The Ukulele Song Book

An accessible ukulele learning resource

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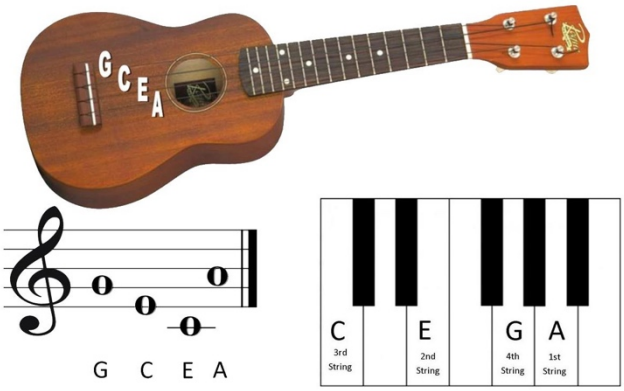
Welcome to The Ukulele Pop Song Book: An accessible ukulele learning resource!

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.

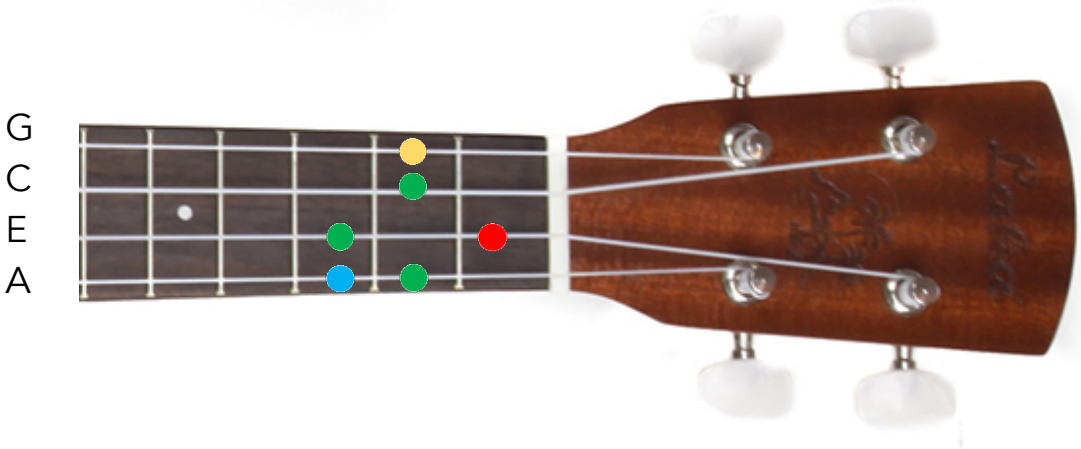
Every song featured in this book can be accompanied using just four simple ukulele chords guided by the coloured stickers. The songs are organised according to how many chords they use. The chord sequences to some songs have been simplified, adapted and transposed into C major/A minor in order that they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

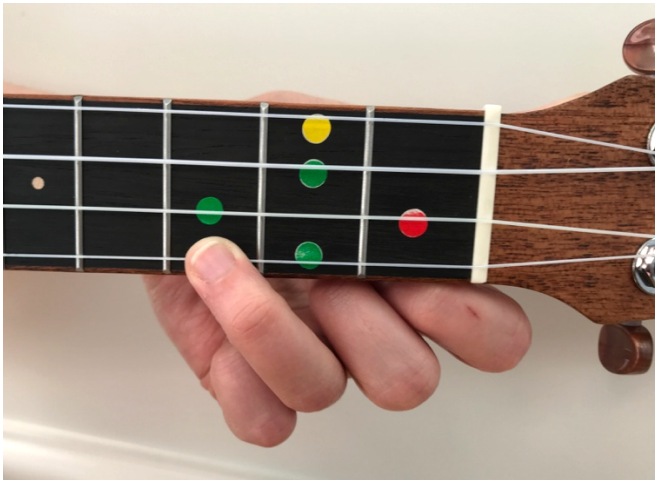
Step 6: Practise playing the four chords on their own to get used to them (shown on the next page).

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

Your Four Ukulele Chords

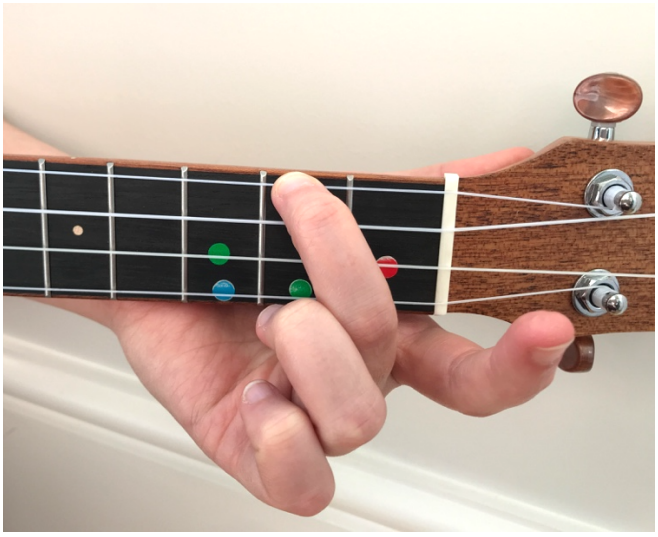
🔵 Blue Sticker (C major)

Finger 3 on the blue sticker.



