# **Picking and Percussive Jam**

# April 20, 2019



### Peninsula Ukulele Group Welcome/Introductions

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Here are some hints which will help out your pick-style playing considerably.

- Hold your pick between your right hand thumb and the left side of your index finger tip, keeping your thumb perfectly straight so that it is tension free. The other fingers should be curved and relaxed
- The pick should be held loosely enough that there is a little give and take when you strike a string. This way you won't feel like you're digging in or dragging across the string.
- The pick should strike each string perpendicularly or straight on, as opposed to striking the string at an angle. You will get a fuller sounding note this way.
- Also, only the tip part of the pick needs to strike the string. There is no need to dig your pick down between the strings. This creates too much resistance.
- When you use a pick, your up and down picking motions come from your hand, wrist and forearm at the exact same time. They move as 1 unit in a rotary motion and your wrist stays perfectly straight.
- Keep your middle, ring, and little fingers loosely held back in the palm of your hand - don't give in to the temptation of resting your little finger on the pick guard or the face of your guitar. This will only serve to glue you into 1 position and will cut down on your mobility and freedom of motion.
- At all times your hand should feel and be relaxed. If it is not then you play either slower than you can or rhythmically stiff sounding.

# A picture to demonstrate



Here is the overall. See how little of the tip is out!!



How the pick is on the thumb





Should give you a good idea on how to hold it.

- Make sure that just the tip is out.
- These pictures show the basic idea. I suggest even less out then the pictures are showing. In taking the photos, I found that if I held as little of the pick out as I usually do, that it could barely be seen.
- Strum
- You should pivot at the wrist.
- Only go a little beyond the strings when strumming.
- Start with all down strum (1/4 notes).
- Then add in up strokes between the down strokes (1/8<sup>th</sup> notes).

# **Basic Strums**

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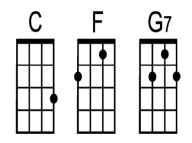


Start with alternate down up as 1/8<sup>th</sup> notes. Keep the wrist loose for all of these. The hand goes down up and only misses where the rests are (looks like a 7). Will do each measure a number of times until you get it. Apply to the following songs.

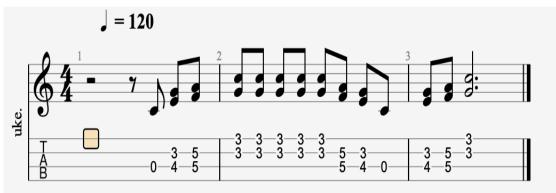
In Ukulele terms measure 1 is D U D U D U D U measure 2 is D D U D U D U Measure 3 is D D U U D U G7 С Tacit С If ev'rybody had an | ocean, |across the U.S.|A. C Tacit G7 Tacit С Then ev'rybody'd be | surfin' |like Californi-|a C Tacit F Tacit С You'd see them wearin' their | baggies, | huarachi sandals | too C Tacit G7 F Tacit С A bushy bushy blond | hairdo, |surfin' U.S. | A.

С G7 С You'll catch 'em surfin' at | Del Mar, | Ventura County | Line С G7 С Santa Cruz and Tressels, |Australia's Nara- |bine F С С All over |Manhattan | and down Doheny | Way С G7 F С Ev'rybody's gone | surfin'| surfin' U.S. | A.

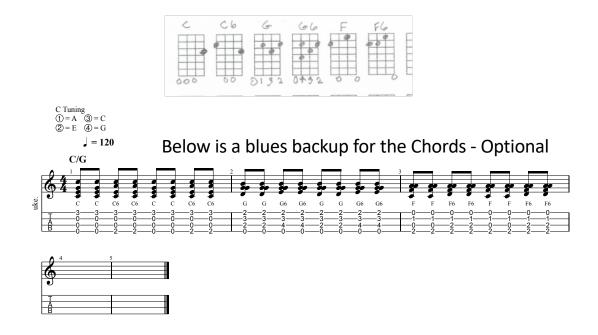
Will add in Tacits the first section. Play the chord for 1 measure then strum only one beat in the second measure and stop the sound. Then after you master that do the same thing but on beats 2, 3 and 4 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> measure tap the top of the ukulele.



