

Camptown Races

(Stephen Foster, 1850)

1

^D
The camptown ladies sing this song
^{A7}
Doo da doo da
^D
The Camptown racetrack five miles long
^{A7} ^D
Oh de doo da day
^D
Went there with my hat caved in
^{A7}
Doo da doo da
^D
Came back with a pocket full of tin
^{A7} ^D
Oh de doo da day

3

^D
Old muley cow came on to the track
^{A7}
Doo dah doo dah
^D
The bob-tailed threwed her over his back
^{A7} ^D
Oh de doo dah day
^D
They fly along like a railroad car
^{A7}
Doo dah doo dah
^D
Running a race with a shooting star
^{A7} ^D
Oh de doo dah day

Chorus

^D ^G ^D
Goin' to run all night, goin' to run all day
^D
Bet my money on the bob-tailed nag
^{A7} ^D
Somebody bet on the gray

Chorus

^D ^G ^D
Goin' to run all night, goin' to run all day
^D
Bet my money on the bob-tailed nag
^{A7} ^D
Somebody bet on the gray

2

^D
The long tailed filly and the big black horse
^{A7}
Doo da doo da
^D
They fly the track, they both cut across
^{A7} ^D
Oh de doo da day
^D
The black horse stuck in a big mud hole
^{A7}
Doo da doo da
^D
Can't touch the bottom with a ten foot pole
^{A7} ^D
Oh de doo da day

4

^D
See them flying on a ten mile heat
^{A7}
Doo da doo da
^D
Round the race track then repeat
^{A7} ^D
Oh de doo da day
^D
I win my money on the bob-tailed nag
^{A7}
Doo da doo da
^D
I keep my money in an old tow-bag
^{A7} ^D
Oh de doo da day

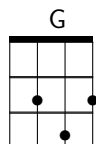
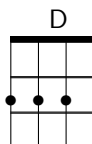
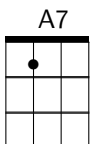
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Chords



Hard Times Come Again No More

(Stephen Foster, 1854)

Let us pause in life's pleasures and count its many tears
 While we all sup sorrow with the poor
 There's a song that will linger forever in our ears
 Oh hard times, come again no more

1

Tis the song, the sigh of the weary
 Hard times, hard times come again no more
 Many days you have lingered around my cabin door
 Oh hard times, come again no more

Chorus

While we seek mirth and beauty and music light and gay
 There are frail forms fainting at the door
 Though their voices are silent, their pleading looks will say
 Oh hard times, come again no more

2

There's a pale drooping maiden who toils her life away
 With a worn out heart, whose better days are o'er
 Though her voice it would be merry, 'tis sighing all the day
 Oh hard times, come again no more

3

Tis the song, the sigh of the weary
 Hard times, hard times come again no more
 Many days you have lingered around my cabin door
 Oh hard times, come again no more

Chorus

Tis a sigh that is wafted across the troubled wave
 Tis a wail that is heard upon the shore
 Tis a dirge that is murmured around the lowly grave
 Oh hard times, come again no more

4

Tis the song, the sigh of the weary
 Hard times, hard times come again no more
 Many days you have lingered around my cabin door
 Oh hard times, come again no more
 Oh hard times, come again no more

Ending (x 2)

Chords

C: C

F: F

G: G

C7: C7

Csus4: Csus4

D7: D7

Stephen Foster, 1851

Old Folks At Home (Swanee River)

1

F (1) B \flat
Way down upon the Swanee River
F (2) C7
Far, far away
F (1) B \flat
That's where my heart is turning ever
F (2) C7 F (1)
That's where the old folks stay

Chorus

F (1) C7 F (2)
All the world is sad and dreary
B \flat F (1) C7
Everywhere I roam
F (1) B \flat
Oh, Lordy, how my heart grows weary
F (2) C7 F (1)
Far from the old folks at home

