

20 Old Time American Tunes Arranged For Ukulele

The ukulele is a versatile instrument that can be used to play a wide variety of music, from traditional Hawaiian songs to modern pop hits. It's also a great instrument for beginners, as it's relatively easy to learn to play. If you're looking for some new songs to add to your repertoire, here are 20 old time American tunes that are perfect for the ukulele.

1. "Amazing Grace"

Traditional

G





D7



Slow Tempo

INTRO G G C G G D7 G

G C G

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,

G D7

That saved a wretch like me,

D7 G C G

* I once was lost, but now am found,

G D7 G

Was blind, but now I see.

G C G

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,

G D7

And Grace my fear releas'd.

D7 G C G

* How precious did that Grace appear,

G D7 G

The hour I first believ'd?

G C G

Through many dangers, toils and snares,

G D7

I have already over come,

D7 G C G

* 'Tis Grace hath brought me safe thus far,

G D7 G

And Grace will lead me home.

G C G

When we've been there a thousand years,

G D7

Bright, shining as the sun,

D7 G C G

* We've no less days to sing God's praise,

G D7 G

Than when we first begun.

OUTRO G G C G G D7 G



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This classic hymn is a beautiful song to play on the ukulele. The chords are easy to learn, and the melody is simple and memorable.

Chords: C Am F G **Lyrics:** Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

2. "You Are My Sunshine"

You Are My Sunshine
My only sunshine.
You make me happy
When skies are grey.
You'll never know, dear,
How much I love you.
Please don't take my sunshine away

C
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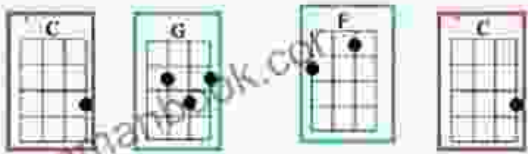
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This cheerful tune is a favorite of ukulele players of all ages. The chords are easy to learn, and the melody is catchy and upbeat.

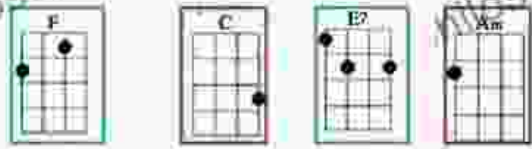
Chords: C G7 F C Lyrics: You are my sunshine, my only suns

3. "Over the Rainbow"

Somewhere...
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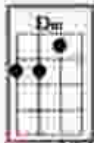
Well I see C trees of G green – And F red roses C too



F I watch them C bloom for E7 me and Am you
And I F think to myself -- G What a wonderful Am world F

Well I see G skies of blue And I see F clouds of C white
And the F brightness of day E7 I like the Am dark
And I think to myself -- G What a wonderful C world

The G colors of the rainbow -- So C pretty in the sky
Are G also on the faces of C people passing by
See E friends shakin C hands saying F "How do you C do?"
F They're really C sayin' I, Dm I love G you.



I hear C babies cryin' And watch them C grow
F They'll learn much more than E7 we'll ever Am know
And I think to myself G What a wonderful Am world

This classic song from The Wizard of Oz is a beautiful and haunting melody. The chords are a bit more challenging than some of the other songs on this list, but they're well worth learning.

Chords: C G Am F G C **Lyrics:** Somewhere over the rainbow, w

4. "This Land Is Your Land"

This Land Is Your Land

Words and Music by Woody Guthrie

Verse

Chorus

This land is your land, this land is my land,
 from Cal - i - for - nia to the New York is - land,
 from the red - wood for - est to the snows on the moun - tain,
 this land was made for you and me.

To Coda

1. As I walk
 2. I've roamed and
 3. I've seen additional views

with the flag and I will love my land - my way of life.

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This patriotic song is a great way to show your American pride. The chords are easy to learn, and the melody is catchy and upbeat.

Chords: C G7 F C **Lyrics:** This land is your land, this land

5. "Home on the Range"

Home on the Range

Lyrics by Dr. Brewster Higley
Music by Dan Kelly

Verse
 Chorus

F G7 F C Dm Bb7

The image shows a musical score for the song "Home on the Range". It consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a guitar line with chords. The chords are indicated above the guitar line. The lyrics are: "Oh, give me a home where the buffalo range, where the deer and the prairie dog, and the wild rose and the wild cherry tree, and the wild apple tree, and the wild plum tree, will grow." The score includes a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 4/4. The copyright notice at the bottom reads "Copyright © 2013 by Hal Leonard LLC".

This classic cowboy song is a beautiful and haunting melody. The chords are easy to learn, and the melody is simple and memorable.

Chords: C G7 F C **Lyrics:** Oh, give me a home where the buff

6. "Yankee Doodle"

Yankee Doodle

Moderately

Yan-kee Doo-ble, Doo-ble, ee-ee; Yan-kee Doo-ble, Doo-ble, ee-ee.
 Yan-kee Doo-ble, Doo-ble, ee-ee; Yan-kee Doo-ble, Doo-ble, ee-ee.
 Yan-kee Doo-ble, Doo-ble, ee-ee; Yan-kee Doo-ble, Doo-ble, ee-ee.
 Yan-kee Doo-ble, Doo-ble, ee-ee; Yan-kee Doo-ble, Doo-ble, ee-ee.

This patriotic song is a fun and easy ukulele song to learn. The chords are simple, and the melody is catchy and upbeat.