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One option is to play 1 beat of C to 1 beat C6 - 2 times per measure. Then the same idea for G7 but play a G to G6, lastly for F play F to F6 one beat each.



This can take some time to get used to it. I suggest that you do one chord at a time – learn what to do with the C chord then the G chord and lastly the F chord.

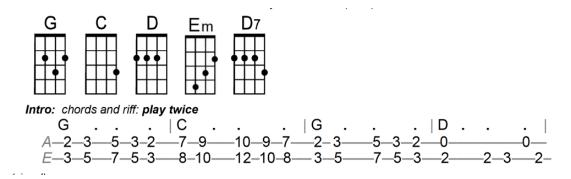
This will also be covered when I teach the Blues get together. That will be in November.

Don't Be Cruel by Otis Blackwell (1956)
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Intro: D
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G D
Em7  A  D   Don't be cruel to a heart that's true bop) (ahh ahh ahh)
Strum: D D D D Accent beats 2 and 4. Count 1 2 3 4

Strum: D D U U D U Count 1 2(&3)& 4 & Brown Eyed Girl C GG D G С ||: Hey, where did we | go | days when the rains | cam e. | Down in the | hollow | G D G *C* G playin' a new | gam e. | Laughin' and a | runnin', hey, hey, | Skippin' and a G DС D G *C* a | jum pin, | In the m isty m orn | ing fog with | our | hearts a thum pin' and | you, D *C* G Em D G | You're my| Brown Eyed Girl. | I I My Brown Eyed Girl, | D | Do you rem em - | ber when | we used to sing G D GС *C* G

| Sha la la la | la la la la la la la te da. | | Sha la la la la la la la la la

G D | la la la te da.| la te da.:| |



# Can't Help Falling In Love With You

artist:Elvis Presley , writer:Hugo Peretti, Luigi Creatore and George David Weiss

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqv5b0UjR4g Capo 2

[C] Wise [Em] men [Am] say only [F] fools [C] rush [G] in But [F] I [G] can't [Am] help [F] falling in [C] love [G] with [C] you [C] Shall [Em] I [Am] stay, would it [F] be [C] a [G] sin? If [F] I [G] can't [Am] help [F] falling in [C] love [G] with [C] you

[Em] Like a river [B7] flows [Em] surely to the [B7] sea [Em] Darling so it [B7] goes [Em] Some things [A7] are meant to [Dm] be [G]

[C] Take [Em] my [Am] hand, take my [F] whole [C] life [G] too For [F] I [G] can't [Am] help [F] falling in [C] love [G] with [C] you

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[C] Take [Em] my [Am] hand, take my [F] whole [C] life [G] too For [F] I [G] can't [Am] help [F] falling in [C] love [G] with [C] you For [F] I [G] can't [Am] help [F] falling in [C] love [G] with [C] you

This song is in 6/8 so 6 beats or counts per measure. Strum: D D D D D D Count 1 2 3 4 5 6 Accent beats 1 and 4





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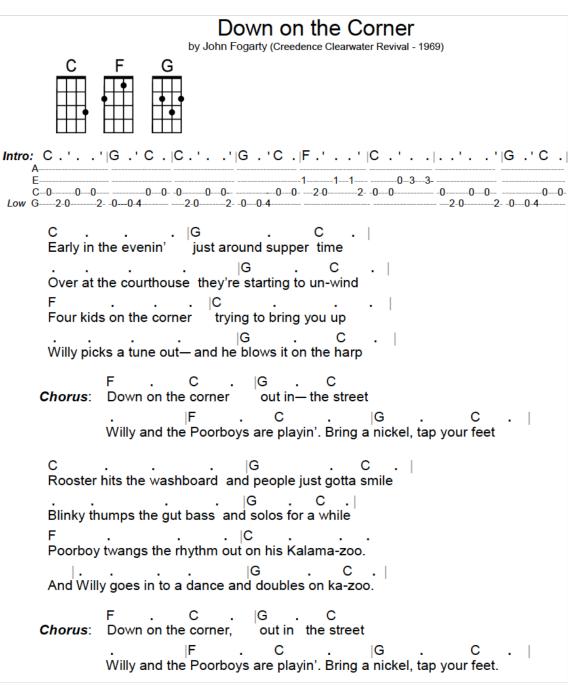
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Strum: D D U U D U Count 1 2(&3)& 4 &



