

**BYTOWN UKULELE GROUP (BUG)**  
**It's Hooley Time! Our BUG Kitchen Party Songbook**  
**for Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

It's FREE and ye dunna need to be any good. 'Tis the kind of BUG ye'll be WANTIN' to catch!

We be playin' Celtic songs, East Coast songs, pub songs, songs with a lilt - anything that tilts your kilt and get's ya all fired up! Or makes ya weep in your beer! Don your festive green finery, grab a Guinness or favoured drink, and sit down with your family to sing along with us!

The songs in this songbook are fixed in the order we'll be playin' them.

Love to you all! Sue & Mark xoxo

**SONG LIST in the order of play**

Doon In The Wee Room

Botany Bay

Donald, Where's Your Troosers?

Fiddler's Green

Goin' Up

I'se the B'y

Ballad of Bowser MacRae

Lukey's Boat

The Maid on the Shore

The Old Dun Cow Caught Fire

Mary Mack

Saltwater Joys

Peein' In The Snow

The Mermaid

The Orange And The Green

Skye Boat Song

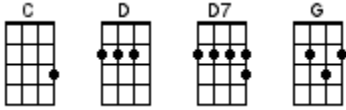
The Wild Rover

Drunken Sailor

All songsheets in this songbook were arranged and formatted by Sue Rogers and are intended for private, educational, and research purposes only, and NOT for financial gain in ANY form. No one should sell copies of this book or the song arrangements therein. It is acknowledged that all song copyrights belong to their respective parties.

# Doon In The Wee Room

Trad / Daniel McLaughlin



**INTRO:** / 1 2 / 1 2 / [C] / [C] /

[C] Doon in the [G] wee room [D7] underneath the [G] stair [G]

## CHORUS:

[G] Doon in the wee room [C] underneath the [G] stair

[C] Everybody's [G] happy, everybody's [D] there

We're [G] all playin' ukulele [C] each one in his [G] chair

[C] Doon in the [G] wee room [D7] underneath the [G] stair [G]

[G] When you're tired and weary [C] and you're feelin' [G] blue

[C] Don't give way tae [G] sorrow, we'll tell you what to [D] do

Just [G] tak' a trip tae Ottawa [C] find the Clocktower [G] there

And go [C] doon tae the [G] wee room [D7] underneath the [G] stair

## CHORUS:

[G] Doon in the wee room [C] underneath the [G] stair

[C] Everybody's [G] happy, everybody's [D] there

We're [G] all playin' ukulele [C] each one in his [G] chair

[C] Doon in the [G] wee room [D7] underneath the [G] stair [G]

If [G] you play ukulele and [C] want to hae some [G] cheer

[C] Tak' a trip tae the [G] Clocktower and order up a [D] beer

[G] Hae yersel' a bevvie [C] gie yersel' a [G] tear

[C] Doon in the [G] wee room [D7] underneath the [G] stair

## CHORUS:

[G] Doon in the wee room [C] underneath the [G] stair

[C] Everybody's [G] happy, everybody's [D] there

We're [G] all playin' ukulele [C] each one in his [G] chair

[C] Doon in the [G] wee room [D7] underneath the [G] stair [G]

[G] When I'm auld and feeble and me [C] bones are gettin' [G] set

I'll [C] no get cross and [G] cranky like other people [D] get

I'm [G] savin' up ma bawbees tae [C] buy a hurly [G] chair

Tae [C] tak' me tae the [G] wee room [D7] underneath the [G] stair

## CHORUS:

[G] Doon in the wee room [C] underneath the [G] stair

[C] Everybody's [G] happy, everybody's [D] there

We're [G] all playin' ukulele [C] each one in his [G] chair

[C] Doon in the [G] wee room [D7] underneath the [G] stair

[G] Doon in the wee room [C] underneath the [G] stair

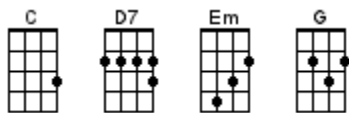
[C] All the BUGs are [G] happy and everybody's [D] there

We're [G] playin' ukulele [C] each one in his [G] chair

[C] Doon in the [G] wee room [D7] underneath the [G] ↓ stair [G] ↓

# Botany Bay

Traditional



**INTRO:** / 1 2 3 / 1 2 3 / [G] / [D7] / [G] / [G]

Fare-[G]well to old [D7] England for-[G]ever [G]  
Fare-[G]well to my [C] rum culls as [D7] well [D7]  
Fare-[G]well to the [C] well-known Old [G] Bailey [Em]  
Where I [G] used for to [D7] cut such a [G] swell [D7]

## CHORUS:

Singin' [G] too-ral-li [D7] oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [G]  
Singin' [G] too-ral-li [C] oo-ral-li [D7] ay [D7]  
Singin' [C] too-ral-li, oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [Em]  
And we're [G] bound for [D7] Botany [G] Bay [G]

There's the [G] captain as [D7] is our Com-[G]mander [G]  
There's the [G] bo'sun and [C] all the ship's [D7] crew [D7]  
There's the [G] first and [C] second class [G] passengers [Em]  
Knows [G] what we poor [D7] convicts go [G] through [D7]

## CHORUS:

Singin' [G] too-ral-li [D7] oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [G]  
Singin' [G] too-ral-li [C] oo-ral-li [D7] ay [D7]  
Singin' [C] too-ral-li, oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [Em]  
And we're [G] bound for [D7] Botany [G] Bay [G]

'Taint [G] leavin' old [D7] England we [G] cares about [G]  
'Taint [G] cos we mis-[C]pels what we [D7] knows [D7]  
But be-[G]cos all we [C] light-fingered [G] gentry [Em]  
Hops a-[G]round with a [D7] log on our [G] toes [D7]

## CHORUS:

Singin' [G] too-ral-li [D7] oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [G]  
Singin' [G] too-ral-li [C] oo-ral-li [D7] ay [D7]  
Singin' [C] too-ral-li, oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [Em]  
And we're [G] bound for [D7] Botany [G] Bay [G]

For [G] seven long [D7] years I'll be [G] stayin' here [G]  
For [G] seven long [C] years and a [D7] day [D7]  
For [G] meetin' a [C] cove in an [G] area [Em]  
And [G] takin' his [D7] ticker a-[G]way [D7]

## CHORUS:

Singin' [G] too-ral-li [D7] oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [G]  
Singin' [G] too-ral-li [C] oo-ral-li [D7] ay [D7]  
Singin' [C] too-ral-li, oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [Em]  
And we're [G] bound for [D7] Botany [G] Bay [G]

Oh, had [G] I the [D7] wings of a [G] turtle-dove [G]  
I'd [G] soar on my [C] pinions so [D7] high [D7]  
Slap [G] bang to the [C] arms of my [G] Polly Love [Em]  
And [G] in her sweet [D7] presence I'd [G] die [D7]

**CHORUS:**

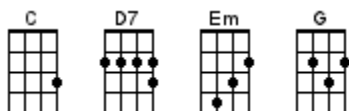
Singin' [G] too-ral-li [D7] oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [G]  
Singin' [G] too-ral-li [C] oo-ral-li [D7] ay [D7]  
Singin' [C] too-ral-li, oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [Em]  
And we're [G] bound for [D7] Botany [G] Bay [G]

Now [G] all my young [D7] Dookies and [G] Duchesses [G]  
Take [G] warnin' from [C] what I've to [D7] say [D7]  
Mind [G] all is your [C] own as you [G] touchesses [Em]  
Or you'll [G] find us in [D7] Botany [G] Bay [D7]

**CHORUS:**

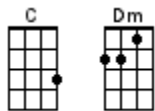
Singin' [G] too-ral-li [D7] oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [G]  
Singin' [G] too-ral-li [C] oo-ral-li [D7] ay [D7]  
Singin' [C] too-ral-li, oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [Em]  
And we're [G] bound for [D7] Botany [G] Bay [D7]

Singin' [G] too-ral-li [D7] oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [G]  
Singin' [G] too-ral-li [C] oo-ral-li [D7] ay [D7]  
Singin' [C] too-ral-li, oo-ral-li [G] ad-dity [Em]  
And we're [G] bound for [D7] Botany [G] Bay [G]↓



# Donald, Where's Your Troosers?

Andy Stewart 1960



**INTRO:** / 1 2 / 1 2 / [Dm] / [Dm] /

I've [Dm] just come down from the Isle of Skye  
I'm [C] no very big and I'm awful shy  
And the [Dm] lassies shout, when I go by  
[C] "Donald, where's your [Dm] troosers?"

