

The Ukulele Song Book

An accessible ukulele
learning resource



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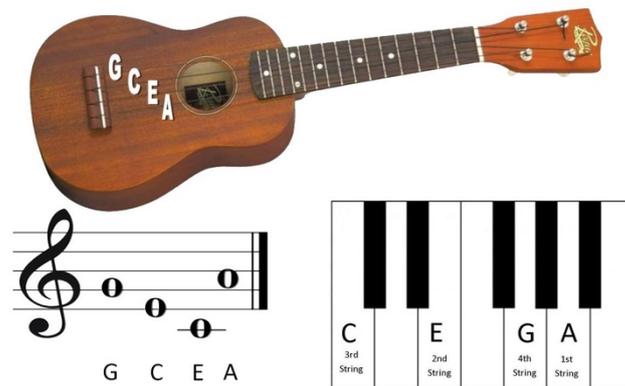
Welcome to The Ukulele Pop Song Book: An accessible ukulele learning resource!

We have created our own coloured sticker system as an accessible way for young children or those with additional learning needs to play chords on the ukulele with almost immediate results. It relies on the ability to colour-match rather than remember chord names or finger positions. Children learning on their own will need to be able to read. However, if reading is a challenge, guide your child to a song they already know well.

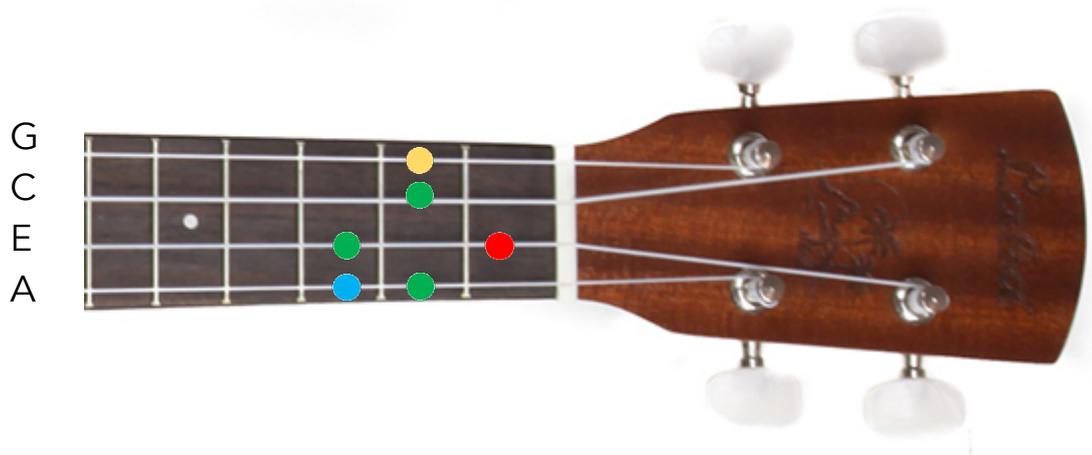
Every song featured in this book can be accompanied using just four simple ukulele chords guided by the coloured stickers. The songs are organised according to how many chords they use. The chord sequences to some songs have been simplified, adapted and transposed into C major/A minor in order that they can be played easily using our sticker system on the ukulele.

Setting up your Ukulele

Step 1: Make sure you always tune your ukulele to the right notes using the tuning pegs. You can find the right notes with a tuning app if you don't have a keyboard at home. The strings are **G, C, E & A**.



Step 2: Stick the blue ●, green ●, yellow ● and red ● stickers in the positions to match the picture below.



Step 3: Hold your ukulele so that the head and stickers are at your left hand, while your right hand is free to strum the strings.

Step 4: Practice strumming up and down across the strings using your first finger, a pick, plectrum, or even an old credit card, so that your right hand gets used to strumming.



Step 5: Your left hand will play the chords with the stickers. If you can use the correct finger when you play each of the chords, it will make it much easier to switch between the chords quickly.



