BEGINNER HOLIDAY JAM
with CYNTHIA LIN

Notes

*songs with 4 chords or less

strums are suggested - you can always simplify by playing downstrums

/ = single strum

shuffle island strum has a bluesy, syncopated feel

ALOHA, UKE FRIENDS!

Happy holidays!

I'm happy to present my Beginner Holiday Jam Songbook, which features 13 popular holiday songs in beginner-friendly ukulele arrangements. This Songbook is available for free download at http://gumroad.com/cynthialin. I encourage you to share this packet with friends, family, and your local ukulele group!

You can find tutorials for many of these songs at http://youtube.com/cynthialinmusic. Be sure to subscribe. :)
You can jam along with my band from our 2016 YouTube webcast: http://bit.ly/HolidayUkeJam2016

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Holiday tour dates at http://cynthialin.com/events

And check out my jazz ukulele holiday album, *Cozy Christmas.* Available via iTunes, Spotify, and all digital outlets, and get signed CDs and Vinyl at http://cynthialin.bandcamp.com.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday with lots of opportunity to share the joy of ukulele!
xo cynthia.

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

by Mariah Carey and Walter Afanasieff
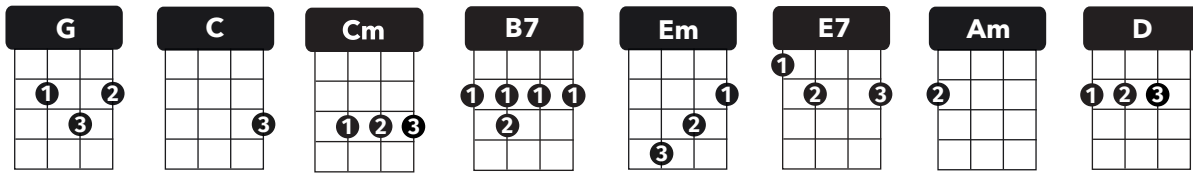
Chord diagrams: G C Cm B7 Em E7 Am D

SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO

G

VERSE

| G | G | G | G |

I don't want a lot for Christmas   there is just one thing I need

| C | C | Cm | Cm |

I don't care a-bout the presents   underneath the Christmas tree

| G | G | G | G |

I don't need to hang my stocking   there upon the fireplace

| C | C | Cm | Cm |

Santa Claus won't make me happy   with a toy on Christmas day

CHORUS

| G | [G// - B7//] | Em | [Em// - Cm//] |

I just want you for my own   more than you could ever know

| G | E7 | Am | D |

Make my wish come true, baby   All I want for Christmas is

| G | Em | C | D |

you,   you,   baby

VERSE

| G | G | G | G |

I won't ask for much this Christmas   I won't even wish for snow

| C | C | Cm | Cm |

I'm just gonna keep on waiting   here under the mistletoe

| G | G | G | G |

I won't make a list and send it   to the North Pole for Saint Nick

| C | C | Cm | Cm |

I won't even stay awake to   hear those magic reindeer click

CHORUS

| G | [G// - B7//] | Em | [Em// - Cm//] |

I just want you here to-night   holding on to me so tight

| G | E7 | Am | D |

What more can I do, baby   All I want for Christmas is

| G | Em | C | D |

you,   you…

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

(continued)

Chords: G, C, Cm, B7, Em, E7, Am, D
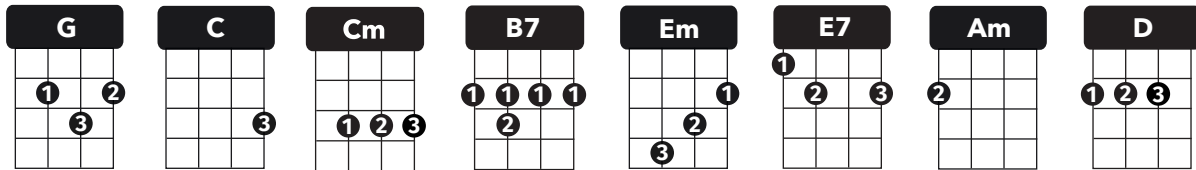
BRIDGE