## CHORUS:

Let the [Dm] wind blow high, let the wind blow low  
[C] Through the streets in my kilt I'll go  
[Dm] All the lassies say, "Hello!"  
[C] Donald, where's your [Dm] troosers?" [Dm] / [Dm]

A [Dm] lassie took me to a ball  
And [C] it was slippery in the hall  
And [Dm] I was feart that I would fall  
For I [C] had nae on my [Dm] troosers

## CHORUS:

Let the [Dm] wind blow high, let the wind blow low  
[C] Through the streets in my kilt I'll go  
[Dm] All the lassies say, "Hello!"  
[C] Donald, where's your [Dm] troosers?" [Dm] / [Dm]

Now [Dm] I went down to London town  
And I [C] had some fun in the underground  
The [Dm] ladies turned their heads around, saying  
[C] ↓ "Donald, where are your trousers?"

## CHORUS:

Let the [Dm] wind blow high, let the wind blow low  
[C] Through the streets in my kilt I'll go  
[Dm] All the lassies say, "Hello!"  
[C] Donald, where's your [Dm] troosers?" [Dm] / [Dm]

To [Dm] wear the kilt is my delight  
It [C] is not wrong, I know it's right  
The [Dm] 'ighlanders would get a fright  
If they [C] saw me in the [Dm] troosers

## CHORUS:

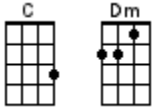
Let the [Dm] wind blow high, let the wind blow low  
[C] Through the streets in my kilt I'll go  
[Dm] All the lassies say, "Hello!"  
[C] Donald, where's your [Dm] troosers?" [Dm] / [Dm]

The **[Dm]** lassies want me every one  
Well **[C]** let them catch me if they can  
You **[Dm]** cannae take the breeks off a Hieland man  
And **[C]** I don't wear the **[Dm]** troosers

**CHORUS:**

Let the **[Dm]** wind blow high, let the wind blow low  
**[C]** Through the streets in my kilt I'll go  
**[Dm]** All the lassies say, "Hello!  
**[C]** Donald, where's your **[Dm]** troosers?" **[Dm]** / **[Dm]**

Let the **[Dm]** wind blow high, let the wind blow low  
**[C]** Through the streets in my kilt I'll go  
**[Dm]** All the lassies say, "Hello!  
**[C]** Donald, where's your **[Dm]** ↓ troosers?"

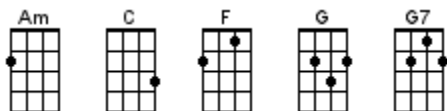


[www.bytownukulele.ca](http://www.bytownukulele.ca)

[BACK TO SONGLIST](#)

# Fiddler's Green

John Conolly 1966



**INTRO:** < Sing C > / 1 2 3 / 1 2

As I [C]↓ roamed by the [F]↓ dockside one [C]↓ evening so [Am]↓ fair / 1 2  
To [C]↓ view the still [F]↓ waters and [C]↓ take the salt [G]↓ air / 1 2  
I [F]↓ heard an old [C]↓ fisherman [G]↓ singing this [C]↓ song / 1 2  
Oh [C]↓ take me a-[F]↓ way boys, me [C]↓ time is not [G]↓ long [G7]↓

## CHORUS:

Dress me [C] up in me [G] oilskins and [C] jumper [C]  
No [F] more on the [C] docks I'll be [G] seen [G7]  
Just [F] tell me old shipmates, I'm [C] taking the [Am] trip, mates  
And [G] I'll see you [G7] someday in Fiddler's [C] Green [F] / [C] / [F]

Now [C] Fiddler's [F] Green is a [C] place I've heard [Am] tell [Am]  
Where [C] fishermen [F] go if they [C] don't go to [G] Hell [G7]  
Where the [F] weather is [C] fair and the [G] dolphins do [C] play [C]  
And the [C] cold coast of [F] Greenland is [C] far, far a-[G] way [G7]

## CHORUS:

Dress me [C] up in me [G] oilskins and [C] jumper [C]  
No [F] more on the [C] docks I'll be [G] seen [G7]  
Just [F] tell me old shipmates, I'm [C] taking the [Am] trip, mates  
And [G] I'll see you [G7] someday in Fiddler's [C] Green [F] / [C] / [F]

Now the [C] sky's always [F] clear and there's [C] never a [Am] gale [Am]  
And the [C] fish jump on [F] board with a [C] flip of their [G] tails [G7]  
You can [F] lie at your [C] leisure, there's [G] no work to [C] do [C]  
And the [C] skipper's be-[F] low making [C] tea for the [G] crew [G7]

## CHORUS:

Dress me [C] up in me [G] oilskins and [C] jumper [C]  
No [F] more on the [C] docks I'll be [G] seen [G7]  
Just [F] tell me old shipmates, I'm [C] taking the [Am] trip, mates  
And [G] I'll see you [G7] someday in Fiddler's [C] Green [F] / [C] / [F]

And [C] when you're in [F] dock and the [C] long trip is [Am] through [Am]  
There's [C] pubs and there's [F] clubs and there's [C] lasses there [G] too [G7]  
Now the [F] girls are all [C] pretty and the [G] beer is all [C] free [C]  
And there's [C] bottles of [F] rum growing [C] on every [G] tree [G7]

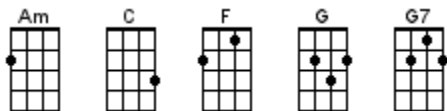
**CHORUS:**

Dress me [C] up in me [G] oilskins and [C] jumper [C]  
No [F] more on the [C] docks I'll be [G] seen [G7]  
Just [F] tell me old shipmates, I'm [C] taking the [Am] trip, mates  
And [G] I'll see you [G7] someday in Fiddler's [C] Green [F] / [C] / [F]

Well I [C] don't want a [F] harp nor a [C] halo, not [Am] me [Am]  
Just [C] give me a [F] breeze and a [C] good, rolling [G] sea [G7]  
And I [F] play me old [C] squeezebox as [G] we sail a-[C]long [C]  
With the [C] wind in the [F] rigging to [C] sing me this [G] song [G7]

**CHORUS:**

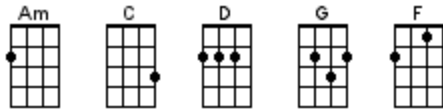
Dress me [C] up in me [G] oilskins and [C] jumper [C]  
No [F] more on the [C] dock I'll be [G] seen [G7]  
Just [F] tell me old shipmates, I'm [C] taking the [Am] trip, mates  
And [G] I'll see you [G7] someday in Fiddler's [C] Green [G]  
Just [F] tell me old shipmates, I'm [C] taking the [Am] trip, mates  
And [G] I'll see you [G7] someday in Fiddler's [C] Green [C]↓





# Goin' Up

Alan Doyle 1995 (as recorded by Great Big Sea on their album UP)



**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[C][F] / [G] / [C][F] / [G] /  
[C][F] / [G] / [C][F] / [G]**

Oh well come **[C]** gather all a-**[D]**round me  
There is **[F]** something you should **[G]** know  
There is **[C]** no place quite like **[D]** this place  
If we **[F]** get it on the **[G]** go

So pile your **[C]** boots up in the **[D]** corner  
Hang your **[F]** jacket from the **[G]** door  
There's thirty **[C]** people in the **[D]** kitchen  
And there's **[F]** always room for **[G]** more

**[C]** Oh **[F]** oh **[G]** oh, come on now  
**[C]** Let's **[F]** lock the **[G]** world outside  
**[C]** Oh **[F]** oh **[G]** oh, come on I **[C]** tell you **[Am]** now  
She's **[F]** goin' **[G]** up to-**[C]**night **[F] / [G] /  
[C][F] / [G] / [C][F] / [G] / [C][F] / [G]**

Well, there'll be **[C]** music all a-**[D]**round you  
You should **[F]** see the way it **[G]** feels  
Come on **[C]** off we go now **[D]** heel and toe now  
**[F]** To the jigs and **[G]** reels

'Cause some-**[C]**body's got a fid-**[D]**dle  
And someone **[F]** else brought a gui-**[G]**tar  
And we got **[C]** Bobby on the **[D]** squeeze box  
Grab a **[F]** chair and raise a **[G]** jar