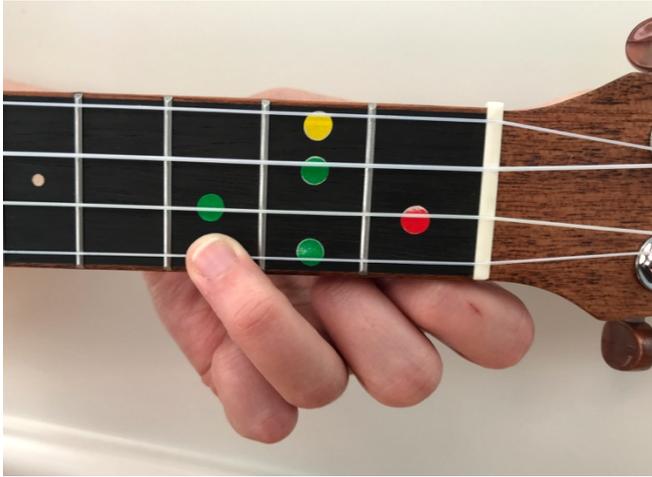
Step 6: Practise playing the four chords on their own to get used to them (shown on the next page).

Step 7: Try playing some songs! The coloured dots above the song lyrics indicate where the chord changes are.

Your Four Ukulele Chords

● Blue Sticker (C major)

Finger 3 on the blue sticker.



● Yellow Sticker (A minor)

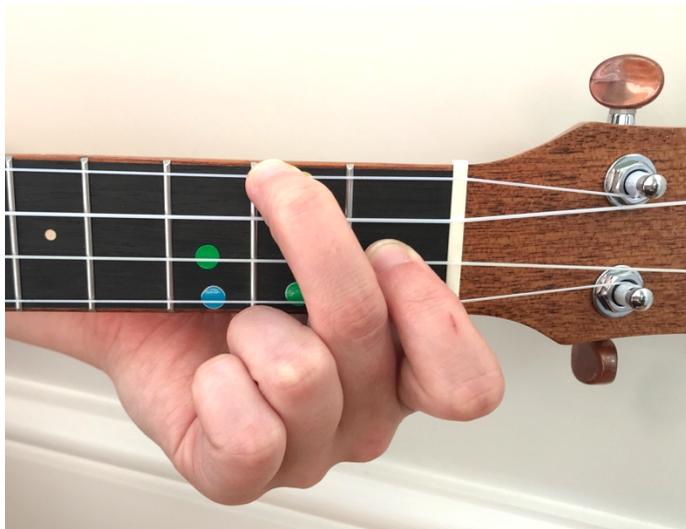
Finger 2 on the yellow sticker



●● Red & Yellow Sticker (F major)

Finger 1 on the yellow sticker

Finger 2 on the red sticker.



● Green Stickers (G major)

Finger 1 on the upper green sticker (under yellow)

Finger 2 on the lower green sticker

Finger 3 on the middle green sticker (above blue)



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Nursery Rhymes & Children's Songs

for the ukulele



Baby Shark



Baby shark doo doo doo doo doo



Baby shark doo doo doo doo doo



Baby shark doo doo doo doo doo



Baby shark doo doo doo doo doo



Mummy shark doo doo doo doo doo



Mummy shark doo doo doo doo doo



Mummy shark doo doo doo doo doo



Mummy shark doo doo doo doo doo

Daddy shark...

Grandma shark...

Baa Baa Black Sheep



Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?



Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full!



One for the master,



And one for the dame,



One for the little boy



Who lives down the lane

Five little ducks



Five little ducks went out one day



Over the hill and far away



Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"



But only four little ducks came back



Four little ducks went out one day



Over the hill and far away



Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"



But only three little ducks came back

Three...

Two...

One...

I can sing a rainbow



Red and yellow and pink and green



Purple and orange and blue,



I can sing a rainbow,



Sing a rainbow,



Sing a rainbow too.



Listen with your ears,



Listen with your eyes,



And sing everything you see!



I can sing a rainbow,



Sing a rainbow,



Sing along with me...



Red and yellow and pink and green



Purple and orange and blue,



I can sing a rainbow,



Sing a rainbow,



Sing a rainbow too.

Old McDonald


Old MacDonald had a farm


Ee- eye, ee-eye oh!


And on his farm he had a cow


Ee- eye, ee-eye oh!


With a moo-moo here


And a moo-moo there


Here a moo, there a moo


Everywhere a moo-moo


Old MacDonald had a farm


Ee- eye, ee-eye oh!

Row row row your boat



Row, row, row your boat



Gently down the stream



Merrily merrily, merrily, merrily



Life is but a dream



Row, row, row your boat



Gently down the stream



Merrily merrily, merrily, merrily



Life is but a dream

Thomas and friends theme tune



They're two, they're four, they're six, they're eight



Shunting trucks and hauling freights.



Red and green and brown and blue,



They're the really useful crew.



All with different roles to play,



Round Tidmouth sheds or far away.



Down the hills and round the bends,



Thomas and his friends.