| B7 | B7 | Em | Em |

All the lights are shining so brightly every-where

| B7 | B7 | Em | Em |

And the sound of children's laughter fills the air

| Cm | Cm | G | E7 |

and every-one is singing   I hear those sleigh bells swinging

| Am/ | | Am/ | |

Santa won't you bring me   the one I really need, won't you

| D/ | D/ | (hits) | D//// | D//// |

please bring my baby to   meeee   yeah yeah yeah

VERSE

| G | G | G | G |

I don't want a lot for Christmas   this is all I'm asking for

| C | C | Cm | Cm |

I just want to see my baby   standing right out-side my door

CHORUS

| G | [G// - B7//] | Em | [Em// - Cm//] |

I just want him for my own   more than you could ever know

| G | E7 | Am | (hits) D//// D//// |

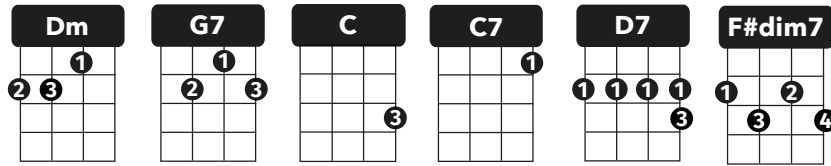Make my wish come true, baby   All I want for Christmas is

| G | Em | C | D |

you….

OUTRO x3

| G | Em | C | D |

All I want for Christmas is you, baby

END

| G/ |

ooh

BLUE CHRISTMAS

by Bill Hayes and Jay Johnson

| Dm | G7 | C | C7 | D7 | F#dim7 |

SWING STRUM: d- du d- du
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO

Dm   G7   C   G7/

VERSE

        C   C   G7   G7
I'll have a blue   Christmas   with-out you

        Dm   G7   C   C
I'll be so   blue just thinking   a-bout you

       C7   C7   Dm   Dm
Deco-rations of red on a   green Christmas tree

D7   D7   G7// - Dm// G7/
    Won't be the same, dear if you're not here with me

VERSE

         C   C   G7   G7
And when those blue   snowflakes start fallin'
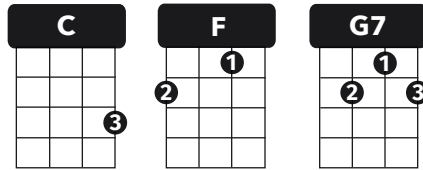
         Dm   G7   C   C
That's when those blue   memories start callin'

      C7   C7   Dm   F#dim7
You'll be doin'   al-right with your Christmas of white

      G7   G7   C   C
But I'll have a blue, blue   Christmas

ENDING

    G7   G7//   G7/ - G7/ - G7/   C   C/ G7/ C/
But I'll have a blue,   blue, blue, blue   Christmas

FELIZ NAVIDAD

by José Feliciano

| C | F | G7 |

ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO

| C | C/ |

VERSE

| F | G7 | C | C |
Feliz Navi-dad   Feliz Navi-dad

| F | G7 | C | C/ |
Feliz Navi-dad Prospero   Año y   Felici-dad

| F | G7 | C | C |
Feliz Navi-dad   Feliz Navi-dad

| F | G7 | C | C/ |
Feliz Navi-dad Prospero   Año y   Felici-dad

VERSE

| F | G7 | C | C |
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas,   I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

| F | G7 | C | C/ |
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart
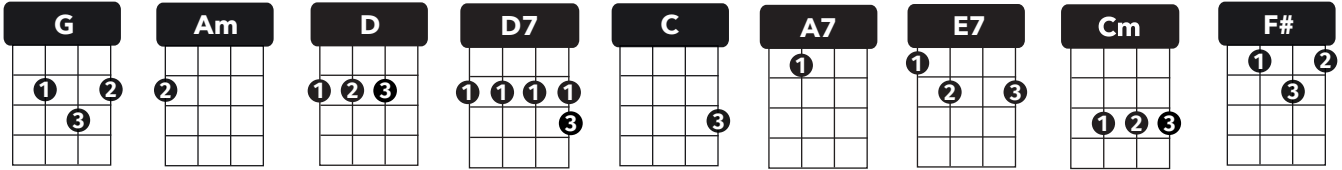
| F | G7 | C | C |
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas,   I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

| F | G7 | C | C/ |
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart

ENDING

| F | G7 | C | C/ /// (cha-cha-cha) |
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart

JINGLE BELL ROCK

by Joseph Beal and Jim Boothe

G	Am	D	D7	C	A7	E7	Cm	F#

SWING STRUM: d- du d- du

TIMING: 1 strum per chord; on split measure, play [d du - d du]

SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu

TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO

G

VERSE

G   G   G   [Am - D]

Jingle-bell   Jingle-bell   Jingle Bell Rock   Jingle bell swing and   Jingle bells ring

[Am - D]   [Am - D]   Am /   D7 *(island strum)*

    Snowin' and blowin' up   bushels of fun   Now the jingle hop has begun

VERSE

G   G   G   [Am - D]

Jingle-bell   Jingle-bell   Jingle Bell Rock   Jingle bells chime in   Jingle bell   time

[Am - D]   [Am - D]   [Am - D]   G *(island strum)*

    Dancin' and prancin in   Jingle Bell Square,   In the   frosty   air

BRIDGE

(island strum)   C   C   G   G

    What a bright time, it's the right time   to rock the night away

      A7   A7   D7/   D7

    Jingle-bell time   is a swell time   To go glidin' in a one-horse sleigh

VERSE

G   G   G   E7

Giddy-up jingle horse   pick up your feet   Jingle a-round the   clock

C   Cm   [A7 - D]   G *(island strum)*

Mix and mingle in a   jinglin' beat   That's the Jingle Bell Rock

ENDING

[A7 - D]   [A7 - D]

   That's the Jingle Bell,   that's the Jingle Bell,

[A7 - D]   G *(island strum)*   G/ F#/ G/

    that's the Jingle Bell   Rock!

JINGLE BELLS

by J.S. Pierpont

C   **F**   **G7**   **D**
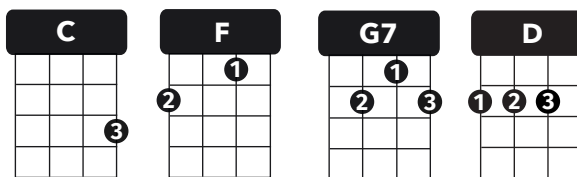
BACKBEAT STRUM: d D d D
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO

C

VERSE

C		C	C		F
Dashing through the snow   in a one-horse open sleigh

F   G7   G7   C
O'er the fields we go   laughing all the way

C   C   C   F
Bells on bob-tail ring   making spirits bright

    F   G7   G7   C/   G7/
What fun it is to ride and sing a   sleighing song to-night - oh!

CHORUS

C   C   C   C
Jingle bells,   jingle bells,   jingle all the way

F   C   D   G7/   G7/
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh - ay!

C   C   C   C
Jingle bells,   jingle bells,   jingle all the way

F   C   G7   C   C
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh

VERSE

C   C   C   F
Now the ground is white   Go it while you're young

F   G7   G7   C
Take the girls tonight   And sing this sleighing song

    C   C   C   F
Just get a bob-tailed bay   Two forty as his speed

F   G7   G7   C/   G7/
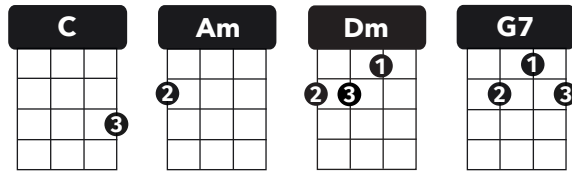Hitch him to an open sleigh   and crack, you'll take the lead - oh!

REPEAT CHORUS

ENDING

F   C   G7   G7   C   F   C   C/
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open   sleigh

LAST CHRISTMAS

by Wham!