**[C]** Oh **[F]** oh **[G]** oh, come on now  
**[C]** Let's **[F]** lock the **[G]** world outside  
**[C]** Oh **[F]** oh **[G]** oh, come on I **[C]** tell you **[Am]** now  
She's **[F]** goin' **[G]** up to-**[C]**night **[F] / [G] /  
[C][F] / [G] / [C][F] / [G] / [C][F] / [G] /**

**INSTRUMENTAL:**

**[C] / [D] / [F] / [G] /  
[C] / [D] / [F] / [G] /**

**[C] / [D] / [F] / [G] /  
[C] / [D] / [F] Oh [G] oh**

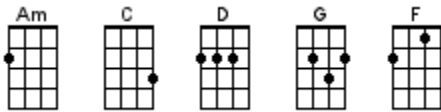
**[C]** Oh **[F]** oh **[G]** oh, come on now  
**[C]** Let's **[F]** lock the **[G]** world outside  
**[C]** Oh **[F]** oh **[G]** oh, come on I **[C]** tell you **[Am]** now  
 She's **[F]** goin' **[G]** up to-**[C]**night **[F]** / **[G]** /  
**[C]****[F]** / **[G]** / **[C]****[F]** / **[G]** / **[C]****[F]** / **[G]**

Well there'll be **[C]** smilin', there'll be **[D]** laughin'  
 Well, that's **[F]** good enough for **[G]** me  
 There'll be **[C]** dancin' all a-**[D]**round you  
 This is **[F]** where you wanna **[G]** be

So pile your **[C]** boots up in the **[D]** corner  
 Hang your **[F]** jacket from the **[G]** door  
 There's thirty **[C]** people in the **[D]** kitchen  
 And there's **[F]** always room, yes there's **[G]** always room

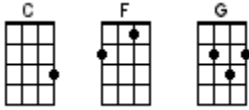
**[C]** Oh **[F]** oh **[G]** oh, come on now  
**[C]** Let's **[F]** lock the **[G]** world outside  
**[C]** Oh **[F]** oh **[G]** oh, come on I **[C]** tell you **[Am]** now  
 She's **[F]** goin' **[G]** up

**[C]** Oh **[F]** oh **[G]** oh, come on now  
**[C]** Let's **[F]** lock the **[G]** world outside  
**[C]** Oh **[F]** oh **[G]** oh, come on I **[C]** tell you **[Am]** now  
 She's **[F]** goin' **[G]** up to-**[C]**night **[F]** / **[G]** /  
**[C]** **[F]** She's **[G]** goin' up to-**[C]**night **[F]** / **[G]** / **[C]****[F]** / **[G]** / **[C]**↓



# I'se the B'y

Traditional Newfoundland, Canada



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

[C] I'se the b'y that [G] builds the boat and  
[C] I'se the b'y that [F] sails [G] her and  
[C] I'se the b'y that [G] catches the fish and  
[F] Brings 'em [G] home to [C] Liza

[C] I'se the b'y that [G] builds the boat and  
[C] I'se the b'y that [F] sails [G] her  
[C] I'se the b'y that [G] catches the fish and  
[F] Brings 'em [G] home to [C] Liza

## CHORUS:

[C] Hip-yer-partner [G] Sally Tibbo  
[C] Hip-yer-partner [F] Sally [G] Brown  
[C] Fogo, Twillingate [G] Moreton's Harbour  
[F] All a-[G]round the [C] circle

[C] Sods and rinds to [G] cover your flake  
[C] Cake and tea for [F] sup-[G]per  
[C] Codfish in the [G] spring of the year  
[F] Fried in [G] maggoty [C] butter

## CHORUS:

[C] Hip-yer-partner [G] Sally Tibbo  
[C] Hip-yer-partner [F] Sally [G] Brown  
[C] Fogo, Twillingate [G] Moreton's Harbour  
[F] All a-[G]round the [C] circle

[C] I don't want your [G] maggoty fish  
[C] That's no good for [F] win-[G]ter  
[C] I can buy as [G] good as that  
[F] Down in [G] Bona-[C]vista

## CHORUS:

[C] Hip-yer-partner [G] Sally Tibbo  
[C] Hip-yer-partner [F] Sally [G] Brown  
[C] Fogo, Twillingate [G] Moreton's Harbour  
[F] All a-[G]round the [C] circle

[C] I took Liza [G] to a dance  
And [C] faith but she could [F] tra-[G]vel  
And [C] every step that [G] Liza took  
She was [F] up to her [G] knees in [C] gravel

**CHORUS:**

[C] Hip-yer-partner [G] Sally Tibbo  
[C] Hip-yer-partner [F] Sally [G] Brown  
[C] Fogo, Twillingate [G] Moreton's Harbour  
[F] All a-[G]round the [C] circle

[C] Sarah White she's [G] outta sight  
Her [C] petticoat needs a [F] bor-[G]der  
Well [C] old Sam Oliver [G] in the dark  
He [G]↓ kissed her in the corner!

**CHORUS:**

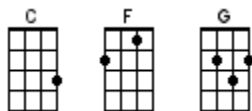
[C] Hip-yer-partner [G] Sally Tibbo  
[C] Hip-yer-partner [F] Sally [G] Brown  
[C] Fogo, Twillingate [G] Moreton's Harbour  
[F] All a-[G]round the [C] circle

Now [C] Liza she went [G] up the stairs  
And [C] I went up be-[F]hind [G] her  
[C] Liza she crawled [G] into bed  
But [F] I know [G] where to [C] find her

[C] I'se the b'y that [G] builds the boat and  
[C] I'se the b'y that [F] sails [G] her  
[C] I'se the b'y that [G] catches the fish and  
[F] Brings them [G] home to [C] Liza

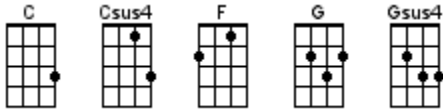
**CHORUS:**

[C] Hip-yer-partner [G] Sally Tibbo  
[C] Hip-yer-partner [F] Sally [G] Brown  
[C] Fogo, Twillingate [G] Moreton's Harbour  
[F] All a-[G]round the [C]↓ cir-[C]↓cle



# Ballad of Bowser MacRae

David Francey, June 4, 2005 MV Algoville, Lake Superior



**INTRO: / 1 2 3 / 1 2 3 / [C] / [Csus4] / [C] / [Csus4]**

I was [C] born in Cape [F] Breton, I was [C] born by the [G] sea  
[Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4]

By the [C] Seal Island [F] Bridge an' [G] sweet Boular-[C]derie  
[Csus4] / [C] / [Csus4]

An' by [C] age seven-[F]teen there was [C] nothin' for [G] me  
[Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4]

So I [C] headed for [F] Thorold, washed [G] up on the [C] beach  
[Csus4] / [C] / [Csus4]

An' I [C] slept in the [F] Jungle, lived [C] hard, took a [G] fall  
[Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4]

'Til I [C] found myself [F] standin' at the [G] SIU [C] hall  
[Csus4] / [C] / [Csus4]

An' with [C] nothin' to [F] stay for, no [C] kids and no [G] wife  
[Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4]

I [C] signed on that [F] mornin' for the [G] rest of my [C] life  
[Csus4] / [C] / [Csus4]

An' my [G] back it was strong, an' that [C] strength never [G] failed  
[Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4]

Up the [C] Detroit [F] River on the [G] Ferndale I [C] sailed

## **INSTRUMENTAL:**

[F] / [C] / [G] / [Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4] /  
[C] / [F] / [G] / [C] / [Csus4] / [C] / [Csus4]

An' [C] now I am [F] married to the [C] woman I [G] love  
[Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4]

She's a [C] gift I was [F] given from [G] Heaven a-[C]bove  
[Csus4] / [C] / [Csus4]

An' I [C] call every [F] mornin', and I [C] call every [G] night  
[Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4]

All [C] I ever [F] wanted, the [G] love of my [C] life  
[Csus4] / [C] / [Csus4]

An' [G] now in the evenin' when we [C] talk on the [G] phone  
[Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4]  
She says [C] "I love you [F] Darlin', when you [G] comin' back [C] home"

**INSTRUMENTAL:**

[F] / [C] / [G] / [Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4] /  
[C] / [F] / [G] / [C] / [Csus4] / [C] / [Csus4]

