. Chorus: G C G Em Low lie the fields of Athenry,
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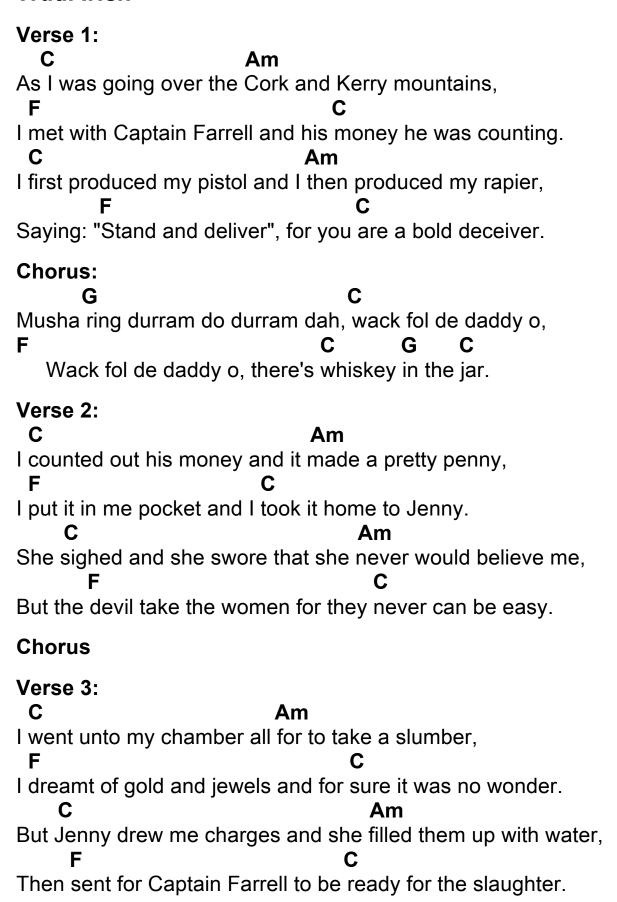
Verse 3:			
G			
By a lonely harbour wall			
C	G D7		
She watched the last sta	=		
G	C	D7	
And that prison ship sail	ed out against the	e skv.	
G	C	G	D7
Sure she'll wait and hop	e and pray, for he	er love in Botany	
от о	G		
It's so lonely 'round the f	_		
it's so lonely round the i	neido oi / tiricini y.		
Chorus:			
G C G	Em		
Low lie the fields of Athe	enrv.		
G	, , ,	D7	
Where once we watched	d the small free bi		
G C	G	_	7
	a we had dream	_	_
Our love was on the win	_	s and songs to s	ıııy,
	G		



It's so lonely 'round the fields of Athenry.

Whiskey in the Jar

Trad. Irish



Chorus

Verse	e 4:
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C Am

It was early in the morning just before I rose to travel,

= (

Up comes a band of footmen and likewise Captain Farrell.

C Am

I first produced my pistol for she'd stolen away me rapier,

But I couldn't shoot the water, so a prisoner I was taken.

Chorus

Verse 5:

C Am

And if anyone can aid me 'tis me brother in the army,

= ° C

If I can find a station in Cork or in Killarney.

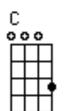
C Am

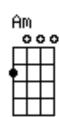
And if he'll go with me we'll go roaming in Kilkenny,

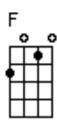
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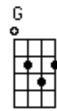
And I'm sure he'll treat me better than my only sporting Jenny.

Chorus x 2









Black is the Colour Trad. Scottish

Verse 1:

F G Am

Black is the colour of my true loves hair

G E

Her lips are like some roses fair

F G E7

She has the sweetest smile and the gentlest hands

And I love the ground whereon she stands

Verse 2:

F G Am

I love my love and well she knows

F G E7

I love the ground whereon she goes

F G E7

I wish the day it soon would come

G Am

When she and I would be as one

Verse 3:

F G Am

I go to the Clyde and I mourn and weep

G E

For satisfied I ne'er can be

F G E7

I wrote her a letter just a few short lines

F G Am

And suffer death a thousand times

Verse 1 reprise:

F G Am

Black is the colour of my true loves hair

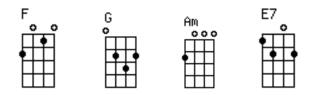
F G E

Her lips are like some roses fair

F G E7

She has the sweetest smile and the gentlest hands

F G Am
And I love the ground whereon she stands



Roseville Fair - Bill Staines

G C G			
Oh, the night was clear and the stars were shining D G	G	C	D
And the moon came up, so quiet in the sky			•
And all the people gathered round while the band was tuning	Ш	Ш	Ш
I can hear them now, playing 'Coming Through the Rye'			
G C G			
She was dressed in blue and she looked so lovely, D G			
Just a gentle flower of a small town girl,			
Then he took her hand and they danced to the music,			
With a single smile she became his world			
Chorus: G C G And they danced all night, to the fiddle and the banjo,			
Their drifting tunes, seemed to fill the air,			
So long ago, but they still remember,			
When they fell in love, at the Roseville Fair			
G C G			
Now, they courted well, and they courted dearly			
They rocked for hours in the front porch chair G C G			
Then a year went by from the time that he met her D G			
And he made her his, at the Roseville Fair			
Chorus: G C G And they danced all night, to the fiddle and the banjo, D G			
Their drifting tunes, seemed to fill the air, G C G			
So long ago, but they still remember,			
When they fell in love, at the Roseville Fair			
G C G			
So here's a song for all of the lovers D G			
And here's a tune that you can share G C G			
May you dance all night to the fiddle and the banjo D G			
The way they did, at the Roseville Fair			
The way they did, at the Roseville Fair			

(in the Chris Wood version it's changed to 'the way that we did, at the Roseville Fair in the last verse).

Who Will Sing Me Lullabies

Kate Rusby (arr. B. Farmer 2014)
C F ^{add9} C G ^{sus2}
Lay me down gently, lay me down low, C F ^{add9} G ^{sus2} G
I fear I am broken and won't mend, I know.
F G C F F
One thing I ask when the stars light the skies,
Am G C5 Cmaj7
Who now will sing me lullabies,
Am G C F C F Oh who now will sing me lullabies.
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C F ^{add9} C G ^{sus2}
In this big world I'm lonely, for I am but small,
C F ^{add9} G ^{sus2} G
Oh angels in heaven, don't you care for me at all? F G C F F
You heard my heart breaking for it rang through the skies,
Am G C5 Cmaj7
So why don't you sing me lullabies,
Am G C F C F
Oh why don't you sing me lullabies.
C F ^{add9} C G ^{sus2}
C F ^{adds} C G ^{susz} I lay here; I'm weeping for the stars they have come,
C F ^{add9} G ^{sus2} G
I lay here not sleeping; now the long night has begun.
F G C F F
The man in the moon, oh he can't help but cry,
Am G C5 Cmaj7
For there's no one to sing me lullabies, Am G C F C F
Oh there's no one to sing me lullabies.
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C F ^{add9} C G ^{sus2}
Lay me down gently, lay me down low, C F ^{add9} G ^{sus2} G
I fear I am broken and won't mend, I know. F G C F F
One thing I ask when the stars light the skies,
Am G C5 Cmaj7
Who now will sing me lullabies,
Am G C5 Cmaj7
Oh who now will sing me lullabies.
C F ^{add9}
Who will sing me to sleep
C G ^{sus2}
Who will sing me to sleep
C F ^{add9}
Who will sing me to sleep
C G ^{sus2}
Who will sing me to sleep