C   **Am**   **Dm**   **G7**

ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 2 strums per chord

*practice singing the underlined syllables on the downbeat to build your singing-while-playing skills

INTRO

C   Am   Dm   G7

CHORUS x2

C   **Am**
Last Christmas I gave you my heart   But the very next day you gave it away
Dm   **G7**
This year to save me from tears   I'll give it to someone special

VERSE

C   **Am**
Once bitten twice shy   I keep my distance, but you still catch my eye
Dm   **G7**
Tell me baby, do you recognize me?   Well, it's been a year, it doesn't surprise me
C   **Am**
(Happy Christmas) I wrapped it up and sent it   With a note saying"I love you", I meant it
Dm   **G7**
Now I know what a fool I've been, but if you kissed me now, I know you'd fool me again

REPEAT CHORUS x2

VERSE

C   **Am**
Crowded room, friends with tired eyes,   I'm hiding from you, and your soul of ice
Dm   **G7**
My god, I thought you were someone to rely on, Me? I guess I was a shoulder to cry on
C   **Am**
A face on a lover with a fire in his heart   A man under cover but you tore me
Dm   **G7**
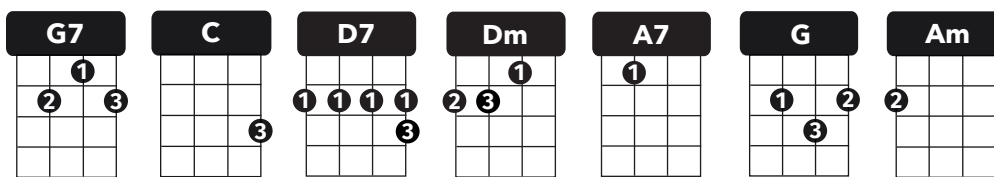a-part, Oh oh   Now I've found a real love you'll never fool me again

REPEAT CHORUS x2

FINAL CHORUS

C   **Am**
A face on a lover with a fire in his heart   A man under cover but you tore me
Dm   **G7**   **C/**
a-part, Oh   I'll give it to someone, give it to someone special

LET IT SNOW!

by Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne

G7	C	D7	Dm	A7	G	Am

SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord;
on split measure, play 2 swing strums: [d du - d du]

INTRO

G7   C/ // *(two hits)*

VERSE

[C - G7] C   [C - D7] G7
Oh, the weather out-side is frightful   But the fire is so de-lightful
[Dm - A7] Dm   G7   C
And since we've no place to go,   Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

[C - G7] C   [C - D7] G7
It doesn't show signs of stopping,   And I brought some corn for popping
[Dm - A7] Dm   G7   C
The lights are turned way down low,   Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

BRIDGE

G   G   [Am - D7]   G
When we finally kiss good night,   How I'll hate going out in the storm
G   G   [A7 - D7]   G7
But if you really hold me tight,   All the way home I'll be warm

VERSE

[C - G7] C   [C - D7] G7
The fire is slowly dying,   And my dear, we're still good-bye-ing
[Dm - A7] Dm   G7   C
But as long as you love me so,   Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

END

G7   G7   C   C/ G7/ C/
Let it snow,   let it snow,   let it snow

MELE KALIKIMAKA

by Robert Alex Anderson

| C | G7 | C7 | F | A7 | D |
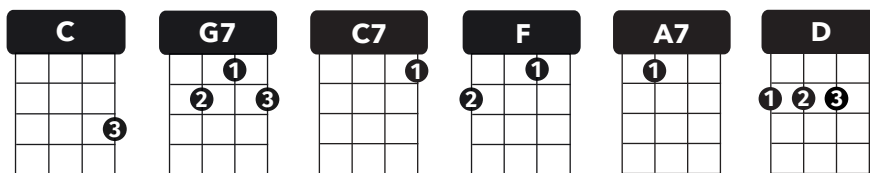
BACKBEAT STRUM: d D d D
TIMING: 2 strums per chord;
on split measure, play 1 per chord: [d D d D - d D d D]

or

SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 2 strums per chord; on split measure, play 1 per chord

INTRO

C

VERSE

C   C   C   G7
Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say on a bright Hawaiian Christmas day

G7   G7   G7   C
That's the island greeting that we send to you from the land where palm trees sway