Thomas, he's the cheeky one.



James is vain but lots of fun.



Percy pulls the mail on time.



Gordon thunders down the line.



Emily really knows her stuff.



Henry toots and huffs and puffs.



Edward wants to help and share.



Toby, well let's say, he's square!



They're two, they're four, they're six, they're eight



Shunting trucks and hauling freights.



Red and green and brown and blue,



They're the really useful crew.



All with different roles to play,



Round Tidmouth sheds or far away.



Down the hills and round the bends,



Thomas and his friends.

Twinkle twinkle



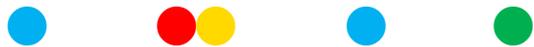
Twinkle, twinkle, little star



How I wonder what you are



Up above the world so high



Like a diamond in the sky



Twinkle, twinkle, little star



How I wonder what you are

Wheels on the bus



The wheels on the bus go round and round



Round and round



Round and round



The wheels on the bus go round and round



All day long



The wipers on the bus go Swish, swish, swish



Swish, swish, swish



Swish, swish, swish



The wipers on the bus go Swish, swish, swish



All day long

Pop Songs

for the ukulele



Blinded by your grace

Stormzy



Lord, I've been broken



Although I'm not worthy



You fixed me, I'm blinded



By your grace



You came and saved me



Lord, I've been broken



Although I'm not worthy



You fixed me, I'm blinded



By your grace



You came and saved me

Don't stop believing

Journey



Just a small town girl



Livin' in a lonely world



She took the midnight train going anywhere



Just a city boy



Born and raised in south Detroit



He took the midnight train going anywhere



A singer in a smoky room



A smell of wine and cheap perfume



For a smile they can share the night



It goes on and on, and on, and on



Strangers waiting



Up and down the boulevard



Their shadows searching in the night



Streetlights, people



Living just to find emotion



Hiding somewhere in the night



Working hard to get my fill



Everybody wants a thrill



Payin' anything to roll the dice



Just one more time



Some will win, some will lose



Some were born to sing the blues

● ●
Oh, the movie never ends

● ● ● ●
It goes on and on, and on, and on

● ●
Strangers waiting

●
Up and down the boulevard
● ● ●
Their shadows searching in the night

● ●
Streetlights, people

●
Living just to find emotion

● ● ●
Hiding somewhere in the night

● ●
Don't stop believing

● ● ● ●
Hold on to the feeling

● ● ● ● ● ●
Streetlights, people.....

Don't worry about a thing

Bob Marley



Don't worry about a thing,



Cause every little thing is gonna be all right.



Singing, don't worry about a thing,



Cause every little thing gonna be all right!



Rise up this morning



Smiled with the rising sun,



Three little birds



Pitch by my doorstep



Singing sweet songs

Of melodies pure and true,

Saying, this is my message to you-ou-ou:

Don't worry about a thing,

Cause every little thing is gonna be all right.

Singing, don't worry about a thing,

Cause every little thing gonna be all right!

Eye of the Tiger

Survivor



Risin' up, back on the street



Did my time, took my chances



Went the distance now I'm back on my feet



Just a man and his will to survive



It's the eye of the tiger



It's the thrill of the fight



Rising up to the challenge of our rival



And the last known survivor stalks his prey in the night



And he's watching us all with the eye of the tiger

INSTRUMENTAL
Pluck one string at a time

A-string, A-string, middle ●, A-string
A-string, middle ●, A-string
A-string, middle ●, ●

● ● ● ●
So many times, it happens too fast

● ● ● ●
You trade your passion for glory

● ● ● ●
Don't lose your grip on the dreams of the past

● ● ● ●
You must fight just to keep them alive

● ● ● ●
It's the eye of the tiger

● ● ● ●
It's the thrill of the fight

● ● ● ●
Rising up to the challenge of our rival

● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
And the last known survivor stalks his prey in the night

● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
And he's watching us all with the eye of the tiger

Just the way you are

Bruno Mars



Her eyes, her eyes make the stars look like



they're not shinin'



Her hair, her hair falls perfectly without her trying



She's so beautiful and I tell her everyday



Yeah, I know, I know when I compliment her



she won't believe me



And it's so, it's so sad to think that she don't



see what I see



But every time she asks me "Do I look okay?"



I say.....



