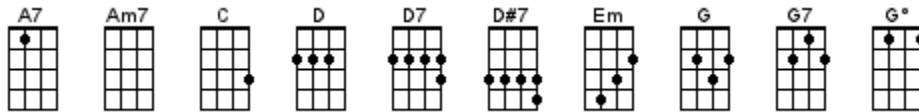


# The Lonesome Death of Ukulele Ike

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**INTRO:** / 1 2 / 1 2 /

[G] / [G] / [D#7] / [D#7] / [C] / [C] / [D] / [D7] /  
[G] / [G] / [D#7] / [D#7] / [C] / [C] / [D] / [D7] /

[G] I was born in [Gdim] Hannibal, Missouri  
[C] A funny little [D] frog-faced [G] man  
I [G] made my livin' [Gdim] singin' in the movies  
[C] The back lots of [D] Fantasy [G] Land

[C] Mark Twain [G] come from [D7] Hannibal Mis-[G]souri  
And [C] various [G] other [D7] drunks like [G] me  
[C] I learned to [G] play the [D7] ukulele [G]  
By [Em] reinventing my [A7] desti-[D7]ny [D7]

## CHORUS:

'Cause [C] no one [G] dies [D] do they? [D]  
Not if they [C] play the [G] uku-[D]lele [D]  
And [C] no one [G] cries [D] baby [D]  
Not if they're [C] wishin' on a [G] star, well [D] maybe [D]

Yes [G] I kept singin' [Gdim] in the rain [Gdim]  
[C] Dancin' in the Kleig light [D] sunshine [G] too  
[G] I was the voice of [Gdim] Jiminy Cricket  
[C] A-wishin' on a [D] star for [G] you

But [C] I died [G] penniless [D7] and for-[G]gotten  
In the [C] motion [G] picture [D7] old folks' [G] home  
[C] In never-[G]land I was [D7] in high [G] cotton  
My [Em] voice warbled out of the [A7] gramo-[D7]phone [D7]

## CHORUS:

But [C] no one really [G] dies [D] do they? [D]  
Not if they [C] play the [G] uku-[D]lele [D]  
And [C] no one [G] cries [D] baby [D]  
Not if they're [C] wishin' on a [G] star, well [D] maybe [D]

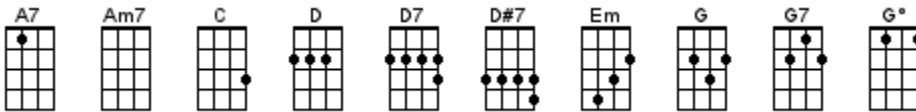
[G] / [G] / [Gdim] / [Gdim] / [C] / [C] / [D] / [G] /  
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[G] Now hand me down my [Gdim] walkin' cane [Gdim]  
My [C] old vaudevillian [D] croonin' [G] pipes  
[G] I got one more [Gdim] song for you, Charley  
[C] "The Lonesome Death of Uku-[D]lele [G] Ike"

**CHORUS:**

But [C] no one really [G] dies [D] do they? [D]  
Not if they [C] play the [G] uku-[D]lele [D]  
And [C] no one really [G] hurts [D] baby [D]  
Not if they're [C] wishin' on a [G] star, well [D] maybe [D]

[G] `Cause it's only a [Am7] paper [D7] moon  
[D7] Hanging over a [G] cardboard sea  
[G] But it [G7] wouldn't be [C] make-be-[Am7]lieve  
If [D] you be-[D7]lieve in [G] me [G]  
[Gdim] / [Gdim] / [C] / [C] / [D] / [G] ↓



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