     C7   F
Here we know that Christmas will be green and bright

      A7   [D - G7]
    the sun will shine by day and all the stars at night

C   A7   [D - G7]   C   C
Mele Kalikimaka is Ha-waii's way to say Merry Christmas to you

ENDING

C   A7
Mele Kalikimaka is Ha-waii's way

 [D - G7]   [D - G7]
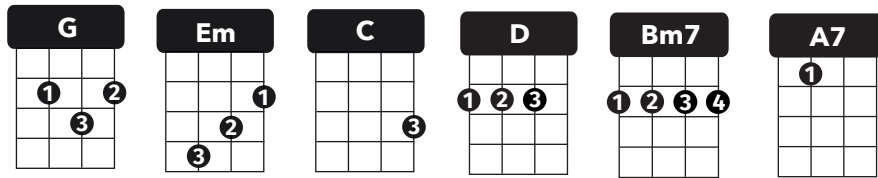to say Merry Christmas   a very merry Christmas

 [D - G7]   C/ G7/ C/
a very very merry merry Christmas to you

ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

by Johnny Marks

G   Em   C   D   Bm7   A7

SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

INTRO

| G | Em | C | D |

VERSE

G   G   D   D
Rockin' around the Christmas tree at the Christmas party hop

D   D   D   G
Mistletoe hung where you can see every couple tries to stop

G   G   D   D
Rockin' around the Christmas tree, let the Christmas spirit ring

D   D   D   G
Later we'll have some pumpkin pie and we'll do some caro-ling

BRIDGE

C   C   Bm7   Bm7
You will get a sentimental feeling when you hear

Em   Em   A7/   D
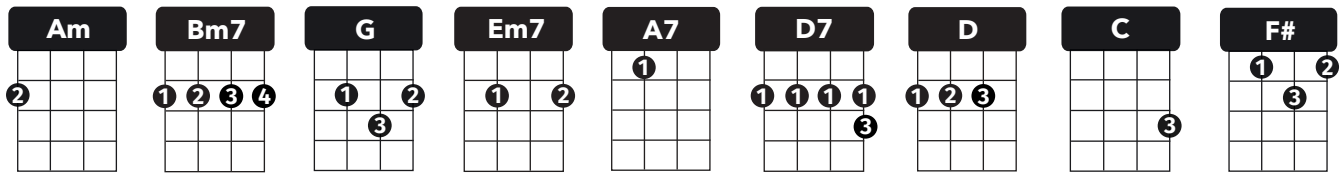Voices singing let's be jolly,   deck the halls with boughs of holly

VERSE

G   G   D   D
Rockin' around the Christmas tree, have a happy holiday

D   D   D   G
Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way

ENDING

D   D   D   D
Everyone dancing merrily in the new   old - fa - shioned

G   Em   C   G/
way

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

by Johnny Marks

Am	Bm7	G	Em7	A7	D7	D	C	F#

SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu

TIMING: 1 strum per chord

*practice singing the underlined syllables on the downbeat to build your singing-while-playing skills

OPTIONAL INTRO
(single strums)

    Am /   **Bm7 /**   **Am /**   **G /**
You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen

    Am /   **Bm7 /**   **Am /**   **G /**
Comet and Cupid   and Donner and Blitzen

    Em7 /   **A7 /**   **Em7 /** **A7 /**
But do you re-call   the most famous   reindeer of

(island strum) **D7**   **D7**
        all?

VERSE

G   **G**   **G**   **D**
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer   had a very shiny nose

D   **D**   **D**   **G**
And if you ever saw it   you would even say it glows

G   **G**   **G**   **D**
All of the other reindeer   used to laugh and call him names

D   **D**   **D**   **G**
They never let poor Rudolph   join in any reindeer games

BRIDGE

C   **G**   **D**   **G**
Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say

D   **D**   **A7**   **D**
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright,   won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