Lodi

#### artist:Creedence Clearwater Revival, writer:John Fogerty

<u>Creedence Clearwater Revival: https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> v=yA7iGxV6rt4 (Buit in Bb - sorry)

Intro .. [C] [F] [C]

[C] It was just about a year ago,
I [F] set out on the [C] road
Seeking my [Em] fame and [Am] fortune,
[Dm] looking for a pot of [G] gold
Well [C] things got [Em] bad and [Am] things got worse
I [F] guess you know the [C] tune
Oh Lord, I'm [G] stuck in Lodi a[F]gain [C]

I rode in on the greyhound, but I'll be [F]walking out if I [C] go I was just [Em] passing [Am] through, must be [Dm] seven months or [G] more I [C] ran out of [Em] time and [Am] money, [F] looks like they took my [C] friends Oh Lord, I'm [G] stuck in Lodi ag[F]ain [C]

The man from the magazine, said [F] I was on my [C] way Somewhere I [Em] lost con[Am]nections, I [Dm] ran out of songs to [G] play I [C] came into [Em] town, a [Am] one night stand [F] Looks like my plans fell [C] through Oh Lord, I'm [G] stuck in Lodi ag[F]ain [C]

KEY CHANGE . [G] [D] [A] [D]

[D] (Mmmmmmm)
[D] If only I had a dollar, for [G] every song I've [D] sung Every [F#m] time I [Bm] had to play,
while [Em] people sat there [A] drunk
You [D] know I'd [F#m] catch the [Bm] next train,
[G] back to where I [D] live
[D] Oh Lord, I'm [A] stuck in Lodi ag[G]ain
[D] Oh Lord, I'm [A] stuck in Lodi ag[G]ain

Strum: D DUDU DU Count 12&3&4&









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## King of the Road [C]

artist:Roger Miller , writer:Roger Miller

Roger Miller - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrhAC0dFis0</u>

[C] Trailer for [F] sale or rent, [G7]
Rooms to let [C] fifty cents. No phone, no [F] pool, no pets
I [G7] ain't got no cigarettes
Ah, but.. [C] two hours of [F] pushin' broom Buys an [G7] eight by twelve [C] four-bit room I'm a
[C7] man of [F] means by no means [G7] King of the [C] road.

[C] Third boxcar, [F] midnight train, [G7] Destination [C] Bangor, Maine. Old worn out [F] suits and shoes, I [G7] don't pay no union dues, I smoke [C] old stogies [F] I have found [G7] Short, but not too [C] big around I'm a [C7] man of [F] means by no means [G7] King of the [C] road.



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But in E

I know [C] every engineer on [F] every train [G7] All of their children, and [C] all of their names And [C] every handout in [F] every town And [G7] every lock that ain't locked when no one's around.

I sing,.....[C] Trailer for [F] sale or rent, [G7] Rooms to let [C] fifty cents. No phone, no [F] pool, no pets I [G7] ain't got no cigarettes Ah, but.. [C] two hours of [F] pushin' broom Buys an [G7] eight by twelve [C] four-bit room I'm a [C7] man of [F] means by no means

[G7] King of the [C] road (x 3)

Strum: D D D D Accent beats 2 and 4. Same as Don't Be Cruel Count 1 2 3 4

# Lion Sleeps Tonight, The

#### artist: The Tokens , writer: Solomon Linda

The Tokens: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8E8xMcXmI9E">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8E8xMcXmI9E</a> Capo 5

## Intro: [G] [C] [G] [D]

[G] In the jungle, the [C] mighty jungle, The

[G] lion sleeps [D] tonight.

[G] In the village, the [C] peaceful village, The

[G] people sleep [D] tonight.