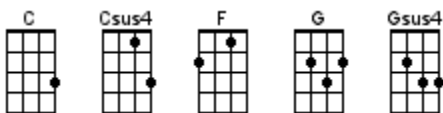
An' to-[C]night, down the [F] line, I [C] heard my boy [G] say  
[Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4]  
He says [C] "Daddy I [F] miss ya [G] more every [C] day  
[Csus4] / [C] / [Csus4]  
But when [C] I hear your [F] voice, then [C] I feel al-[G]right"  
[Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4]  
He says [C] "I love you [F] Daddy, good [G] luck an' good [C] night"  
[Csus4] / [C] / [Csus4]

And [G] now in the evenin' when we [C] talk on the [G] phone  
[Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4]  
He says [C] "I love you [F] Daddy, when you [G] comin' back [C] home"  
[Csus4] / [C] / [Csus4]

I was [C] born in Cape [F] Breton, I was [C] born by the [G] sea  
[Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4]  
By the [C] Seal Island [F] Bridge an' [G] sweet Boular-[C]derie

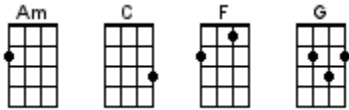
**OUTRO:**

[F] / [C] / [G] / [Gsus4] / [G] / [Gsus4] /  
[C] / [F] / [G] / [C]↓



# Lukey's Boat

Traditional



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

**[C] / [F][G] /**  
**[C] / [F][G]**

Well oh **[C]** Lukey's boat is **[F]** painted **[G]** green  
**[C]** Ha, me **[F]** boys! **[G]**  
**[C]** Lukey's boat is **[F]** painted green  
She's the **[Am]** prettiest boat that you've **[F]** ever **[G]** seen  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**

Well oh **[C]** Lukey's boat's got a **[F]** fine fore **[G]** cutty  
**[C]** Ha, me **[F]** boys! **[G]**  
**[C]** Lukey's boat's got a **[F]** fine fore cutty  
And **[Am]** every seam is **[F]** chinked with **[G]** putty  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**

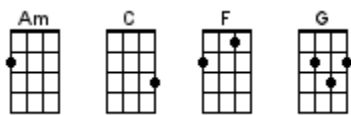
Well **[C]** I says "Lukey the **[F]** blinds are **[G]** down"  
**[C]** Ha, me **[F]** boys! **[G]**  
**[C]** I says "Lukey the **[F]** blinds are down  
Me **[Am]** wife is dead and she's **[F]** under-**[G]**ground"  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**

Well **[C]** I says "Lukey **[F]** I don't **[G]** care"  
**[C]** Ha, me **[F]** boys! **[G]**  
**[C]** I says "Lukey **[F]** I don't care  
I'll **[Am]** get me another in the **[F]** spring of the **[G]** year"  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**

Oh **[C]** Lukey's rolling **[F]** out his **[G]** grub  
**[C]** Ha, me **[F]** boys! **[G]**  
**[C]** Lukey's rolling **[F]** out his grub  
**[Am]** One split pea, and a **[F]** ten pound **[G]** tub  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**

Well **[C]** Lukey's boat's got **[F]** high-topped **[G]** sails  
**[C]** Ha, me **[F]** boys! **[G]**  
**[C]** Lukey's boat's got **[F]** high-topped sails  
The **[Am]** sheet was planted with **[F]** copper **[G]** nails  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]** /

**[C]** Lukey's boat is **[F]** painted **[G]** green  
**[C]** Ha, me **[F]** boys! **[G]**  
**[C]** Lukey's boat is **[F]** painted green  
She's the **[Am]** prettiest boat that you've **[F]** ever **[G]** seen  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]**  
A-**[C]**ha, me **[F]** boys, a-**[G]**riddle-i-**[C]**day! / **[F][G]** /**[C]** ↓



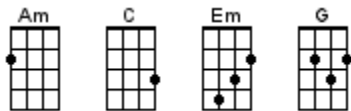
[www.bytownukulele.ca](http://www.bytownukulele.ca)

[BACK TO SONGLIST](#)



# The Maid on the Shore

Traditional (as recorded by Stan Rogers 1976)



**INTRO: / 1 2 3 / 1 2 3 /**

**[Am] / [Am] / [Am] / [Am]**

There **[Am]** is a young **[G]** maiden, she **[Em]** lives all a-**[Am]**lone  
She **[Am]** lives all a-**[G]**lone on the **[Am]** shore-**[Am]**o  
There's **[Am]** nothing she can **[C]** find to **[G]** comfort her **[Em]** mind  
But to **[Am]** roam all a-**[G]**lone on the **[Am]** shore, shore **[G]** shore **[G]**  
But to **[Am]** roam all a-**[G]**lone on the **[Am]** shore **[Am] / [Am] / [Am]**

'Twas **[Am]** of the young **[G]** Captain who **[Em]** sailed the salt **[Am]** sea  
Let the **[Am]** wind blow **[G]** high, blow **[Am]** low **[Am]**  
I will **[Am]** die, I will **[C]** die, the young **[G]** Captain did **[Em]** cry  
If I **[Am]** don't have that **[G]** maid on the **[Am]** shore, shore **[G]** shore **[G]**  
If I **[Am]** don't have that **[G]** maid on the **[Am]** shore **[Am] / [Am] / [Am]**

Well, I **[Am]** have lots of **[G]** silver, I **[Em]** have lots of **[Am]** gold  
I **[Am]** have lots of **[G]** costly **[Am]** ware-**[Am]**o  
I'll di-**[Am]**vide, I'll di-**[C]**vide, with my **[G]** jolly ship's **[Em]** crew  
If they **[Am]** row me that **[G]** maid on the **[Am]** shore, shore **[G]** shore **[G]**  
If they **[Am]** row me that **[G]** maid on the **[Am]** shore **[Am] / [Am] / [Am]**

After **[Am]** much persua-**[G]**asion, they **[Em]** got her a-**[Am]**board  
Let the **[Am]** wind blow **[G]** high, blow **[Am]** low **[Am]**  
They re-**[Am]**placed her a-**[C]**way in his **[G]** cabin be-**[Em]**low  
Here's a-**[Am]**dieu to all **[G]** sorrow and **[Am]** care, care **[G]** care **[G]**  
Here's a-**[Am]**dieu to all **[G]** sorrow and **[Am]** care **[Am] / [Am] / [Am]**

They re-**[Am]**placed her a-**[G]**way in his **[Em]** cabin be-**[Am]**low  
Let the **[Am]** wind blow **[G]** high, blow **[Am]** low **[Am]**  
She's so **[Am]** pretty and **[C]** neat, she's so **[G]** sweet and com-**[Em]**plete  
She's sung **[Am]** Captain and **[G]** sailors to **[Am]** sleep, sleep **[G]** sleep **[G]**  
She's sung **[Am]** Captain and **[G]** sailors to **[Am]** sleep **[Am] / [Am] / [Am]**

Then she **[Am]** robbed him of **[G]** silver, she **[Em]** robbed him of **[Am]** gold  
She **[Am]** robbed him of **[G]** costly **[Am]** ware-**[Am]**o  
Then **[Am]** took his broad-**[C]**sword in-**[G]**stead of an **[Em]** oar  
And **[Am]** paddled her **[G]** way to the **[Am]** shore, shore **[G]** shore **[G]**  
And **[Am]** paddled her **[G]** way to the **[Am]** shore **[Am] / [C] / [G] /**

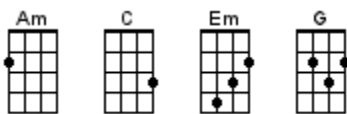
**[Am] / [C] / [G] / [Em]**

Well, me [Am] men must be [G] crazy, me [Em] men must be [Am] mad  
 Me [Am] men must be [G] deep in des-[Am]pair-[Am]o  
 For to [Am] let you a-[C]way from my [G] cabin so [Em] gay  
 And to [Am] paddle your [G] way to the [Am] shore, shore [G] shore [G]  
 And to [Am] paddle your [G] way to the [Am] shore [Am] / [Am] / [Am]

Well, your [Am] men was not [G] crazy, your [Em] men was not [Am] mad  
 Your [Am] men was not [G] deep in des-[Am]pair-[Am]o  
 I de-[Am]luded your [C] sailors as [G] well as your-[Em]self  
 I'm a [Am] maiden a-[G]gain on the [Am] shore, shore [G] shore [G]  
 I'm a [Am] maiden a-[G]gain on the [Am] shore [Am] / [Am] / [Am]↓

