

15 Easy to Learn Songs for the Ukulele: A Comprehensive Guide for Beginners



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Embark on a musical journey with these 15 easy-to-learn ukulele songs, meticulously curated for beginners. Discover a treasure trove of melodies that will ignite your passion and guide your musical growth. Whether you're a complete novice or an aspiring musician seeking to expand your repertoire, these songs will provide the perfect stepping stone for your ukulele adventure.

1. "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" (Israel Kamakawiʻole)



This timeless classic from the beloved film "The Wizard of Oz" is not only hauntingly beautiful but also surprisingly simple to play. Its slow tempo and repetitive chord progression make it ideal for beginners.

2. "Riptide" (Vance Joy)

RIPTIDE - Vance Joy

VERSE 1 & 2

Am C

D D UDU D U UDU D UDU D UDU

CHORUS

G C C

D DU UDU D U UDU D DU UDU D DU UDU

BRIDGE

G

C

Am G C

(A Minor) (G Major) (C Major)

The image shows three guitar chord diagrams. The first diagram is for Am (A Minor), with the second finger on the second string, second fret, and the third finger on the fourth string, second fret. The second diagram is for G (G Major), with the second finger on the second string, second fret, the third finger on the third string, second fret, and the fourth finger on the fifth string, second fret. The third diagram is for C (C Major), with the second finger on the second string, first fret, and the third finger on the fifth string, first fret.

With its infectious melody and easy-to-sing lyrics, "Riptide" is a popular choice among ukulele enthusiasts. The open chords and strumming pattern are perfect for beginners, making it a great song to practice your rhythm.

3. "Can't Help Falling in Love" (Elvis Presley)

SING C

CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE

4/4 1...2...1234

Intro: (2 beats each)

Wise men, say only fools rush in

But I can't help falling in love with you

Shall I stay? Would it be a sin

If I can't help falling in love with you

Like a river flows, surely to the sea

Darling, so it goes, some things are meant to be

Take my hand, take my whole life, too

For I can't help falling in love with you

For I can't help falling in love with you

The image displays a sheet of music for the song "Can't Help Falling in Love" on a ukulele. It includes a key signature of C major (SING C) and a 4/4 time signature. The music is divided into an Intro and several lines of lyrics, each with corresponding chord diagrams. The chords used are: F, Am, C, G7, G, Em, B7, A7, and Dm7. The lyrics are: "Wise men, say only fools rush in", "But I can't help falling in love with you", "Shall I stay? Would it be a sin", "If I can't help falling in love with you", "Like a river flows, surely to the sea", "Darling, so it goes, some things are meant to be", "Take my hand, take my whole life, too", "For I can't help falling in love with you", and "For I can't help falling in love with you".

This iconic love song by the King of Rock 'n' Roll is a must-have in any ukulele player's repertoire. Its simple chord structure and slow tempo make it a breeze to learn, even for beginners.

4. "Hallelujah" (Leonard Cohen)

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

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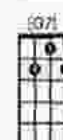
Well I've [C] heard there was a [Am] secret chord
That [C] David played and it [Am] pleased the Lord
But [F] you don't really [G7] care for music [C] do you [G7]
It [C] goes like this the [F] fourth the [G7] fifth
The [Am] minor fall and the [F] major lift [G7]
The [G7] baffled king com [E7] posing halle [Am] / lujah
Halle [F] / lujah Halle [Am] / lujah Halle [F] / lujah
Halle [C] lu [G7] [C] jah [G7]

Your [C] faith was strong but you [Am] needed proof
You [C] saw her bathing [Am] on the roof
Her [F] beauty and the [G7] moonlight over [C] threw ya [G7]
She [C] tied you to a [F] kitchen [G7] chair
She [Am] broke your throne, and she [F] cut your hair [G7]
And [G7] from your lips she [E7] drew the halle [Am] / lujah
Halle [F] / lujah Halle [Am] / lujah Halle [F] / lujah
Halle [C] lu [G7] [C] jah [G7]

Well [C] baby I've been [Am] here before
I [C] know this room and I've [Am] walked this floor,
I [F] used to live a [G7] lone before I [C] knew ya [G7]
I've [C] seen your flag on the [F] marble [G7] arch
But [Am] love's not some kind of [F] victory march [G7]
No it's a [G7] cold and it's a very [E7] broken halle [Am] / lujah
Halle [F] / lujah Halle [Am] / lujah Halle [F] / lujah
Halle [C] lu [G7] [C] jah [G7]

I [C] did my best but it [Am] wasn't much
I [C] couldn't feel so I [Am] tried to touch
I've [F] told the truth I didn't come [G7] to [C] fool ya [G7]
And [C] even though it [F] all went [G7] wrong
I'll [Am] stand before the [F] Lord of Song [G7]
With [G7] nothing on my [E7] tongue but halle [Am] / lujah
Halle [F] / lujah Halle [Am] / lujah Halle [F] / lujah
Halle [C] lu [G7] [C] jah

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This Jeff Buckley-popularized cover of Leonard Cohen's masterpiece is a beautiful song that showcases the ukulele's versatility. While the fingerpicking pattern may seem challenging at first, it's worth the effort to learn.

5. "Sweet Child O' Mine" (Guns N' Roses)



Don't let the iconic rock anthem fool you, "Sweet Child O' Mine" is surprisingly easy to play on the ukulele. Its power chords and catchy melody will make you feel like a rockstar in no time.