🟡 Yellow Sticker (A minor)

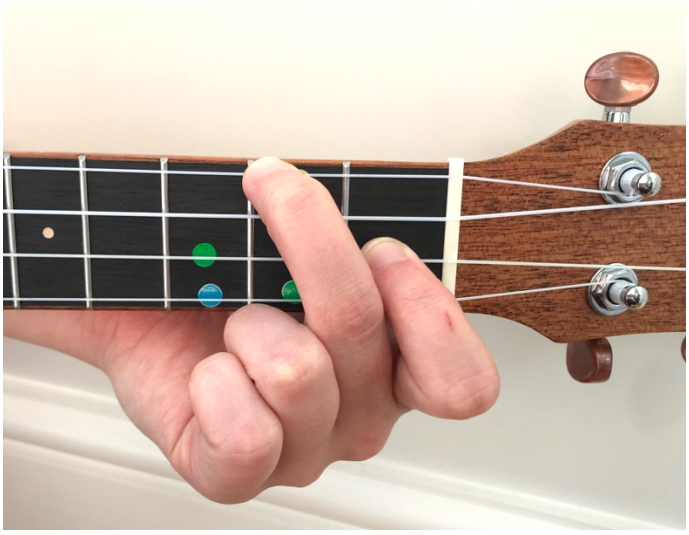
Finger 2 on the yellow sticker



🔴🟡 Red & Yellow Sticker (F major)

Finger 1 on the yellow sticker

Finger 2 on the red sticker.

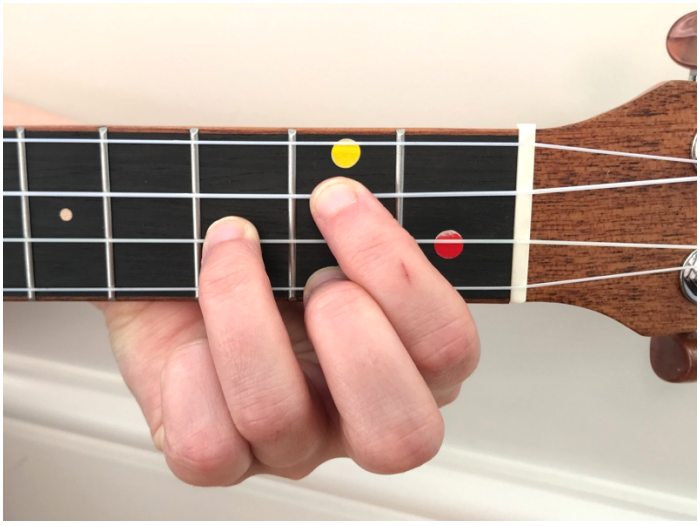


🟢 Green Stickers (G major)

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

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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 swimming 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 swimming 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

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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

Dance Monkey

Tones and I

They say, Oh, my God, I see the way you shine

Take your hand, my dear, and place them both in mine

You know, you stopped me dead while I was passing by

And now I beg to see you dance just one more time

Ooh, I see you, see you, see you every time

And oh, my I-I, I-I like your style

You, you make me, make me, make me wanna cry

And now I beg to see you dance just one more time

So I say dance for me, dance for me, dance for me, oh-oh-oh

I never seen anybody do the things you do before

They say move for me, move for me, move for me, ay-ay-ay

And when you're done I'll make you do it all again

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

Hakuna Matata

The Lion King

Hakuna Matata! What a wonderful phrase

Hakuna Matata! Ain't no passing craze

It means no worries

For the rest of your days

It's our problem-free, philosophy...

Hakuna Matata!

When he was a young warthog...

When I was a young warthoooog!

He found his aroma lacked a certain appeal

He could clear the savannah after every meal

I'm a sensitive soul, though I seem thick-skinned

And it hurt that my friends never stood downwind

And oh the shame! Though of changing my name

And I got downhearted, every time that I…

Pumbaa! Not in front of the kids! Oh... sorry.

Hakuna Matata! What a wonderful phrase

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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

Million dreams

The Greatest Showman

I close my eyes and I can see

The world that's waiting up for me

That I call my own

Through the dark, through the door

Through where no one's been before

But it feels like home

They can say, they can say it all sounds crazy

They can say, they can say I've lost my mind

I don't care, I don't care, so call me crazy

We can live in a world that we design

'Cause every night I lie in bed

The brightest colours fill my head

A million dreams are keeping me awake

I think of what the world could be

A vision of the one I see

A million dreams is all it's gonna take

A million dreams for the world we're gonna make

There's a house we can build

Every room inside is filled

With things from far away

The special things I compile

Each one there to make you smile

On a rainy day

They can say, they can say it all sounds crazy

They can say, they can say I've lost my mind

I don't care, I don't care, so call me crazy

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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

Shot Gun

George Ezra

Home grown alligator, see you later

Gotta hit the road, gotta hit the road

Something changed in the atmosphere,

Architecture unfamiliar,

I could get used to this

Time flies by in the yellow and green,

stick around and you'll see what I mean.

There's a mountain top, that I'm dreaming of,

If you need me, you know where I'll be.

I'll be riding shotgun, Underneath the hot sun,

Feeling like a someone.

I'll be riding shotgun, Underneath the hot sun,

Feeling like a someone.

The south of the equator, navigator,

Gotta hit the road, gotta hit the road.

Deep-sea diving round the clock,

Bikini bottoms, lager tops

I could get used to this

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Feeling like a someone.

I'll be riding shotgun, Underneath the hot sun,

Feeling like a someone.

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