

# Getting Started Playing Ukulele

The following is a collection of songs perfect for getting younger children playing the ukulele in a group-classroom setting, or individually on their own. All the exercises are based around fun songs and can also be played on guitar, keyboard, recorder and xylophone.

The first two songs introduce the notes A and G: both these songs use open strings - notes played without having to press down on the finger board. Most children seem to find playing the strings with their thumb or a flexible pick the best starting point. The B note (song three) may take a little more practice in order for them to produce a nice clear tone.

I always re-tune the ukulele for left handed children: the perfect solution is to re-string the instrument but you can always get by, by simply re-tuning the existing strings.

The chords of the songs are shown for those who wish to accompany the children on guitar, piano or ukulele.

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# Where to find the basic notes on the ukulele

C      D      E      F      G      A      B      C̣

1st strings      0      2      3

2nd strings      0      1

3rd strings      0      2

4th strings      0

1st strings

2nd strings

3rd strings

4th strings

Strings played open - fingers off



# Where to find the basic notes on the guitar

C D E F G A B C

1st  
2nd  
3rd  
4th  
5th  
6th  
strings

T  
A  
B

String	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C
1st	1	3	0	1	3	5	7	8
2nd								
3rd								
4th								
5th								
6th								

1<sup>st</sup> string played open - fingers off

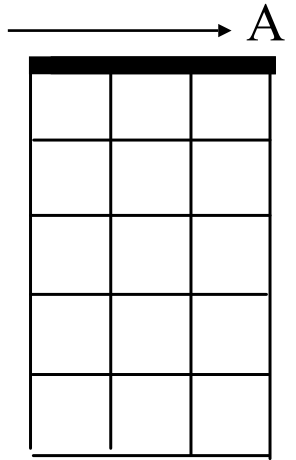
6<sup>th</sup> string - thickest

The diagram shows a guitar neck with six strings. The notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B, and C are marked on the strings from left to right. The 1st string is labeled '1<sup>st</sup> string played open - fingers off' with an arrow pointing to the open string. The 6th string is labeled '6<sup>th</sup> string - thickest' with an arrow pointing to the bottom string. A circular sound hole is shown on the guitar body to the right of the neck.

easy view

the  
**A Song**  
track 1

**A Note:** notes shown above the thick black line are played open - fingers off.



A A A

A A A

# <sup>the</sup> A Song

The very first letter of the Alphabet is

**A A A**

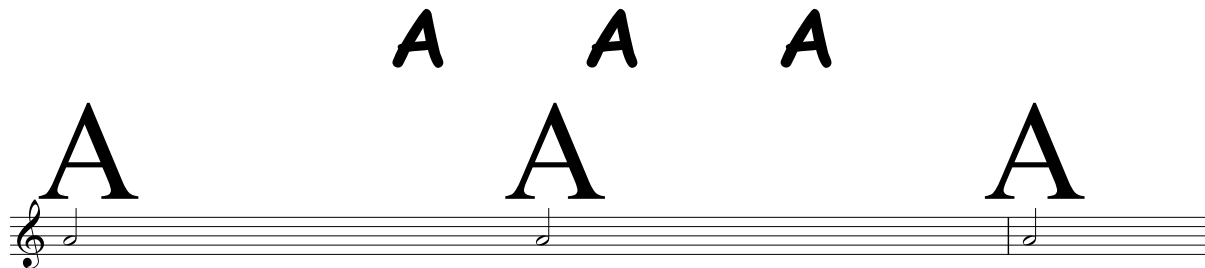
It's a very useful letter as you might expect it's