Chords: C G7 F C **Lyrics:** Yankee Doodle went to town, A-ri-

7. "The Star-Spangled Banner"

The Star Spangled Banner-ord
 Words: Francis Scott Key
 Tune: John Stafford Smith
 Category: Patriotic

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1. O say, can you see, by the dawn's ear-ly light,
 2. O thus be it ev-er, when free men shall stand

1. What so proud-ly we hailed at the twi-light's last gleam-ing,
 2. Be -tween their loved homes and the war's des - o - ia -tion;

1. Where broad stripes and bright stars, through the per-il-ous fight,
 2. Blest with vic-t'ry and peace, may the heav'n-res-cued land

1. O'er the ram- parts we watched, were so gal-lant-ly stream-ing?
 2. Praise the Pow'r that hath made and pre-served us a na-tion!

1. And the rock-ets' red glare, the bombs burst-ing in air,
 2. Then con-quer we must, when our cause it is just;

1. Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
 2. And this be our mot -to: "In God is our trust!"

1. O say, does that star-span-gled ban-ner yet wa-ve
 2. And the star -span-gled ban-ner in tri-umph shall we-ve

1. O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
 2. O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

This patriotic song is a challenging but rewarding ukulele song to learn. The chords are a bit more difficult than some of the other songs on this list, but the melody is beautiful and inspiring.

Chords: C G7 F C G7 C **Lyrics:** Oh, say, can you see, by the

8. "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Words by Julia Ward Howe
Music by William Steffe

First note



Verse

Bright March (♩-♩-♩-♩)

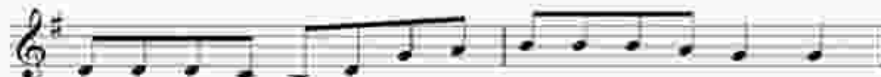


1. Mine eyes have seen the glo-ry of the count-ing of the Lord: He is

(2-4.) See additional lyrics



true: His arm set the na-tions above the powers of earth: He hath



found the hid-den things of His heart: He hath made



much: He is on Glo-ry, His ho-li-ty is

Chorus



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This patriotic song is a powerful and moving ukulele song to learn. The chords are a bit more difficult than some of the other songs on this list, but the melody is beautiful and inspiring.

Chords: C G7 F C G7 C **Lyrics:** Mine eyes have seen the glor

9. "Dixie"

Dixie Daniel Decatur Emmett

The image shows a musical score for the song "Dixie" by Daniel Decatur Emmett. It consists of seven systems of music. Each system includes a melody line on a treble clef staff and a guitar tablature line on a six-line staff. The music is in 2/4 time and G major. The watermark "hilosophy.mamanbook.co" is repeated diagonally across the page.

This classic Southern song is a fun and easy ukulele song to learn. The chords are simple, and the melody is catchy and upbeat.

Chords: C G7 F C **Lyrics:** I wish I was in the land of cotto

10. "Shenandoah"

Shenandoah-Traditional from www.traditionalmusic.co.uk

Shenandoah-Traditional

Oh, Shenandoah, I long to see you.

Away -----, you rolling river.

Oh, Shenandoah ---, I long to see you.

Away -----, I'm bound away

'Cross the wide Missouri.

Oh, Shenandoah, I love your daughter.
Away, you rolling river.

Oh, Shenandoah, I love your daughter.
Away, I'm bound away

'Cross the wide Missouri.

For seven years, I've been a rover.
Away, you rolling river.

For seven years, I've been a rover.
Away, I'm bound away

'Cross the wide Missouri.

This classic folk song is a beautiful and haunting melody. The chords are easy to learn, and the melody is simple and memorable.

Chords: C G7 F C Lyrics: Oh, Shenandoah, I long to hear yo

11. "Clementine"

Ukulele in C

Clementine

Arr. Peter Edvinsson

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This classic folk song is a fun and easy ukulele song to learn. The chords are simple, and the melody is catchy and upbeat.

Chords: C G7 F C **Lyrics:** In a cavern, in a canyon, Excavated

12. "Camptown Races"

Camptown Races-Stephen Foster

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Camptown Races-Stephen Foster

G
Camptown ladies sing this song, "Doo-dah! Doo-dah!"
G C D7
Camptown racetrack five miles long, "Oh, doo-dah-day!"
G C D7 G
I come down there with my hat caved in, "Doo-dah! Doo-dah!"
I go back home with a pocketful of tin, "Oh, doo-dah-day!"

CHORUS:

G C G
Goin' to run all night! Goin' to run all day!
G
I'll bet my money on the bob-tailed nag,
C D G
Somebody bet on the bay!

The long-tailed filly and the big, black hoss, "Doo-dah! Doo-dah!"
They fly the track and they both cut across, "Oh, doo-dah-day!"
The blind horse stuck in a big mud hole, "Doo-dah! Doo-dah!"
I can't touch bottom with a ten-foot pole, "Oh, doo-dah-day!"

CHORUS:

Old muley cow come onto the track, "Doo-dah! Doo-dah!"
The bobtail fling her out over his back, "Oh, doo-dah-day!"
They fly along like a railroad car, "Doo-dah! Doo-dah!"
Runnin' a race with a shooting star, "Oh, doo-dah-day!"

CHORUS:

See them flying on a ten-mile heat, "Doo-dah! Doo-dah!"
'Round the racetrack, then repeat, "Oh, doo-dah-day!"
I win my money on the bobtailed nag, "Doo-dah! Doo-dah!"
I keep my money in an old towbag, "Oh, doo-dah-day!"

CHORUS:

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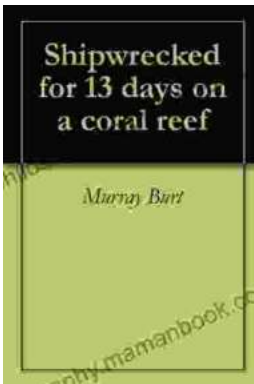
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