### < A CAPPELLA >

Well, there is a young maiden, she lives all alone  
 She lives all alone on the shore-o  
 There's nothing she can find to comfort her mind  
 But to roam all alone on the shore, shore, shore  
 But to roam all alone on the shore

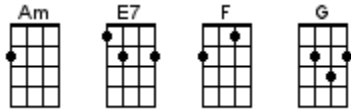


[www.bytownukulele.ca](http://www.bytownukulele.ca)

[BACK TO SONGLIST](#)

# The Old Dun Cow Caught Fire

Harry Wincott 1893



< ~[Am]~ MEANS TREMOLO ON THE [Am] CHORD >

**INTRO:** / 1 2 / 1 2 / [Am] / [Am]

Some [Am] friends and I, in a public house  
Were [Am] playing domi-[G]noes one [Am] night  
When [Am] into the [G] room the [F] barman [E7] came  
His [E7] face all [F] chalky [E7] white  
"What's [Am] up," says Brown [Am] "Have you seen a ghost?  
[Am] Have you seen your [G] Aunt Mor-[E7]iah?"  
"Oh me [Am] Aunt Mor-[G]iah be [Am] bugged!" said [F]↓ he  
"The [E7]↓ bloody [F]↓ pub's on [E7]↓ fire!" < **EVERYONE MAKE SIREN NOISES** >

"On [Am] fire," says Brown, "What a bit o'luck  
[Am] Everybody [G] follow [Am] me  
[Am] Down to the [G] cellar, if the [F] fire's not [E7] there  
We'll [E7] have a [F] rare old [E7]↓ spree..." (**HEE HEE!**)  
So we [Am] all went down after good old Brown  
[Am] Booze we [G] could not [E7] miss  
And [Am] we weren't [G] there five [Am] minutes or [F]↓ more  
'Til [E7]↓ we were [F]↓ all half [E7]↓ pissed (**WHERE'S BROWN?**)

## CHORUS:

And [Am] there was Brown, upside down  
[Am] Lickin' up the [G] whiskey off the [Am] floor  
[Am] "Booze [G] booze!" the [F] firemen [E7] cried  
As [E7] they came [F] knockin' at the [E7]↓ door < **KNOCK KNOCK** >  
Don't [Am] let them in 'til it's all mopped up  
And [Am] somebody [G] shouted, "MaIn-[E7]↓tyre!" (**MacINTYRE!**)  
And we [Am] all got [G] blue-blind [Am] paralytic [F] drunk  
When the [E7] Old Dun Cow caught [Am] fire [Am]/[Am]

Then [Am] Smith went over to the port wine tub  
[Am] Gave it a [G] few hard [Am]↓ knocks < **KNOCK KNOCK** >  
He [Am] started [G] takin' off his [F] panta-[E7]loons  
Like-[E7]wise his [F] shoes and [E7] socks  
"Hold [Am] on," says Brown, "we [Am] can't have that  
You [Am] can't do [G] that in [E7] here  
Don't go [Am] washin' your [G] trotters in the [Am] port wine [F]↓ tub  
When we've [Am]↓ got all [F]↓ this light [E7]↓ beer (**LIGHT BEER! EWW! -  
WHERE'S BROWN?**)

## CHORUS:

Oh [Am] there was Brown, upside down  
[Am] Lickin' up the [G] whiskey off the [Am] floor  
[Am] "Booze [G] booze!" the [F] firemen [E7] cried  
As [E7] they came [F] knockin' at the [E7] door < **KNOCK KNOCK** >  
Don't [Am] let them in 'til it's all mopped up  
And [Am] somebody [G] shouted, "MaIn-[E7]↓tyre!" **(MacINTYRE!)**  
And we [Am] all got [G] blue-blind [Am] paralytic [F] drunk  
When the [E7] Old Dun Cow caught [Am] fire [Am]

Just [Am] then there came an [Am]↓ awful crash < **GO NUTS - DON'T BREAK ANYTHING** >  
[Am] Half the bloody [G] roof gave [Am] way  
[Am] We were [G] drowned in the [F] firemen's [E7] hose  
Still [E7] we were [F] goin' to [E7]↓ stay  
So we [Am] got some tacks and our old wet slacks  
And [Am] nailed our-[G]selves in-[E7]↓side < **KNOCK KNOCK** >  
And we [Am] sat there [G] swallowin' [Am] pints of [F]↓ stout **(BURP)**  
'Til [Am]↓ we were [F]↓ bleary-[E7]↓eyed **(WHERE'S BROWN?)**

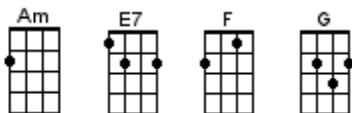
## CHORUS:

Oh [Am] there was Brown, upside down  
[Am] Lickin' up the [G] whiskey off the [Am] floor  
[Am] "Booze [G] booze!" the [F] firemen [E7] cried  
As [E7] they came [F] knockin' at the [E7] door < **KNOCK KNOCK** >  
Don't [Am] let them in 'til it's all mopped up  
And [Am] somebody [G] shouted, "MaIn-[E7]↓tyre!" **(MacINTYRE!)**  
And we [Am] all got [G] blue-blind [Am] paralytic [F] drunk  
When the [E7] Old Dun Cow caught [Am] fire [Am]

[Am] Later that night when the fire was out  
We came [Am] up from the [G] cellar be-[Am]low  
Our [Am] pub was [G] burned, our [F] booze was [E7] drunk  
And our [E7] heads were a-[F]hangin' [E7]↓ low < **SOB, SOB** >  
"Oh [Am] look," says Brown, with a look quite queer  
It [Am] seemed something [G] raised his [E7] ire  
"We've [Am] gotta get [G] down to the [Am] Clocktower [F]↓ Pub  
It [Am]↓ closes [F]↓ on the [E7]↓ hour!" **(WHERE'S BROWN?)**

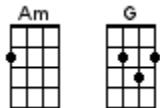
## CHORUS:

Oh [Am] there was Brown, upside down  
[Am] Lickin' up the [G] whiskey off the [Am] floor  
[Am] "Booze [G] booze!" the [F] firemen [E7] cried  
As [E7] they came [F] knockin' at the [E7]↓ door < **KNOCK KNOCK** >  
Don't [Am] let them in 'til it's all mopped up  
And [Am] somebody [G] shouted, "MaIn-[E7]↓tyre!" **(MacINTYRE!)**  
And we [Am] all got [G] blue-blind [F] paralytic [E7]↓ drunk  
When the [E7]↓ Old Dun [E7]↓ Cow caught ~[Am]~ fire [Am]↓



# Mary Mack

Traditional



**INTRO:** / 1 2 / 1 2 / [Am] / [Am]

## CHORUS:

Well [Am] Mary Mack's father's makin' Mary Mack marry me  
[G] My father's makin' me marry Mary Mack  
I'm [Am] goin' to marry Mary for my Mary to take care of me  
We'll [Am] all be feelin' merry when I [G] marry Mary [Am] Mack  
Hey [Am] skiddly idle deedle didle [G] deedle didle [Am] dum [Am]

Well [Am] there's a little girl and her name is Mary Mack  
[G] Make no mistake, she's the girl I'm gonna tak  
And a [Am] lot of other fellas they would get upon her track  
But I'm [Am] thinkin' that they'll [G] have to get up [Am] early

## CHORUS:

[Am] Mary Mack's father's makin' Mary Mack marry me  
[G] My father's makin' me marry Mary Mack  
I'm [Am] goin' to marry Mary for my Mary to take care of me  
We'll [Am] all be feelin' merry when I [G] marry Mary [Am] Mack  
Hey [Am] skiddly idle deedle didle [G] deedle didle [Am] dum [Am]

Well [Am] this little lass, she has a lot of class  
She's [G] got a lot of brass, and her father thinks I'm gas  
And I'd [Am] be a silly ass, for to let the matter pass  
Her [Am] father thinks she [G] suits me very [Am] fairly

## CHORUS:

[Am] Mary Mack's father's makin' Mary Mack marry me  
[G] My father's makin' me marry Mary Mack  
I'm [Am] goin' to marry Mary for my Mary to take care of me  
We'll [Am] all be feelin' merry when I [G] marry Mary [Am] Mack  
Hey [Am] skiddly idle deedle didle [G] deedle didle [Am] dum [Am]

[Am] Mary and her Mother go an awful lot together  
In [G] fact you hardly ever see the one without the other  
And the [Am] people wonder whether it is Mary or her mother  
Or the [Am] both of them to-[G]gether that I'm [Am] courtin'