**A A A**

You can find the letter **A** in the middle of a **DAY**

When you go out to **PLAY**, it's in everything you  
**SAY**

Because, the very first letter of the alphabet is



# The A Song

## Chords

The very first letter of the Alphabet is

Chords

A

A

A

A

A

D

A

It's a very useful letter as you might expect it's

A

A

A

A

A

D

A

You can find the letter A in the middle of a DAY

D

C#7

When you go out to PLAY, it's in everything you SAY

F#m

B

Because, the very first letter of the alphabet is

A

A

A

A

A

D

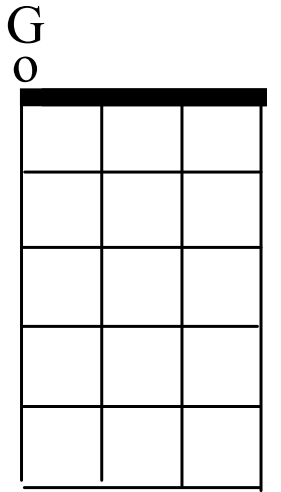
A

easy view



the **G Song**  
track 2

**G Note:** notes shown above the thick black line are played open - fingers off.



G GGG

G GGG

# The G Song

Imagine a world without the letter G

G G G G G G G G

And all the wonderful words, there would not be

G G G G G G G G

I could never be good, I would only be ood

G G G G G G G G

My Mama wouldn't like that would she, no

My Mama wouldn't like that would she

G G G G G G G G

Without a G, nothing would go

G G G G G G G G

We couldn't go fast - we couldn't go slow

G G G G G G G G

I couldn't gee-up my horse if I had one of course

G G G G G G G G

It's such a wonderful letter to know

Such a wonderful letter to know

G G G G G G G G



X2  




# The G Song

## Chords

Imagine a world without the letter G

**Chords** G C G

G G G G G G G G

G

And all the wonderful words, there would not be

G C G

G G G G G G G G

G

I could never be good, I would only be ood

G C G

G G G G G G G G

G

My Mama wouldn't like that would she, no

G D Em C

My Mama wouldn't like that would she

G D G

G G G G G G G G

G

easy view

the **Bee Song**

track 3

		B

B B B

B B B

# <sup>the</sup> Bee Song

A Bee sat in the middle of five lines upon a page

B B B B B B

Happy to be the centre of attention yes he was

B B B B B B

He considered himself the bee's knees

Of the bumble bee fraternity

And just about as happy as a bee can possibly be

B B B B B B



# the Bee Song

## Chords

**Chords** B A Bee sat in the middle of five lines upon a page A B  
B B B B B B B

Happy to be the centre of attention yes he was A B  
E B B B B B B B

He considered himself the bee's knees G#m  
 Of the bumble bee fraternity G#m

And just about as happy as a bee can possibly be A B  
B B B B B B B B

easy view



the  
**Bag Song**

track 4

G		A
		B

**B A G**

# the Bag Song

I went to Tesco took a shopping bag

B A G

I went to Tesco took a shopping bag

B A G

I bought cabbage and carrots and broccoli and peas  
Apples and oranges - SMELLY OLD CHEESE