#### Chorus

a [G] weem away, aweem away, a [C] weem away, aweem away, a [G] weem away, aweem away, a [D] weem away, aweem away a [G] weem away, aweem away, aweem away, a [C] weem away, aweem away, a [G] weem away, aweem away, a [D] weem away, aweem away

[G] Near the village the [C] peaceful village The

[G] lion sleeps [D] tonight

[G] Near the village the [C] quiet village The

[G] lion sleeps [D] tonight

Chorus

[G] Hush my darling don't [C] fear my darling The

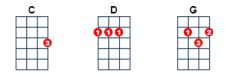
[G] lion sleeps [D] tonight

[G] Hush my darling don't [C] fear my darling The

[G] lion sleeps [D] tonight

Chorus

Strum: D D U U D U Count 1 2(&3)& 4 &



My Girl Strum: D D U U D U Count 1 2(&3)& 4 & xA|-----3-|-----3-|-----3-5---|-----3-5---| xE|-----0------|-1-----1-|-1------1-| xG|-----0-2---|---0-2----|---0-2-----| Verse: C F F I've got sunshine on a cloudy day F And when it's cold outside, I've got the month of May Chorus: C Dm F I guess you say, С Dm F What can make me feel this way? My girl... G7 Talkin' 'bout my girl Verse: F F I've got so much honey the birds envy me C F C F I've got a sweeter song baby than the birds in the trees Chorus: C Dm F G I guess you say, С Dm What can make me feel this way? C My girl... G7 F Talkin' 'bout my girl A7 Dm A D 0 Ô 0 C Db G Db D Gb D F G G7 Em Gbm7 0 Ø 0 0 0 0 0 Ø 0 0 8 0 D G D

We may only play up to the interlude tonight – song goes onto a  $2^{nd}$  page.

- •Be sure to get up and stretch.
- Please put money in the donation box. This pays for the Meetup app that we use and other expenses.
- Have some refreshments These are given to us by the Belmont Library. Be sure to thank them!
- The team organizing and leading needs more help – if you are able to help at all please talk to any of the leaders!

Strum: D D U U D U Count 1 2(&3)& 4 &

Next few songs use the same strum – this should help you get it down.

Under the Boardwalk

artist: The Drifters , writer: Kenny Young and Arthur Resnick

The Drifters: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPEqRMVnZNU</u> (G) Intro : [C] [G7] [C] (last line of verse)

[C] Oh when the sun beats down And burns the tar up on the [G7] roof
And your shoes get so hot You wish your tired feet were fire [C] proof [C7]
Under the [F] boardwalk down by the [C] sea [Am/C] yeah On a [C] blanket with my baby [G7] is where I'll [C] be (STOP)

Chorus:

Under the [Am] boardwalk - (out of the sun) Under the [G] boardwalk - (we'll be havin some fun) Under the [Am] boardwalk - (people walking above) Under the [G] boardwalk - (we'll be falling in love) Under the [Am] boardwalk.. [Am/C] boardwalk

[NC] From the [C] park you hear the happy sound of a carou [G7]sel You can almost taste the hot dogs and French fries they [C] sell [C7] Under the [F] boardwalk down by the [C] sea [Am/C] yeah On a [C] blanket with my baby [G7] is where ='II [C] be (STOP) Am/C

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# Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow

artist:Carole King , writer:Gerry Goffin and Carole King

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<u>Gerry Goffin and Carole King -</u> <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=J8dWnU5INFw</u> 
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INTRO:[F] [G] [C]

[C] Tonight you're [Am] mine com-[F]plete-[G]ly
[C] To give your [Am] love so [Dm]
sweet-[G]ly To-[E7]night the light of
[Am] love is in your eyes
[F] But will you [G] love me to-[C]morrow

[C] Is this a [Am] lasting [F] trea-[G]sure
[C] Or just a [Am] moment's [Dm] plea-[G]sure
? Can [E7] I believe the [Am] magic of your sighs ?