2

F (1) B \flat
All up and down the whole creation
F (2) C7
Sadly I roam
F (1) B \flat
Still longing for the old plantation
F (2) C7 F (1)
And for the old folks at home

5

F (1) B \flat
One little hut among the bushes
F (2) C7
One that I love
F (1) B \flat
Still sadly to my mem'ry rushes
F (2) C7 F (1)
No matter where I rove

Chorus

F (1) C7 F (2)
All the world is sad and dreary
B \flat F (1) C7
Everywhere I roam
F (1) B \flat
Oh, Lordy, how my heart grows weary
F (2) C7 F (1)
Far from the old folks at home

6

F (1) B \flat
When shall I see the bees a humming
F (2) C7
All 'round the comb
F (1) B \flat
When shall I hear the banjo strumming
F (2) C7 F (1)
Down by my good old home

3

F (1) B \flat
All 'round the little farm I wandered
F (2) C7
When I was young
F (1) B \flat
Then many happy days I squandered
F (2) C7 F (1)
Many the songs I sung

Chorus

F (1) C7 F (2)
All the world is sad and dreary
B \flat F (1) C7
Everywhere I roam
F (1) B \flat
Oh, Lordy, how my heart grows weary
F (2) C7 F (1)
Far from the old folks at home

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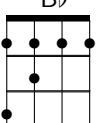
F (1) B \flat
When I was playing with my brother
F (2) C7
Happy was I
F (1) B \flat
Oh, take me to my kind old mother
F (2) C7 F (1)
There let me live and die

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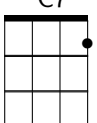
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Chords

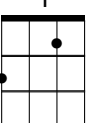
B \flat



C7

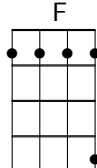


F



(1)

F



5

(2)

Nelly Bly

(Stephen Foster, 1850)

1

C
Nelly Bly, Nelly Bly
C G7
Bring the broom along
C F
We'll sweep the kitchen clean my dear
G7 C
And have a little song
C
Poke the wood my lady love
C G7
And make the fire burn
C F
And while I take the banjo down
G7 C
Give the mush a turn

Chorus (x 2)

C F
Hey Nelly, ho Nelly
G7
Listen love to me
C F
I'll sing for you, play for you
G7 C
A dulcet melody

2

C
Nelly Bly has a voice
C G7
Like a turtle dove
C F
I hear it in the meadow
G7 C
And I hear it in the grove
C
Nelly Bly has a heart warm
C G7
As a cup of tea
C F
And bigger than the sweet potatoe
G7 C
Down in Tennessee

Chorus (x 2)

C F
Hey Nelly, ho Nelly
G7
Listen love to me
C F
I'll sing for you, play for you
G7 C
A dulcet melody

3

C
Nelly Bly shuts her eye
G7
When she goes to sleep
C F
When she wakes up again
G7 C
Her eyeballs 'gin to peep
C
The way she walks she lifts her foot
G7
And then she brings it down
C F
And when it lights there's music
G7 C
In that part of the town

Chorus (x 2)

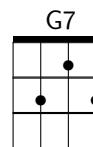
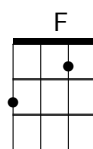
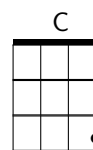
C F
Hey Nelly, ho Nelly
G7
Listen love to me
C F
I'll sing for you, play for you
G7 C
A dulcet melody

4

C
Nelly Bly, Nelly Bly
C G7
Never never sigh
C F
Never bring a tear drop
G7 C
To the corner of your eye
C
For the pie is made of pumpkins
C G7
And the mush is made of corn
C F
And there's corn and pumpkins plenty
G7 C
Love a lying in the barn

Chorus (x 2)

C F
Hey Nelly, ho Nelly
G7
Listen love to me
C F
I'll sing for you, play for you
G7 C
A dulcet melody



