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Holiday Songs for Guitar & Ukulele

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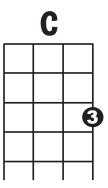
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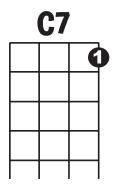
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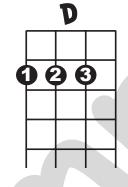




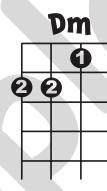


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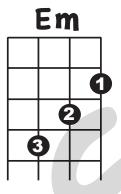
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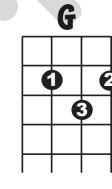
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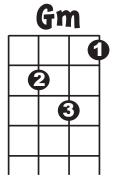


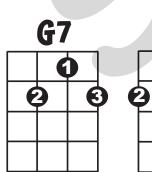


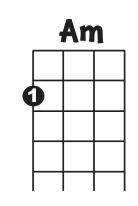


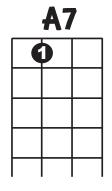


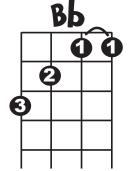








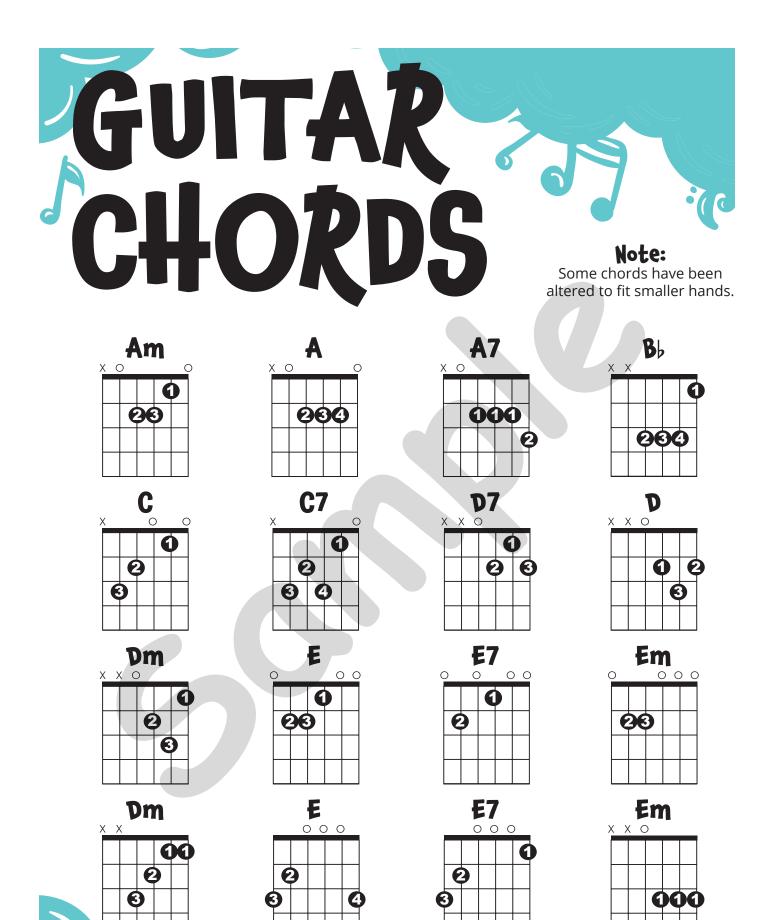




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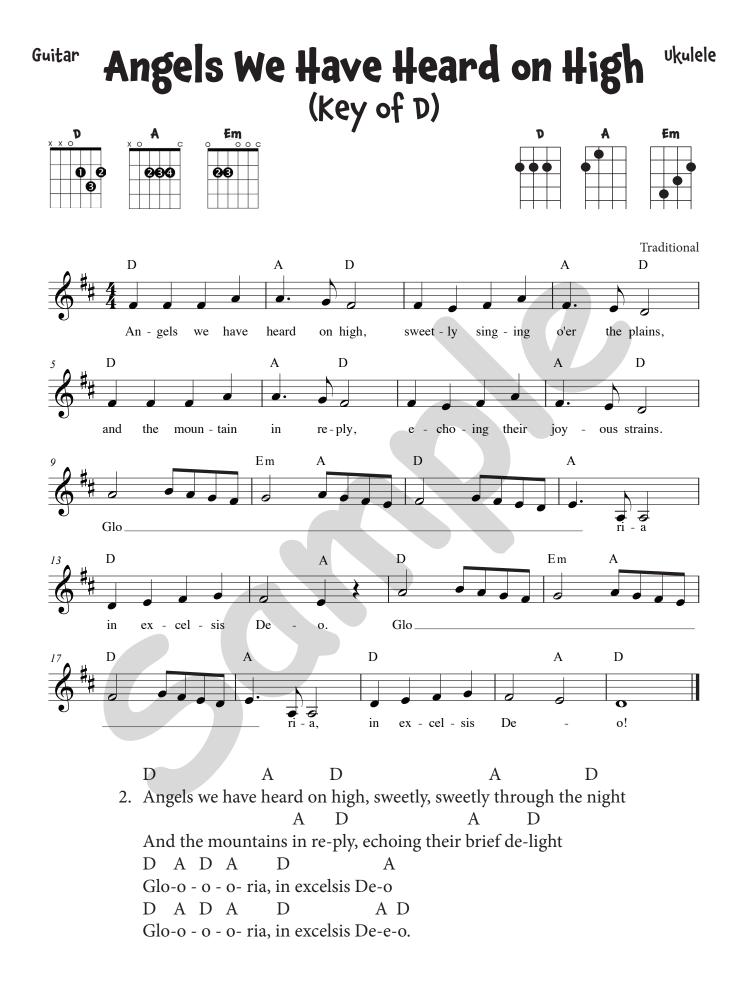


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Guitar Angels We Have Heard on High Ukulele





Hanukkah Fun

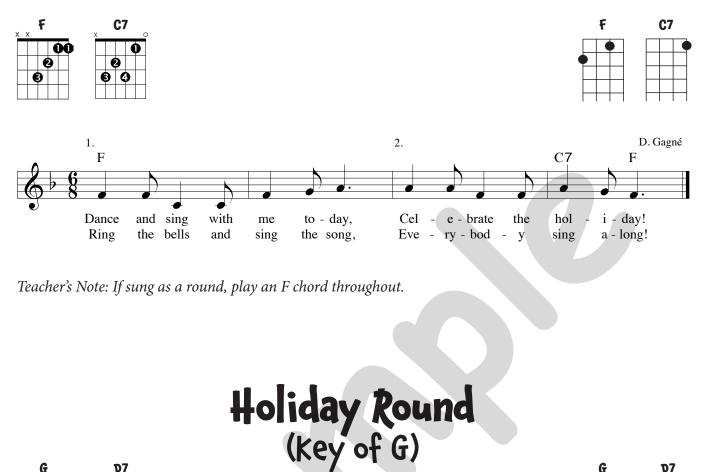
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Holiday Round

Ukulele





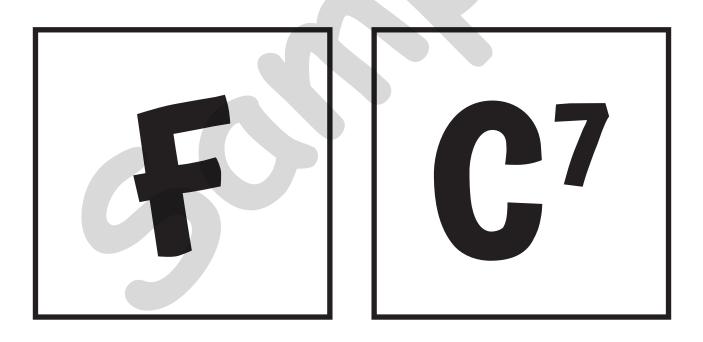
Teacher's Note: If sung as a round, play a G chord throughout.