## CHORUS:

[Am] Mary Mack's father's makin' Mary Mack marry me  
[G] My father's makin' me marry Mary Mack  
And I'm [Am] goin' to marry Mary for my Mary to take care of me  
We'll [Am] all be feelin' merry when I [G] marry Mary [Am] Mack  
Hey [Am] skiddly idle deedle didle [G] deedle didle [Am] dum [Am]

The **[Am]** weddin's on a Wednesday, and everything's arranged  
**[G]** Soon her name will change to mine unless her mind is changed  
And I'm **[Am]** makin' the arrangements, I'm just about deranged  
**[Am]** Marriage is an **[G]** awful under-**[Am]**takin'

**CHORUS:**

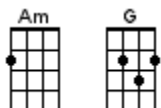
**[Am]** Mary Mack's father's makin' Mary Mack marry me  
**[G]** My father's makin' me marry Mary Mack  
I'm **[Am]** goin' to marry Mary for my Mary to take care of me  
We'll **[Am]** all be feelin' merry when I **[G]** marry Mary **[Am]** Mack  
Hey **[Am]** skiddly idle deedle didle **[G]** deedle didle **[Am]** dum **[Am]**

It's **[Am]** sure to be a grand affair and grander than a fair  
There's **[G]** going to be a coach and pair for every pair that's there  
We'll **[Am]** dine upon the finest fare, I'm sure to get my share  
And if I **[Am]** won't well I'll be **[G]** very much mis-**[Am]**taken

**CHORUS: <faster and faster>**

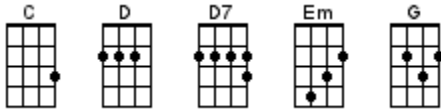
**[Am]** Mary Mack's father's makin' Mary Mack marry me  
**[G]** My father's makin' me marry Mary Mack  
I'm **[Am]** goin' to marry Mary for my Mary to take care of me  
We'll **[Am]** all be feelin' merry when I **[G]** marry Mary **[Am]** Mack  
Hey **[Am]** skiddly idle deedle didle **[G]** deedle didle **[Am]** dum

**[Am]** Mary Mack's father's makin' Mary Mack marry me  
**[G]** My father's makin' me marry Mary Mack  
And I'm **[Am]** goin' to marry Mary for my Mary to take care of me  
We'll **[Am]** all be feelin' merry when I **[G]** marry Mary **[Am]** Mack  
Hey **[Am]** skiddly idle deedle didle **[G]** deedle didle **[Am]**↓ dum



# Saltwater Joys

Wayne Chaulk (as recorded by Buddy Wasisname and the Other Fellers 1990)



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

**[G] / [G] / [G] / [G]**

So I'll [G] do without their [D] riches [Em] glamour and the [C] noise  
And I'll [G] stay, and take my [G] chances with those [D7] saltwater [G] joys [G]

Just to [G] wake up in the [D] morning, to the [Em] quiet of the [C] cove  
And to [G] hear Aunt Bessie [D7] talking to her-[G]self [G]  
And to [G] hear poor Uncle [D] John, mumbling [Em] wishes to old [C] Nell  
It [G] made me feel like [D7] everything was [G] fine [G]

I was [D] born down by the [Em] water, it's [C] here I'm gonna [G] stay  
I've [D] searched for all the [Em] reasons, why [C] I should go a-[G]way  
But I [G] haven't got the [D] thirst, for all those [Em] modern-day [C] toys  
So [G] I'll just take my chances with those [D7] saltwater [G] joys  
**[G] / [G] / [G] / [G] /**

**[G] Following the little [D] brook, as it [Em] trickles to the [C] shore  
In the [G] autumn when the [D7] trees are flaming [G] red [G]  
Kicking [G] leaves that fall a-[D]round me, watching [Em] sunset paint the [C] hills  
It's [G] all I'll ever [D7] need to feel at [G] home [G]**

This [D] island that we [Em] cling to, has been [C] handed down with [G] pride  
By [D] folks who fought to [Em] live here, taking [C] hardships all in [G] stride  
So I'll [G] compliment her [D] beauty, hold [Em] on to my good-[C]byes  
And I'll [G] stay, and take my chances with those [D7] saltwater [G] joys  
**[G] / [G] / [G] / [G]**

How [G] can I leave those [D] mornings, with the [Em] sunrise on the [C] cove  
And the [G] gulls like flies sur-[D7]rounding Clayton's [G] wharf [G]  
Platter's [G] Island wrapped in [D] rainbow, in the [Em] evening after [C] fog  
The [G] ocean smells are [D7] perfume to my [G] soul [G]

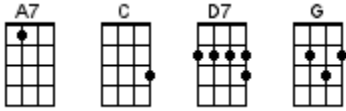
Some [D] go to where the [Em] buildings [C] reach to meet the [G] clouds  
Where [D] warm and gentle [Em] people turn to [C] swarmin' faceless [G] crowds  
So I'll [G] do without their [D] riches [Em] glamour and the [C] noise  
And I'll [G] stay, and take my chances with those [D7] saltwater [G] joys [G]

Some [D] go to where the [Em] buildings [C] reach to meet the [G] clouds  
Where [D] warm and gentle [Em] people turn to [C] swarmin' faceless [G] crowds  
So I'll [G] do without their [D] riches, [Em] glamour and the [C] noise  
And I'll [G] stay, and take my chances with those [D7] saltwater [G] joys [G]

Some [D] go to where the [Em] buildings [C] reach to meet the [G] clouds  
But I'll [G] stay, and take my chances with those [D7] saltwater [G] joys [G]↓

# Peein' In The Snow

Wayne Chaulk 1990 (recorded by Buddy Wasiname and the Other Fellers)



**INTRO:** / 1 2 / 1 2 / [C] / [C] /

## CHORUS:

[C] Peein' in the snow, and [G] gazin' down the hole  
Is the [D7] only thing to me that looks like [G] spring, spring, spring  
I said [C] peein' in the snow, and [G] gazin' down the hole  
Is the [D7] only thing to me that looks like [G] spring [G]

You know [G] autumn came in summer, winter came in [C] fall  
If it [C] wasn't for indoor [G] potted plants  
There [A7] wouldn't be no spring at [D7] all  
I [G] fear the cursed salt trucks will be workin' late in [C] June  
It's [C] been so long since I [G] seen the sun  
There's a [D7] lot more heat from the [G]↓ moon

## CHORUS:

[C] Peein' in the snow, and [G] gazin' down the hole  
Is the [D7] only thing to me that looks like [G] spring, spring, spring  
I said [C] peein' in the snow, and [G] gazin' down the hole  
Is the [D7] only thing to me that looks like [G] spring [G]

I [G] tried for help from government, must be somethin' they can [C] do  
They [C] tell us before e-[G]lections they can [A7] turn the sky to [D7] blue  
But [G] when I showed up at their door, depression I could [C] see  
I was [C] so surprised to [G] see 'em [D7] doing the same as [G]↓ me

## CHORUS:

[C] Peein' in the snow, and [G] gazin' down the hole  
Is the [D7] only thing to me that looks like [G] spring, spring, spring  
I said [C] peein' in the snow, and [G] gazin' down the hole  
Is the [D7] only thing to me that looks like [G] spring [G]

I can [G] see why so many people, turn to preachers on T-[C]-V  
If this [C] winter keeps on [G] hittin', a [A7] victim I will [D7] be  
You know [G] Swaggart, Roberts, and Baker, seem happy constant-[C]ly  
But [C] give 'em three weeks in [G] Newfoundland  
They'll be [D7] standin' outside with [G]↓ me

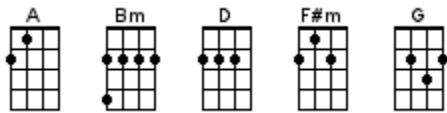
## CHORUS:

[C] Peein' in the snow, and [G] gazin' down the hole  
Is the [D7] only thing to me that looks like [G] spring, spring, spring  
I said [C] peein' in the snow, and [G] gazin' down the hole  
Is the [D7] only thing to me that looks like [G] spring [G]↓[D7]↓[G]↓



# The Mermaid

Shel Silverstein 1965 (as recorded by Great Big Sea 2005)