[F] Will you still [G] love me to-[C]morrow

[F] Tonight with words [Em] unspoken[F] You said that I'm the only [C] one[F] But will my heart be [Em] brokenWhen the [F] night meets the [Dm] morning [F] sun[G]

[C] I'd like to [Am] know that [F] your [G] love [C] Is a love I [Am] can be [Dm] sure [G]of So [E7] tell me now and [Am] I won't ask again [F] Will you still [G] love me to-[C]morrow [C7]

[F] ...Will you still [G] love me to-[C]morrow [F] ...Will you still [G] love me to-[C]morrow





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Save the Last Dance For Me

#### Strum: D D U U D U

Count 1 2(&3)& 4 &

artist:Emmylou Harris , writer:Doc Pomus and Mort Shuman

Doc Pomus and Mort Shuman, Emmylou Harris https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YleMkfHBodI (but in Bb)

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You can [C] dance .. every dance with the guy Who gave you the eye, let him [G7] hold you tight. You can [G7] smile .. every smile for the man Who held your hand 'neath the [C] pale moonlight

So [G7] darlin', save the last dance for [C] me

Chorus (with 'Ahhhhhh' in background after F ?) But [G7] don"t [C7] for - [F] get who"s taking you home and in whose arms you"re[C] gonna be





Oh I [C] know ('Oh I know') that the music"s fine like sparkling wine, go and [G7] have your fun ('Yes I know, Oh I know') Laugh and [G7] sing, but while we're apart, don't give your heart to [C] anyone

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Chorus (using 'Cause don't forget

Baby, don't you know I [G7] love you so? Can't you feel it when we [C] touch? I will never, never [G7] let you go I love you, oh, so [C] much

You can [C] dance ('You can dance'), go and carry on Till the night is gone and it's [G7] time to go ('You can dance',) If he [G7] asks .. if you're all alone, Can he take you home, you must [C] tell him "no"

Chorus (using 'Cause don't forget ) (x2)

[G7] Darlin', save the last dance for [C] me (x2)

## Leaving on a Jet Plane [C]

Strum: D D U U D U

artist:Peter Paul and Mary , writer:John Denver Count 1 2(&3)& 4 &

Peter Paul and Mary - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzVdEyHicz8</u> But in A From: Richard G's Ukulele Songbook <u>www.scorpexuke.com</u>.htm 11/09/018

All my [C] bags are packed I'm [F] ready to go I'm [C] standing here out[F]side your door I [C] hate to wake you [Dm] up to say good[G7]bye But the [C] dawn is breakin' it's [F] early morn The [C] taxi's waitin' he's [F] blowin' his horn Al[C]ready I'm so [Dm] lonesome I could [G7] cry

Chorus: So [C] kiss me and [F] smile for me [C] Tell me that you'll [F] wait for me [C] Hold me like you'll [Dm] never let me [G7] go I'm [C] leavin' [F] on a jet plane [C] Don't know when [F] I'll be back again [C] Oh [Dm] babe I hate to [G7] go

There's so [C] many times I've [F] let you down [C] So many times I've [F] played around [C] I tell you now [Dm] they don't mean a [G7] thing Ev'ry [C] place I go I'll [F] think of you Ev'ry [C] song I sing I'll [F] sing for you When [C] I come back I'll [Dm] wear your wedding [G7] ring







Chorus

[C] Now the time has [F] come to leave you
[C] One more time [F] let me kiss you
Then [C] close your eyes, [Dm] I'll be on my [G7] way
[C] Dream about the [F] days to come When [C] I
won't have to [F] leave alone
[C] About the times [Dm] I won't have to [G7] say

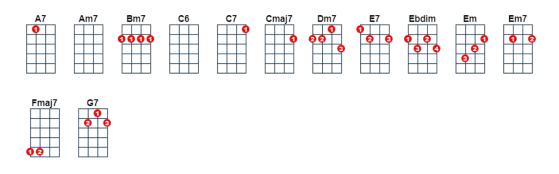
Chorus

I hate to [C] go

### Fly Me To The Moon [Am]

Strum: D D D D Accent beats 2 and 4 Count 1 2 3 4

artist:Frank Sinatra , writer:Bart Howard



Frank Sinatra: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCW9Hey6IVY

[Am7] Fly me to the [Dm7] moon, and let me [G7] play among the [Cmaj7] stars [C7] [Fmaj7] Let me see what [Dm7] spring is like on [E7] Jupiter and [Am7] Mars [A7]