Tips for Teaching

What do you do if you and your students want to perform a holiday song and accompany themselves on ukulele or guitar but many of the students can't change chords easily?

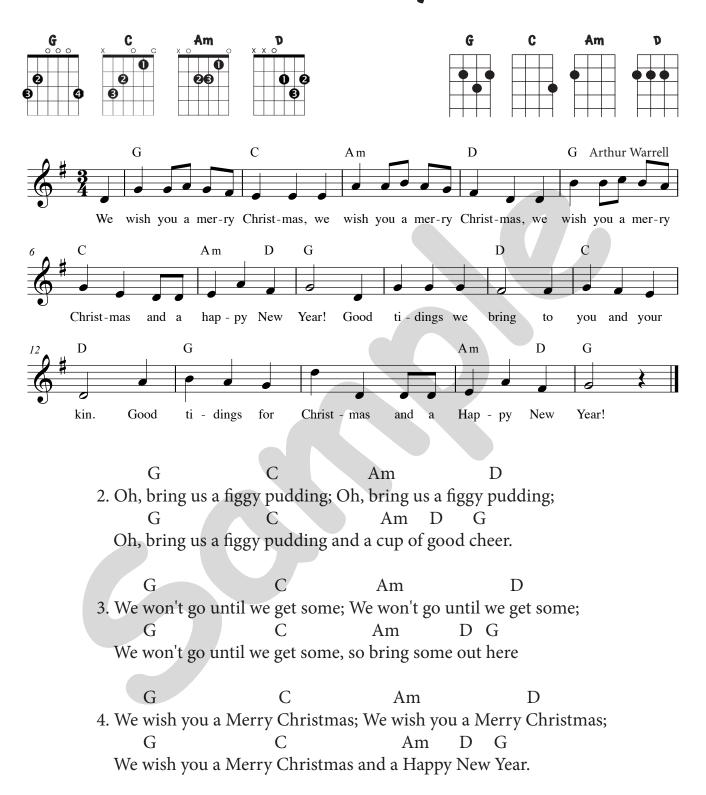
First, you choose the easiest song that you can find. We've included an index on page 66 that lists the chords used in each of the songs, and a rating of Easy, Medium, or Challenging. A good choice for beginners would be the song "Rock Around the Christmas Tree" on page 45 of this collection. On ukulele it uses only two chords, C7 and F.

Divide your class into two groups. One group will play the C7 chord and the other group will play the F chord. I often found that some students were able to change chords, and some weren't. Sit the students who can change chords in the middle of your class and they can play both chords. I would make up signs that said "F" and "C7" and hold up the sign when that chord was to be played. Eventually, the students would learn when they were to switch chords by using their "ears", but this step made a performance possible even in the beginning stages of playing ukulele or guitar.



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Guitar We Wish You a Merry Christmas Ukulele



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Christmas is Here	G, Am, D		Med	10
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Deck the Halls	C, G7, F		Med	13
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	Dm, A, Gm, C7		Hard	14
Good King Wenceslas	G, C, D, Em	F, Bb, C7, Dm	Hard	15
Hanukkah Fun	Dm, Gm, A		Med	17
Hark the Herald Angels Sing	F, Bb, C7, Gm	D, A7, G, Em	Hard	18
He'll Be Comin' Down the Chimney	F, C7, Bb	G, D7, C	Med	20
Holiday Round	F, C7,		Easy	22
Huron Carol	Gm, Dm, Am		Hard	24
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Jingle Bells	D, G, C, A		Hard	28
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Jolly Old St. Nicholas	D, A, G		Med	30
Joy to the World	C, G7, F		Med	31
Makin' Christmas Cookies	C, G7, F	D, A7, G	Med	32
Mary Had a Baby	F, C7, Gm	D, A7, Em	Med	34
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Play the Bells to Celebrate	F, Gm, C7	G, Am, D7	Med	43
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