**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / <melodion or tin whistle>**

**[G] / [D] / [G] / [D] /  
[G] / [D] / [G] / [D]**

When **[D]** I was a lad in a fishing town  
Me **[G]** old man said to **[D]** me  
"You can **[D]** spend your life, your **[Bm]** jolly life  
Just **[G]** sailing on the **[A]** sea  
You can **[D]** search the world for pretty girls  
Til your **[G]** eyes are weak and **[F#m]** dim  
But **[G]** don't go searching for a **[D]** mermaid **[Bm]** son  
If you **[G]** don't know **[A]** how to **[D]** swim"

'Cause her **[G]** hair was green as **[D]** seaweed  
Her **[G]** skin was blue and **[D]** pale  
Her **[G]** face it was a **[D]** work of art  
I **[G]** loved that girl with **[D]** all my heart  
But I **[G]** only liked the **[D]** upper **[Bm]** part  
I **[G]** did not **[A]** like the **[D]** tail

**INSTRUMENTAL: <Melodion or tin whistle>**

**[D] / [A] / [D] / [G][A] /  
[D] / [A] / [D][G] / [A]**

I **[D]** signed onto a sailing ship  
My **[G]** very first day at **[D]** sea  
I **[D]** seen the Mermaid **[Bm]** in the waves  
A-**[G]**reaching out to **[A]** me  
"Come **[D]** live with me in the sea," said she  
**[G]** "Down on the ocean **[F#m]** floor  
And I'll **[G]** show you a million **[D]** wonderous **[Bm]** things  
You've **[G]** never **[A]** seen be-**[D]**fore"

So **[D]** over I jumped and she pulled me down  
**[G]** Down to her seaweed **[D]** bed  
On a **[D]** pillow made of a **[Bm]** tortoise-shell  
She **[G]** placed beneath my **[A]** head  
She **[D]** fed me shrimp and caviar  
Up-**[G]**on a silver **[F#m]** dish  
From her **[G]** head to her waist it was **[D]** just my **[Bm]** taste  
But the **[G]** rest of **[A]** her was a **[D]** fish

'Cause her [G] hair was green as [D] seaweed  
 Her [G] skin was blue and [D] pale  
 Her [G] face it was a [D] work of art  
 I [G] loved that girl with [D] all my heart  
 But I [G] only liked the [D] upper [Bm] part  
 I [G] did not [A] like the [D] tail

**INSTRUMENTAL: <Melodion or tin whistle>**

[D] / [A] / [D] / [G][A] /  
 [D] / [A] / [D][G] / [A]

But [D] then one day, she swam away  
 So I [G] sang to the clams and the [D] whales  
 "Oh, [D] how I miss her [Bm] seaweed hair  
 And the [G] silver shine of her [A] scales!"  
 But [D] then her sister, she swam by  
 And [G] set my heart a-[F#m]whirl.....<PAUSE>

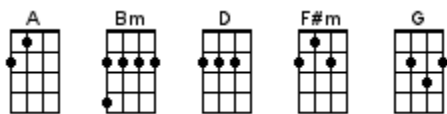
'Cause her [G] upper part was an [D] ugly [Bm] fish  
 But her [G] bottom part [A] was a [D] girl

Yes her [G] hair was green as [D] seaweed  
 Her [G] skin was blue and [D] pale  
 Her [G] legs they are a [D] work of art  
 I [G] loved that girl with [D] all my heart  
 And I [G] don't give a damn about the [D] upper [Bm] part  
 'Cause [G] that's how I [A] get my [D] tail

**INSTRUMENTAL: <Melodion or tin whistle>**

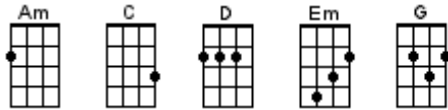
[D] / [A] / [D] / [G][A] /  
 [D] / [A] / [D][G] / [A] /

[D] / [A] / [D] / [G][A] /  
 [D] / [A] / [D][G] / [A]↓



# The Orange And The Green

Anthony Murphy (as recorded by the Irish Rovers 1967)



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

[G] Is the biggest mixup that [D] you have ever seen  
My [C] father he was [G] Orange, and me [D] mother she was [G]↓ green

**CHORUS:**

Oh, it [G] is the biggest mixup that [D] you have ever seen  
My [C] father he was [G] Orange, and me [D] mother she was [G] green [G]

Oh, my [G] father was an Ulsterman, proud [D] Protestant was he  
My [C] mother was a [G] Catholic girl from [D] county Cork was [G] she  
They were [Em] married in two churches, lived [Am] happily e-[D]nough  
Un-[C]til the day that [G] I was born and [D] things got rather [G]↓ tough

**CHORUS:**

Oh, it [G] is the biggest mixup that [D] you have ever seen  
My [C] father he was [G] Orange, and me [D] mother she was [G] green [G]

Bap-[G]tized by Father Reilly I was [D] rushed away by car  
To be [C] made a little [G] Orangemen, me [D] father's shinin' [G] star  
I was [Em] christened David Anthony but [Am] still in spite of [D] that  
To my [C] father I was [G] William while my [D] mother called me [G]↓ Pat

**CHORUS:**

Oh, it [G] is the biggest mixup that [D] you have ever seen  
My [C] father he was [G] Orange, and me [D] mother she was [G] green [G]

With [G] mother every Sunday, to [D] mass I'd proudly stroll  
Then [C] after that the [G] Orange Lodge would [D] try to save my [G] soul  
For [Em] both sides tried to claim me, but [Am] I was smart be-[D]cause  
I'd [C] play the flute, or [G] play the harp de-[D]pendin' where I [G]↓ was

**CHORUS:**

Oh, it [G] is the biggest mixup that [D] you have ever seen  
My [C] father he was [G] Orange, and me [D] mother she was [G] green [G]

One [G] day me Ma's relations, came [D] round to visit me  
Just [C] as my father's [G] kinfolk were all [D] sittin' down to [G] tea  
We [Em] tried to smooth things over, but they [Am] all began to [D] fight  
And [C] me being strictly [G] neutral I bashed [D] everyone in [G]↓ sight

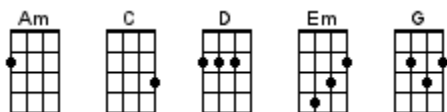
**CHORUS:**

Oh, it [G] is the biggest mixup that [D] you have ever seen  
My [C] father he was [G] Orange, and me [D] mother she was [G] green [G]

Now my [G] parents never could agree a-[D]bout my type of school  
My [C] learnin' was all [G] done at home, that's [D] why I'm such a [G] fool  
They [Em] both passed on, God rest 'em, but [Am] left me caught be-[D]tween  
That [C] awful colour [G] problem of the [D] Orange and the [G]↓ Green

**CHORUS:**

Oh, it [G] is the biggest mixup that [D] you have ever seen  
My [C] father he was [G] Orange, and me [D] mother she was [G] green  
Yes, it [G] is the biggest mixup that [D] you have ever seen  
My [C] father he was [G] Orange, and me [D] mother she was [G]↓ green [G]↓

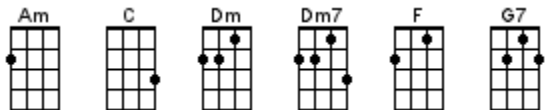


[www.bytownukulele.ca](http://www.bytownukulele.ca)

[BACK TO SONGLIST](#)

# Skye Boat Song

Lyrics: Sir Harold Boulton Music: is an air collected by Anne Campbelle MacLeod  
First published 1884



**INTRO:** < LOW G riff > / 1 2 3 / 1 2 3 /

[C]	[Am]	[Dm7]	[G7]	
A -----	A -----	A -----	A -----	A -----
E -3-----3---	E -3---1---0---	E -----	E -----0---1---	E -----
C -----	C -----	C -2-----2---	C -2-----	C -----
G -----	G -----	G -----	G -----	G -----
1 + 2 + 3 +	1 + 2 + 3 +	1 + 2 + 3 +	1 + 2 + 3 +	

[C]	[F]	[C]	[C]	
A -----	A -----	A -----	A -----	A -----
E -0-----0---	E -----	E -----	E -0-----	E -----
C -----2---	C -----	C -0-----	C -0-----	C -----
G -----	G -2-----2---	G -----	G -----	G -----
1 + 2 + 3 +	1 + 2 + 3 +	1 + 2 + 3 +	1 + 2 + 3 +	

