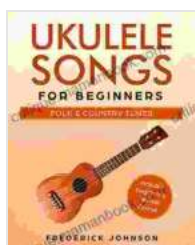


Ukulele Songs for Beginners: A Comprehensive Guide to Folk and Country Tunes

Embark on a musical journey with the ukulele, a charming instrument that has captivated hearts worldwide. Whether you're a novice strumming enthusiast or an aspiring singer-songwriter, this guide will provide you with an extensive repertoire of beginner-friendly ukulele songs from the realms of folk and country music. These songs will ease you into the world of fretting, strumming, and singing, laying the foundation for your musical adventures.

Essential Chords for Folk and Country

Before we dive into the melodies, let's familiarize ourselves with the essential chords that form the backbone of folk and country music. These chords will be your companions throughout your musical exploration:



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- C Major (C)
- G Major (G)
- D Major (D)
- Am Minor (Am)
- Em Minor (Em)

Practice these chords diligently, and you'll soon be strumming with confidence.

Beginner-Friendly Ukulele Songs: Folk Edition

Folk music, with its enchanting melodies and heartfelt lyrics, provides a perfect starting point for ukulele beginners. Here are some classic folk songs that will get you strumming and singing along:

1. "This Land Is Your Land" by Woody Guthrie

This Land Is Your Land

Words and Music by Woody Guthrie



Chorus

Andantino

This land is your land, this land is my land, from the bay to the

bay to the bay, from the redwood forest to the

the great wide open, this land is ours and

To End **Verse**

this land is yours and me

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This iconic anthem, penned by Woody Guthrie, is a staple of folk music. Its simple chord progression (C-G-D) and repetitive lyrics make it perfect for beginners.

2. "Freight Train" by Elizabeth Cotten



Elizabeth Cotten's "Freight Train" is a fingerpicking masterpiece that captures the essence of folk music. Its rolling melody and intricate fingerwork will challenge you while keeping you engaged.

3. "Blowin' in the Wind" by Bob Dylan



Bob Dylan's timeless protest song "Blowin' in the Wind" is a must-learn for any folk enthusiast. Its haunting melody and poignant lyrics will resonate with you.

4. "Take Me Home, Country Roads" by John Denver

Rocky Mountain High

Words and Music by John Denver and Mike Taylor

Fast tempo



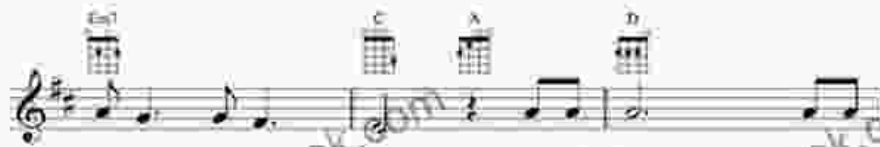
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1. He was born in the sun met at his
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high - ty - ary - with year - old home
 of - var - clouds low - in the sky



place he'd nev - er been he - fore he left
 far as you can see And they



you - ter - day - time you might say he was born
 say that he did you - ter - day - time and he tried to be the best

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Pete Seeger's "This Little Light of Mine" is a classic folk song with a timeless message of hope and perseverance. Its simple melody and repetitive lyrics make it a joy to sing and play.

Beginner-Friendly Ukulele Songs: Country Edition

Country music, with its twangy guitars and heartfelt lyrics, is another excellent genre for ukulele beginners. Explore these popular country songs that will help you develop your strumming and singing skills:

1. "You Are My Sunshine" by Jimmie Davis



This cheerful country classic by Jimmie Davis is perfect for beginners. Its simple chord progression (C-G-Am-F) and uplifting lyrics will put a smile on your face.

2. "Wagon Wheel" by Old Crow Medicine Show



Old Crow Medicine Show's "Wagon Wheel" is a foot-stomping anthem that captures the spirit of country music. Its upbeat tempo and catchy melody will have you strumming along in no time.

3. "Ring of Fire" by Johnny Cash

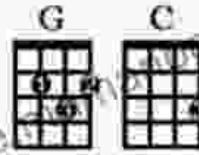


Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire" is a country music masterpiece. Its haunting melody and iconic lyrics will test your fingerpicking skills while captivating your audience.

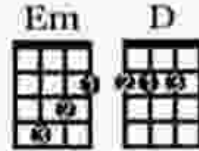
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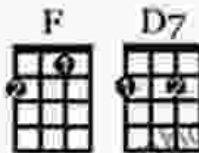
[G] Almost heaven [Em] West Virginia
 [D] Blue Ridge mountains [C] Shenandoan [G] River
 [G] Life is old there [Em] older than the trees
 [D] Younger than the mountains [C] growing like a [G] breeze



[G] Country roads take me [D] home to the [Em] place I be [C] long
 West Vir[G]inia mountain [D] momma
 Take me [C] home country [G] roads



[G] All my memories [Em] gather round her [D] miner's lady
 [C] Stranger to blue [G] water
 [G] Dark and dusty [Em] painted on the sky
 [D] Misty taste of moonshine [C] tear drop on my [G] eye



Country [G] roads take me [D] home to the [Em] place I be [C] long
 West Vir[G]inia mountain [D] momma
 Take me [C] home country [G] roads



[Em] I hear her [D] voice
 In the [G] mornin' hours she [G7] calls me
 The [C] radio re[G]minds me of my [D] home far away
 And [Em] drivin' down the [F] road I get the [C] feelin'
 That I [G] should have been home [D] yesterday yester[D7]day



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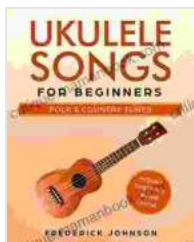
John Denver's "Country Roads," originally written for The Kingston Trio, has become a beloved country classic. Its beautiful melody and nostalgic lyrics will transport you to a simpler time.

Tips for Beginner Ukulele Players

As you embark on your ukulele journey, keep these tips in mind:

- Practice regularly. Consistency is key to improving your skills.
- Use a metronome to keep a steady rhythm.
- Listen to your favorite songs and try to pick out the chords and melodies.
- Don't be afraid to experiment with different strumming patterns.
- Have fun! Playing the ukulele should be an enjoyable experience.

With the ukulele in your hands and these beginner-friendly folk and country songs at your fingertips, you're well on your way to musical adventures. Practice diligently, experiment with different songs, and let the ukulele become your companion on this exciting journey. As you progress, you'll expand your repertoire, master new techniques, and discover the joy and fulfillment that music brings. Embrace the learning process, and let the ukulele be your guide as you create your own musical legacy.



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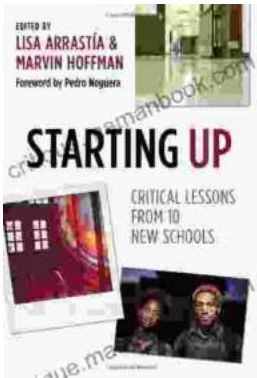
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