# 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] /**

**[G] / [G] / [Gdim] / [Gdim] / [C] / [C] / [D] / [G] /**

**[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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