[C] Speed bonnie [Am] boat, like a [Dm7] bird on the [G7] wing  
[C] "Onward!" the [F] sailors [C] cry [G7]  
[C] Carry the [Am] lad that's [Dm7] born to be [G7] King  
[C] Over the [F] sea to [C] Skye [C]

[Am] Loud the winds howl [Dm] loud the waves roar  
[Am] Thunderclaps [F] rend the [Am] air [Am]  
[Am] Baffled our foes [Dm] stand by the shore  
[Am] Follow they [F] will not [Am] dare [G7]

[C] Speed bonnie [Am] boat, like a [Dm7] bird on the [G7] wing  
[C] "Onward!" the [F] sailors [C] cry [G7]  
[C] Carry the [Am] lad that's [Dm7] born to be [G7] King  
[C] Over the [F] sea to [C] Skye [C]

[Am] Though the waves leap [Dm] soft shall ye sleep  
[Am] Ocean's a [F] royal [Am] bed [Am]  
[Am] Rocked in the deep [Dm] Flora will keep  
[Am] Watch by your [F] weary [Am] head [G7]

[C] Speed bonnie [Am] boat like a [Dm7] bird on the [G7] wing  
[C] "Onward!" the [F] sailors [C] cry [G7]  
[C] Carry the [Am] lad that's [Dm7] born to be [G7] King  
[C] Over the [F] sea to [C] Skye [C]

[Am] Many's the lad [Dm] fought on that day  
 [Am] Well the clay-[F]more could [Am] wield [Am]  
 [Am] When the night came [Dm] silently lay  
 [Am] Dead on [F] Culloden's [Am] field [G7]

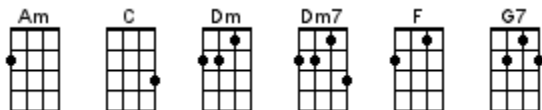
[C] Speed bonnie [Am] boat like a [Dm7] bird on the [G7] wing  
 [C] "Onward!" the [F] sailors [C] cry [G7]  
 [C] Carry the [Am] lad that's [Dm7] born to be [G7] King  
 [C] Over the [F] sea to [C] Skye [C]

[Am] Burned are our homes [Dm] exile and death  
 [Am] Scatter the [F] loyal [Am] men [Am]  
 [Am] Yet e'er the sword [Dm] cool in the sheath  
 [Am] Charlie will [F] come [Am] again [G7]

[C] Speed bonnie [Am] boat, like a [Dm7] bird on the [G7] wing  
 [C] "Onward!" the [F] sailors [C] cry [G7]  
 [C] Carry the [Am] lad that's [Dm7] born to be [G7] King  
 [C] Over the [F] sea to [C] Skye [C]

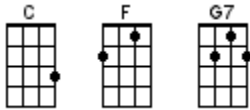
	[C]	[Am]	[Dm7]	[G7]
A	-----	-----	-----	-----
E	-3-----3---	-3---1---0---	-----	-----0---1---
C	-----	-----	-2-----2---	-2-----
G	-----	-----	-----	-----
	1 + 2 + 3 +	1 + 2 + 3 +	1 + 2 + 3 +	1 + 2 + 3 +

	[C]	[F]	[C]↓
A	-----	-----	-----
E	-0-----0---	-----	-----
C	-----2---	-----	-0-----
G	-----	-2-----2---	-----
	1 + 2 + 3 +	1 + 2 + 3 +	1 + 2 + 3 +



# The Wild Rover

Traditional (lyrics as recorded by The Dubliners)



**INTRO:** / 1 2 3 / 1 2 3 / [C] / [C]

I've [C] been a wild rover for many the [F] year [F]  
I've [C] spent all me [G7] money on whiskey and [C] beer [C]  
But [C] now I'm returning with gold in great [F] store [F]  
And I [C] never will [G7] play the wild rover no [C] more

## CHORUS:

And it's [G7] no, nay, never < TAP TAP TAP >  
[C] No, nay, never, no [F] more [F]  
Will I [C] play the wild [F] rover [F]  
No [G7] never, no [C] more [C]

I went [C] into an ale house, I used to fre-[F]quent [F]  
I [C] told the land-[G7]lady me money was [C] spent [C]  
I [C] asked her for credit, she answered me [F] "Nay... [F]  
Such [C] custom as [G7] yours I can have any [C] day"

## CHORUS:

And it's [G7] no, nay, never < TAP TAP TAP >  
[C] No, nay, never, no [F] more [F]  
Will I [C] play the wild [F] rover [F]  
No [G7] never, no [C] more [C]

I then [C] took from my pocket, ten sovereigns [F] bright [F]  
And the [C] landlady's [G7] eyes opened wide with de-[C]light [C]  
She [C] says "I have whiskeys and the wines of the [F] best [F]  
And the [C] words that you [G7] told me were only in [C] jest"

## CHORUS:

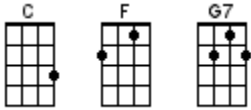
And it's [G7] no, nay, never < TAP TAP TAP >  
[C] No, nay, never, no [F] more [F]  
Will I [C] play the wild [F] rover [F]  
No [G7] never, no [C] more [C]

I'll go [C] home to me parents, confess what I've [F] done [F]  
And I'll [C] ask them to [G7] pardon their prodigal [C] son [C]  
And [C] when they've caressed me, as oft times be-[F]fore [F]  
Then I [C] never will [G7] play the wild rover no [C] more

**CHORUS:**

And it's [G7] no, nay, never < TAP TAP TAP >  
[C] No, nay, never, no [F] more [F]  
Will I [C] play the wild [F] rover [F]  
No [G7] never, no [C] more (**one last [C] time!**)

And it's [G7] no, nay, never < TAP TAP TAP >  
[C] No, nay, never, no [F] more [F]  
Will I [C] play the wild [F] rover [F]  
No [G7] never, no [C]↓ more [G7]↓ [C]↓



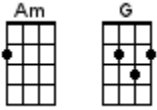
[www.bytownukulele.ca](http://www.bytownukulele.ca)

[BACK TO SONGLIST](#)



# Drunken Sailor

Traditional sea shanty



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

[Am] What'll we do with a drunken sailor

[G] What'll we do with a drunken sailor

[Am] What'll we do with a drunken sailor

[G] Earl-aye in the [Am] morning? [Am]

[Am] What'll we do with a drunken sailor

[G] What'll we do with a drunken sailor

[Am] What'll we do with a drunken sailor

[G] Earl-aye in the [Am] morning?

## CHORUS:

[Am] Way hay and up she rises

[G] Way hay and up she rises

[Am] Way hay and up she rises

[G] Earl-aye in the [Am] morning [Am]

[Am] Sling him in the long boat till he's sober

[G] Sling him in the long boat till he's sober

[Am] Sling him in the long boat till he's sober

[G] Earl-aye in the [Am] morning

## CHORUS:

[Am] Way hay and up she rises

[G] Way hay and up she rises

[Am] Way hay and up she rises

[G] Earl-aye in the [Am] morning [Am]

[Am] Shave his belly with a rusty razor

[G] Shave his belly with a rusty razor

[Am] Shave his belly with a rusty razor

[G] Earl-aye in the [Am] morning

## CHORUS:

[Am] Way hay and up she rises

[G] Way hay and up she rises

[Am] Way hay and up she rises

[G] Earl-aye in the [Am] morning [Am]

[Am] Send him up the crow's nest till he falls down

[G] Send him up the crow's nest till he falls down

[Am] Send him up the crow's nest till he falls down

[G] Earl-aye in the [Am] morning

**CHORUS:**

[Am] Way hay and up she rises  
[G] Way hay and up she rises  
[Am] Way hay and up she rises  
[G] Earl-aye in the [Am] morning [Am]

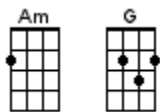
[Am] That's what we'll do with the drunken sailor  
[G] That's what we'll do with the drunken sailor  
[Am] That's what we'll do with the drunken sailor  
[G] Earl-aye in the [Am] morning

**CHORUS:**

[Am] Way hay and up she rises  
[G] Way hay and up she rises  
[Am] Way hay and up she rises  
[G] Earl-aye in the [Am] morning

[Am] Way hay and up she rises  
[G] Way hay and up she rises  
[Am] Way hay and up she rises  
[G] Earl-aye in the [Am] ↓ mor-[Am]↓ning

< CONTINUE CHORUS A CAPPELLA 😊 >



[www.bytownukulele.ca](http://www.bytownukulele.ca)

[BACK TO SONGLIST](#)