Cause I went to Tesco took a shopping bag

B A G



# the Bag Song

## Chords

I went to Tesco took a shopping bag

Chords G C G

B A G  
G D G

I went to Tesco took a shopping bag

G C G

B A G  
G D G

I bought cabbage and carrots and broccoli and peas

C G C G

Apples and oranges - SMELLY OLD CHEESE

C G D

Cause I went to Tesco took a shopping bag

G C G

B A G  
G D G

*easy view*



# Hot X Buns

track 5

		B

G A

B A G B A G

G G G G A A A A

B A G



## Chords

## Hot X Buns

B A G

**G** **D** **G**

**Chords**

B A G

**G** **D** **G**

G G G G A A A A

**G** **D**

B A G

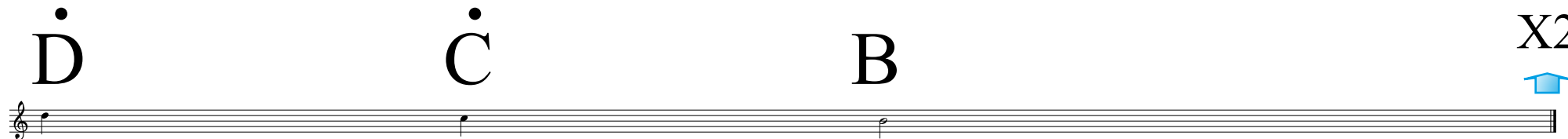
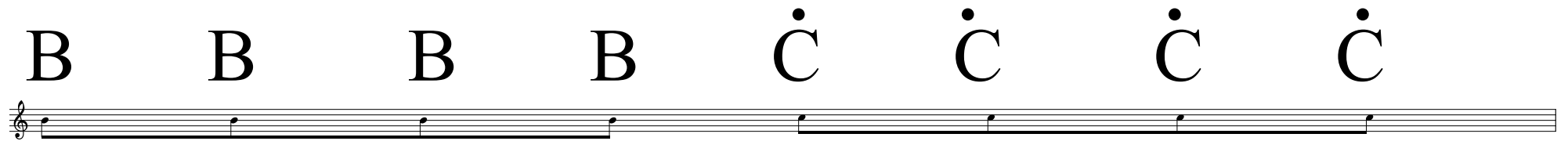
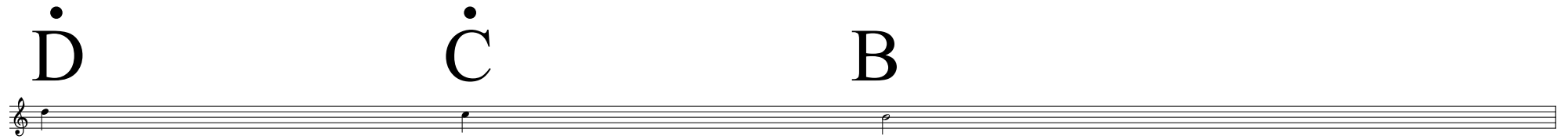
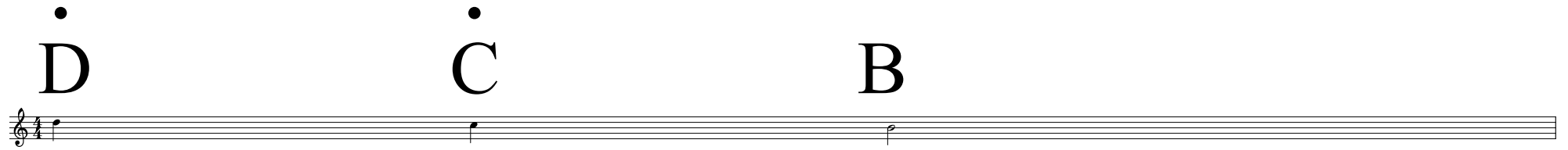
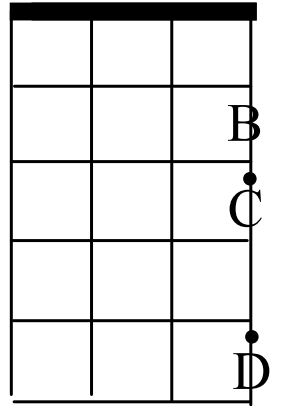
**G** **D** **G**

X2



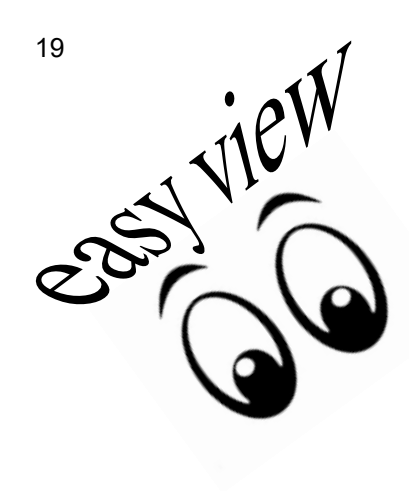
2<sup>nd</sup> Melody

## Hot X Buns



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# Merrily We Roll Along

track 6

		A
		B

B A G A B B B

A A A B B B

B A G A B B B

A A B A G

## Chords

## Merrily We Roll Along

B A G A B B B

G D G D G

Chords

A A A B B B

D G

B A G A B B B

G D G D G

7 A A B A G

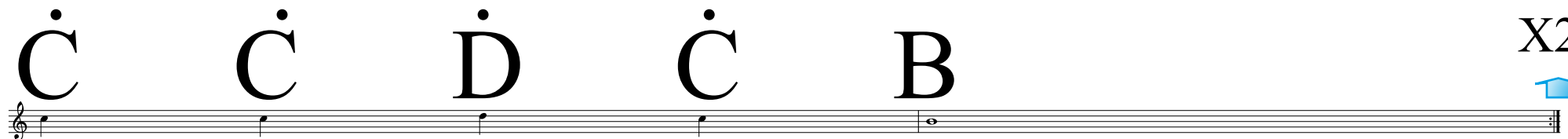
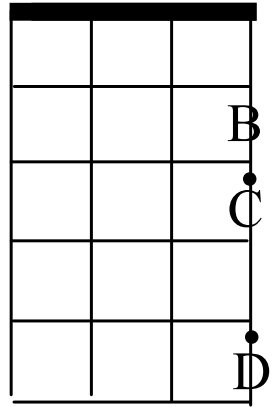
D G

X2



2<sup>nd</sup> Melody

## Merrily We Roll Along



X2

