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

Jam with me online and support my mission at http://patreon.com/cynthialin
Mailing list for my events at http://gumroad.com/cynthialin
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
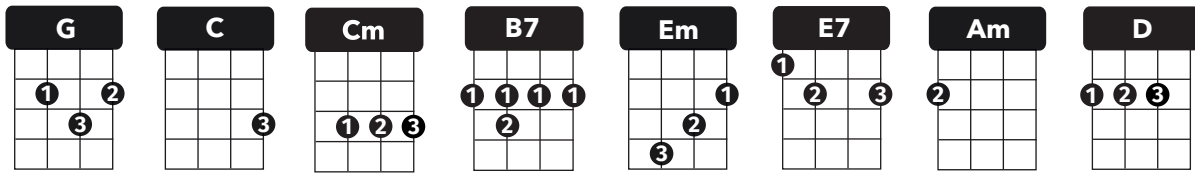
G   **C**   **Cm**   **B7**   **Em**   **E7**   **Am**   **D**

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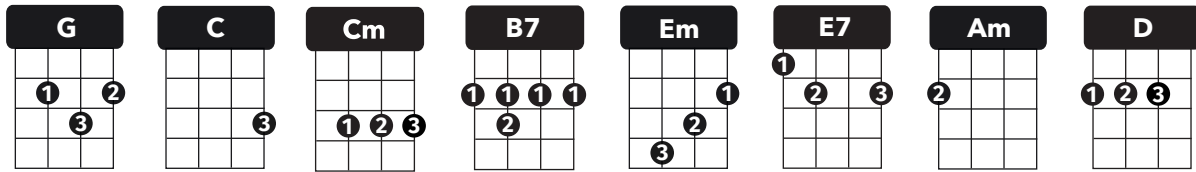What more can I do, baby   All I want for Christmas is

G   Em   C   D
you,   you…

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

(continued)

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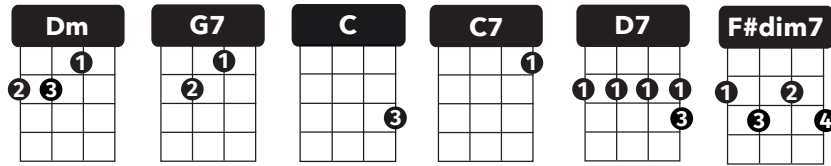
SWING STRUM: d- du d- du
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

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
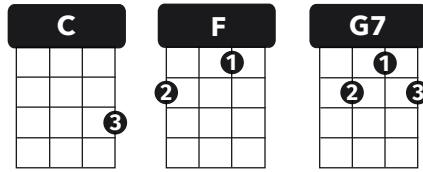And when those blue   snowflakes start fallin'

         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

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

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

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

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

ENDING

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

JINGLE BELL ROCK

by Joseph Beal and Jim Boothe

G	Am	D	D7	C	A7	E7	Cm	F#
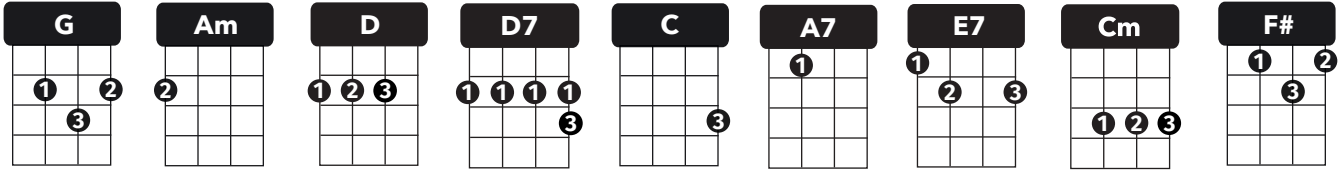
SWING STRUM: d- du d- du

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
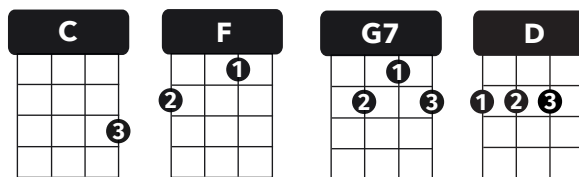
BACKBEAT STRUM: d D d D
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

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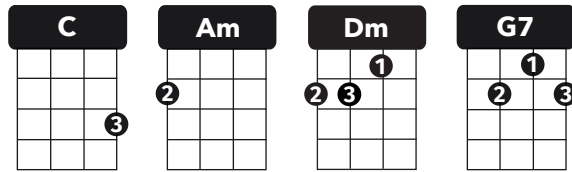
C **Am** **Dm** **G7**