When I see your face



There's not a thing that I would change



Cause you're amazing



Just the way you are



And when you smile



The whole world stops and stares for a while



'Cause girl you're amazing



Just the way you are

Living on a prayer

Bon Jovi



Tommy used to work on the docks,



Union's been on strike



He's down on his luck, it's tough,



So tough



Gina works the diner all day



Working for her man



She brings home her pay, for love,



For love

She says, we've got to hold on to what we've got

It doesn't make a difference if we make it or not

We've got each other and that's a lot for love

We'll give it a shot

Woah, we're half way there

Woah, living on a prayer

Take my hand, we'll make it I swear

Woah, living on a prayer

Next to me

Emeli Sande

 
You won't find him drinking at the table

 
Rolling dice or staying out 'til three

 
You won't ever find him be unfaithful

    
You will find him, you'll find him next to me

 
You won't find him try to chase the devil

 
For money, fame, for power, out of greed

 
You won't ever find him where the rest go

    
You will find him, you'll find him next to me



Next to me, ooh hooo



Next to me, ooh hooo



Next to me, ooh hooo



You will find him, you'll find him next to me

Old Town Road

Lil Nas X ft. Billy Ray Cyrus

 
Yeah, I'm gonna take my horse to the old town road

  
I'm gonna ride 'til I can't no more

 
I'm gonna take my horse to the old town road

  
I'm gonna ride 'til I can't no more


I got the horses in the back


Horse tack is attached


Hat is matte black

 
Got the boots that's black to match


Ridin' on a horse, ha



You can whip your Porsche



I been in the valley



You ain't been up off that porch, now



Can't nobody tell me nothing



You can't tell me nothing



Can't nobody tell me nothing



You can't tell me nothing



Yeah, I'm gonna take my horse to the old town road



I'm gonna ride 'til I can't no more



I'm gonna take my horse to the old town road



I'm gonna ride 'til I can't no more

Roar

Katy Perry



I used to bite my tongue and hold my breath



Scared to rock the boat and make a mess



So I sat quietly, agreed politely



I guess that I forgot I had a choice



I let you push me past the breaking point



I stood for nothing, so I fell for everything



You held me down, but I got up (hey!)



Already brushing off the dust



You hear my voice, you hear that sound



Like thunder, gonna shake the ground



You held me down, but I got up (hey!)



Get ready 'cause I had enough



I see it all, I see it now



I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter



Dancing through the fire



'Cause I am a champion,



and you're gonna hear me roar



Louder, louder than a lion



'Cause I am a champion,



and you're gonna hear me roar



Oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh



Oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh



Oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh



You're gonna hear me roar!

Señorita

Camila Cabello



I love it when you call me Señorita



I wish I could pretend I didn't need ya



But every touch is ooh-la-la-la



It's true la-la-la



Ooh I should be running



Ooh you keep me coming for ya



Land in Miami



The air was hot from summer rain sweat dripping
off me



Before I even knew her name la-la-la



It felt like ooh-la-la-la, yeah



Sapphire moonlight



We danced for hours in the sand Tequila Sunrise



Her body fit right in my hands, la-la-la



It felt like ooh-la-la-la, yeah



I love it when you call me Señorita



I wish I could pretend I didn't need ya



But every touch is ooh-la-la-la



It's true la-la-la



Ooh I should be running



Ooh you know I love it



I love it when you call me Señorita



I wish it wasn't so damn hard to leave ya



But every touch is ooh-la-la-la



It's true la-la-la



Ooh I should be running



Ooh you keep me coming for ya

This is me

From The Greatest Showman



I am not a stranger to the dark



Hide away, they say



'Cause we don't want your broken parts



I've learned to be ashamed of all my scars



Run away, they say



No one'll love you as you are



But I won't let them break me down to dust



I know that there's a place for us



For we are glorious



When the sharpest words wanna cut me down



I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown them out



I am brave, I am bruised



I am who I'm meant to be, this is me



Oh-oh-oh-oh (oh-oh-oh-oh)



Oh-oh-oh-oh (oh-oh-oh-oh)



Oh-oh-oh



Oh-oh-oh



Oh-oh-oh, oh, oh



This is me

We will rock you

Queen



Buddy, you're a boy, make a big noise



Playing in the street, gonna be a big man someday



You got mud on your face, you big disgrace



Kicking your can all over the place, singing



We will, we will rock you



We will, we will rock you



Buddy, you're a young man, hard man



Shouting in the street,



Gonna take on the world someday



You got mud on your face, you big disgrace



Waving your banner all over the place, singing



We will, we will rock you



We will, we will rock you



We will, we will rock you



We will, we will rock you