In [Dm7] other words, [Dm7] [G7] hold my [Em7] hand. [Am7]

In [Dm7] other words, [G7] baby [Cmaj7] kiss me. [Bm7] [E7]

[Am7] Fill my heart with [Dm7] song, and let me [G7] sing forever [Cmaj7] more [C7] [Fmaj7] You're all that I [Dm7] long for, all I [E7] worship and do a -[Am7]dore.[A7]

In [Dm7] other words, [Ebdim] please be [Em] true! [A7] In [Dm7] other words, [G7] I love [C6] you! [E7]

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In [Dm7] other words, [G7] in other
words, [Fmaj7] I [G7] love ..... [C6] you!

### Autumn Leaves (Les feuilles mortes - 1945)

English lyrics – Johnny Mercer 1947

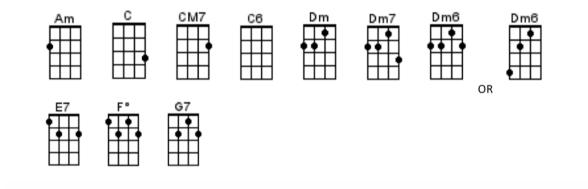
### INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 / [Am] / [Am]

The falling **[Dm7]** leaves **[G7]** drift by the **[Cmaj7]** window **[C6]** The autumn **[Dm6]** leaves **[E7]** of red and **[Am]** gold **[Am]** I see your **[Dm7]** lips **[G7]** the summer **[Cmaj7]** kisses **[C6]** The sun-burned **[Dm6]** hands **[E7]** I used to **[Am]** hold **[Am]** 

Since you **[E7]** went away, the days grow **[Am]** long **[Am]** And soon I'll **[G7]** hear, old winter's **[C]** song **[C]** But I **[Fdim]** miss you most of all, my **[Am]** darling **[Am]** When **[Dm7]** autumn **[E7]** leaves start to **[Am]** fall **[Am]** 

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## I'm a Believer [D]

#### Strum: D DUDU DU Count 12&3&4&

artist: The Monkees , writer: Neil Diamond

11/09/2018

Monkees - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wB9YIsKIEbA</u> Intro:

I'm in [D] love, [G] oooh

I'm a be [D] liever! I couldn't [C] leave her if I [A] tried.

Capo 5

[D] I thought love was [A] only true in [D] fairy tales

[D] Meant for someone [A] else but not for [D] me. [D7]

[G] Love was out to [D] get me

[G] That's the way it [D] seemed.

[G] Disappointment [D] haunted all my [A] dreams.

Chorus:

[NC] Then I saw her [D] face, [G] [D] now I'm a [D] believer! [G] [D] Not a [D] trace [G] [D] of doubt in my [D] mind. [G] [D] I'm in [D] love, [G] oooh I'm a be [D] liever! I couldn't [C] leave her if I [A] tried.

I'm a be [D] liever! I couldn't [C] leave her if I [A] tried.

[D] I thought love was [A] more or less a [D] given thing,

[D] Seems the more I [A] gave the less I [D] got [D7]

[G] What's the use in [D] trying?

[G] All you get is [D] pain.

[G] When I needed [D] sunshine I got [A] rain.

Chorus

#### first two lines instrumental

[D] I thought love was [A] more or less a [D] given thing,

[D] Seems the more I [A] gave the less I [D] got [D7]

[G] Love was out to [D] get me, [G] That's the way it [D] seemed.

[G] Disappointment [D] haunted all my [A] dreams.

Chorus

Then I saw her [D] face, [G] [D] now I'm a [D] believer! [G] [D] Not a [D] trace [G] [D] of doubt in my [D] mind. [G] [D] I'm a [D] believer! [G] [D] [D] [D] [D]