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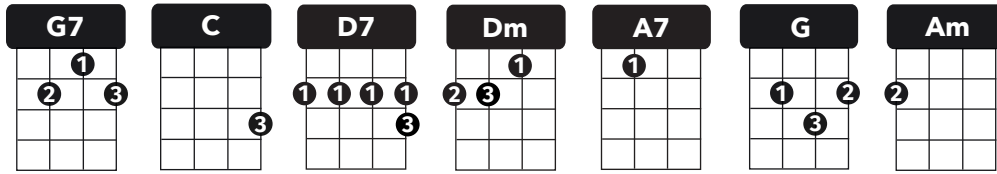
SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord;
on split measure, play 2 swing strums: [d du - d du]

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
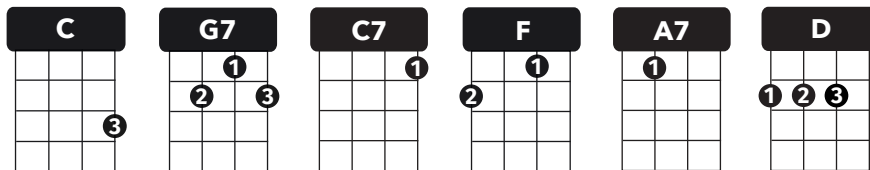
BACKBEAT STRUM: d D d D
TIMING: 2 strums per chord;
on split measure, play 1 per chord: [d D d D - d D d D]

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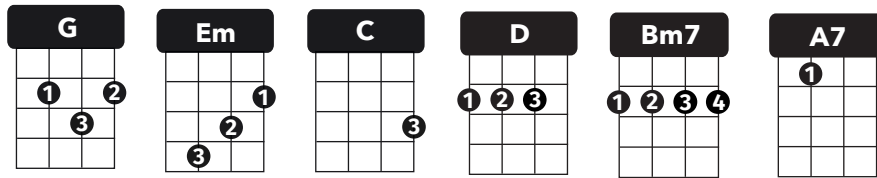
SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu
TIMING: 1 strum per chord

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#
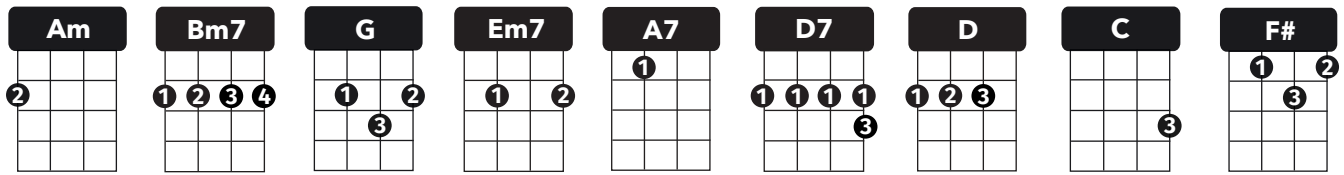
SHUFFLE ISLAND STRUM: d- du -udu

TIMING: 1 strum per chord

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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

Chords: G, C, Cm, Em, Am, D, D7, G7, A7
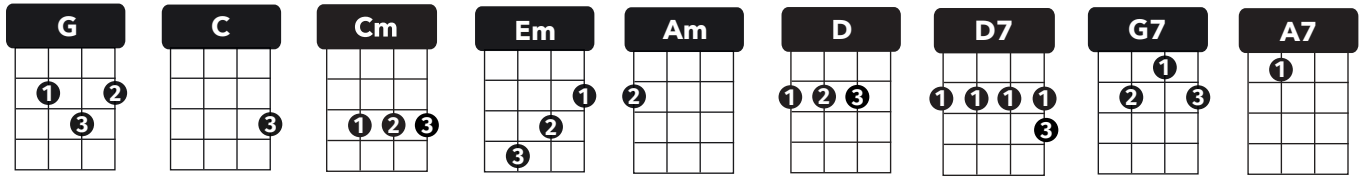
BACKBEAT STRUM: d D d D

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**
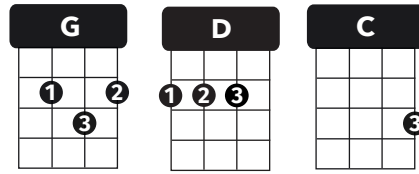
WALTZ STRUM: pick d d
TIMING: 1 per chord

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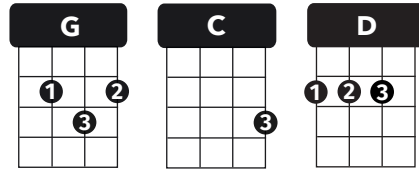
WALTZ STRUM: D du du, or pick d d
TIMING: 1 per chord

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