6. "Let It Be" (The Beatles)



This uplifting song by The Beatles is perfect for beginners as it uses only four basic chords. The slow tempo and soothing melody will help you relax and enjoy the learning process.

7. "Stand by Me" (Ben E. King)



This classic soul song is a timeless favorite for a reason. The simple chord changes and memorable melody make it an excellent choice for beginners.

8. "I'm Yours" (Jason Mraz)



Jason Mraz's soft and mellow tune is perfect for practicing fingerpicking. The repetitive chord progression and strumming pattern will help you develop coordination and dexterity.

9. "Over the Rainbow" (Judy Garland)

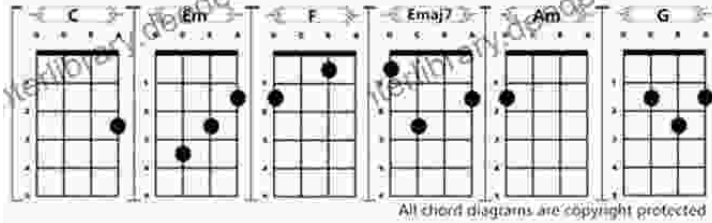


This enchanting song from the classic film "The Wizard of Oz" is another great choice for beginners. Its simple chord progression and slow tempo make it easy to learn, while its beautiful melody will capture your heart.

10. "What a Wonderful World" (Louis Armstrong)



Chords used:



C Em F Em
 I see trees of green red roses too
 F C Emaj7 Am
 I see them bloom for me and you
 G F G C F-G
 And I think to myself what a wonderful world
 C Em Em
 I see skies of blue and clouds of white
 F C Emaj7 Am
 The bright blessed day the dark sacred night
 G F G C F-C
 And I think to myself what a wonderful world
 G C
 The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky
 G C
 Are also on the faces of people going by
 Am G Am G
 I see friends shaking hands saying How do you do
 Am G F G
 They're really saying I love you
 C Em F Em
 I hear babies cry I watch them grow
 F G Emaj7 Am
 They'll learn much more than I'll ever know
 G F G C G
 And I think to myself what a wonderful world
 G F G C
 Yes I think to myself what a wonderful world

This uplifting and heartwarming song by Louis Armstrong is a perfect choice for ukulele beginners. Its simple chords and slow tempo make it easy to play, and its positive message will brighten your day.

11. "Tiny Dancer" (Elton John)



While "Tiny Dancer" may seem like a complex song, its basic chord structure and slow tempo make it surprisingly accessible for beginners. The beautiful melody and Elton John's iconic piano part will make learning this song a joy.

12. "Yellow" (Coldplay)



This cheerful and uplifting song by Coldplay is perfect for practicing strumming and fingerpicking. The open chords and catchy melody will make you want to sing along.

13. "Bad Moon Rising" (Creedence Clearwater Revival)



This classic rock song by Creedence Clearwater Revival is a great choice for beginners who want to learn about syncopated strumming patterns. The simple chords and catchy melody will keep you entertained.

14. "Hey Soul Sister" (Train)



This catchy and upbeat song by Train is perfect for practicing your strumming skills. The simple chord structure and repetitive melody will make you want to dance and sing along.

15. "Don't Stop Believin'" (Journey)

Don't Stop Believin'

Words and Music by Steve Perry, Neal Schon and Jonathan Cain

The image displays a musical score for the song "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey. At the top, the title "Don't Stop Believin'" is prominently displayed, followed by the composers' names: "Words and Music by Steve Perry, Neal Schon and Jonathan Cain". Below the title, there are six guitar chord diagrams for the chords C, Dm, G, F, E, and A. The main score is written for guitar and ukulele. It begins with the tempo and style markings "Tempo Moderate Rock". The first system shows the guitar part with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature, and the ukulele part with a bass clef. The lyrics "I just want to see the lights" are written below the guitar staff. The second system continues the melody with the lyrics "and see the lights" and "and see the lights". The third system is labeled "Interlude" and features a guitar solo with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature, and a ukulele part with a bass clef. The lyrics "and see the lights" are written below the guitar staff. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: "Copyright © 1981 by Lane Records Music, Inc. and owned by Lane Records Music, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Published by Lane Records Music, Inc. All Rights Reserved." The page number "1" is located at the bottom right corner.

This iconic rock anthem by Journey is a perfect choice for beginners who want to learn about power chords. The simple chord structure and catchy melody will make you feel like a rockstar.

Learning to play the ukulele is a rewarding and enjoyable experience, and these 15 easy-to-learn songs are the perfect starting point for beginners. With a little bit of practice and dedication, you'll be strumming and singing

these melodies like a pro in no time. So grab your ukulele, pick a song, and let the music take you on a journey of joy and fulfillment.



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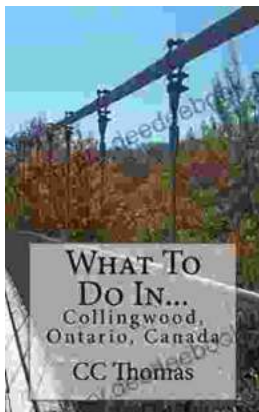
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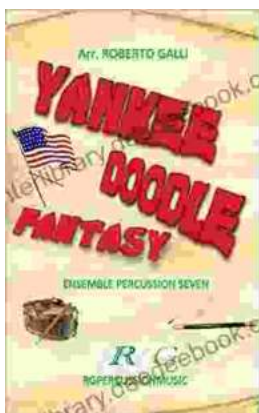
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