VERSE

G   **G**   **G**   **D**
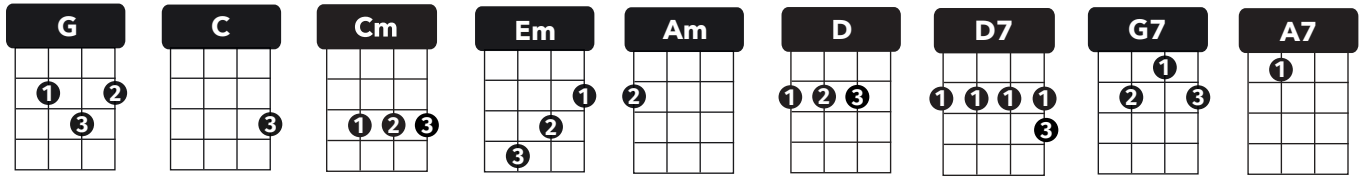Then how the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee

D   **D**   **D**   **G**
"Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in histo-ry!"

ENDING

D   **D** **G**   **G/ F#/ G/**
You'll go down in his- to- ry

SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN

by Haven Gillespie and J. F. Coots

G   **C**   **Cm**   **Em**   **Am**   **D**   **D7**   **G7**   **A7**

BACKBEAT STRUM: d D d D

TIMING: 1 strum per chord; on split measure, play [d D - d D]

INTRO

> G

VERSE

> G   C   G   [C   -   Cm /]
> You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why
>
> [G   - Em]   [Am - D]   G   D7
> Santa Claus is coming   to town

VERSE

> G   C   G   [C   -   Cm /]
> He's making a list, checking it twice Gonna find out who's naughty and nice
>
> [G   - Em]   [Am - D]   G   G
> Santa Claus is coming   to town

BRIDGE

> G7   C   G7   C
> He sees you when you're sleeping he knows when you're a-wake
>
> A7   D   A7   D /   D7 /
> He knows if you've been bad or good, so be good for goodness sake, Oh!
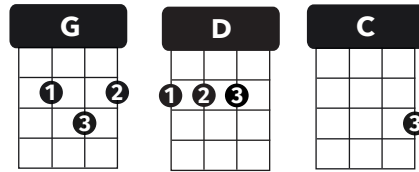
VERSE

> G   C   G   [C   -   Cm /]
> You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why
>
> [G   - Em]   [Am - D]   G   G
> Santa Claus is coming   to town

ENDING

> [G   - Em]   [Am - D]   [G   - C]   G /
> Santa Claus is coming   to town

SILENT NIGHT

by Franz Xaver Gruber

G	D	C

WALTZ STRUM: pick d d
TIMING: 1 per chord

or

FINGERPICKING: 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 2
TIMING: 1 per chord

INTRO

G

VERSE

G	G	G	G
Silent	night	holy	night

D	D	G	G
all is	calm	all is	bright

C		C	G		G
'Round yon virgin			mother and child		

C	C	G		G
holy	infant so	tender and		mild

D	D	G	G
Sleep in heavenly		peace	

G	D	G	G / *(flourish)*
sleep in	heavenly	peace	

SILVER BELLS

by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans

G	C	D
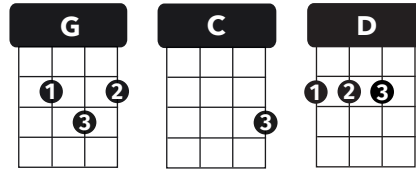
WALTZ STRUM: D du du, or pick d d
TIMING: 1 per chord

INTRO

G

VERSE

G   G   C   C
City sidewalks, busy sidewalks   Dressed in holiday   style
D   D   G   G
In the air there's a feeling   of Christmas
G   G   C   C
Children laughing, people passing   Meeting smile after smile
D   D   G   G
And on every street corner   you hear

CHORUS

G   G   C   C
Silver bells   (silver bells)   silver bells   (silver bells)
D   D   G   G
It's Christmas-time   in the city
G   G   C   C
Ring-a-ling   (ring-a-ling)   hear them ring (hear them ring)
D   D   G   G /
Soon it will be Christmas   day

VERSE

G   G   C   C
Strings of street lights, even stop lights   Blink a bright red and green
D   D   G   G
As the shoppers run home   with their treasures
G   G   C   C
Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch   This is Santa's big scene
D   D   G   G
And above all the bustle   you hear

REPEAT CHORUS

ENDING

D   D /   G   G /
Soon it will be Christmas   day