Chords

Oh Susanna
(Stephen Foster, 1848)

F
I came from Alabama
G7 C7
With a banjo on my knee
F
I'm going to Louisiana
C7 F
My true love for to see
F
It rained all night the day I left
G7 C7
The weather it was dry
F
The sun so hot I froze to death
C7 F
Susanna don't you cry

1

F
I had a dream the other night
G7 C7
When everything was still
F
I thought I saw Susanna
C7 F
A coming down the hill
F
A buckwheat cake was in her mouth
G7 C7
A tear was in her eye
F
Says I "I'm coming from the South
C7 F
Susanna don't you cry"

3

Bb
Oh Susanna
F G7 C7
Oh don't you cry for me
F
For I come from Alabama
C7 F
With a banjo on my knee

Chorus

Bb
Oh Susanna
F G7 C7
Oh don't you cry for me
F
For I come from Alabama
C7 F
With a banjo on my knee

Chorus

F
I jumped aboard the telegraph
G7 C7
And traveled down the river
F
The lectric fluid magnified
C7 F
And killed five hundred men
F
The bull goin' bust, the horse run off
G7 C7
I really thought I'd die
F
I shut my eyes to hold my breath
C7 F
Susanna don't you cry

2

F
I soon will be in New Orleans
G7 C7
And then I'll look all round
F
And when I find Susanna
C7 F
I'll fall upon the ground
But if I do not find her
G7 C7
Then I will surely die
F
And when I'm dead and buried
C7 F
Susanna don't you cry

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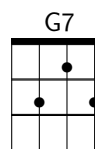
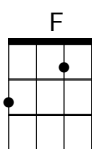
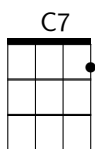
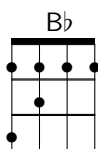
Bb
Oh Susanna
F G7 C7
Oh don't you cry for me
F
For I come from Alabama
C7 F
With a banjo on my knee

Chorus

Chorus (x 2)

Bb
Oh Susanna
F G7 C7
Oh don't you cry for me
F
For I come from Alabama
C7 F
With a banjo on my knee

Chords



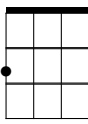
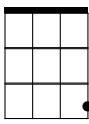
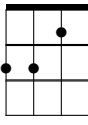
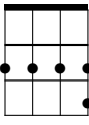
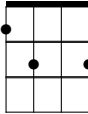
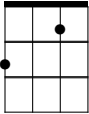
Beautiful Dreamer (Stephen Foster, 1864)

Intro

A	3 2 0	0	2 0
E	3 1 0		3 3 0 1 0 0
C		2 1 2	
G			2

A	3 2 0	0	2 0
E	3 1 0		3 3 0 1 0
C		2 1 2	
G			2 0

C Dm
Beautiful dreamer, wake unto me
G7 C
Starlight and dewdrops are waiting for thee
C Dm
Sounds of the rude world heard in the day
G7 C
Lull'd by the moonlight, have all pass'd away
G7 C
Beautiful dreamer, queen of my song
Am D7 G7
List while I woo thee with soft melody
C Dm
Gone are the cares of life's busy throng
G7 C E7 Am
Beautiful dreamer, awake unto me
F C G7 C
Beautiful dreamer, awake unto me

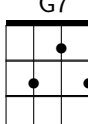
	
	
	

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Instrumental break (or just hum and strum)

C Dm
Beautiful dreamer, out on the sea
G7 C
Mermaids are chanting the wild Lorelei
C Dm
Over the streamlet vapors are borne
G7 C
Waiting to fade at the bright coming morn
G7 C
Beautiful dreamer, beam on my heart
Am D7 G7
E'en as the morn' on the streamlet and sea
C Dm
Then will all clouds of sorrow depart
G7 C E7 Am
Beautiful dreamer, awake unto me
F C G7 C
Beautiful dreamer, awake unto me

Chords



2