

OPENING STRUM SONGBOOK SATURDAY, MAY 10

**It's Mighty Uke Day
Bought Me a Cat
The Kitty Ditty
Everybody Gets a Kitten
Smelly Cat
Honky Cat
Cat's in the Cradle
Stray Cat Strut
Three Cool Cats**

Mighty Uke Day 15 Theme Song (sung to “This Land is Your Land”)

Intro: [C] [G7] [C]

It's Mighty [F] Uke Day, it's Mighty [C] Uke Day
Grab your uku[G7]lele, together [C] we'll play [C7]
We'll all [F] feel the aloha [C] spirit
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me

At the UU[F]MC, in East [C] Lansing
There will be [G7] group strums and lots of [C] dancing
Workshops and [F] concerts, the Giant Uku[C]lele
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me

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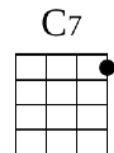
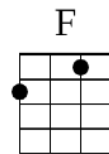
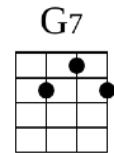
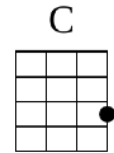
Perry [F]Stauffer, Uku[C]lenny
Pete Mc[G7]Carty, Anara and [C] Dani
Bryan Tolen[F]tino, Neal Chin and [C] Abby
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me

It's Mighty [F] Uke Day, it's Mighty [C] Uke Day
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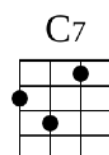
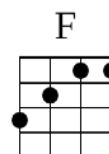
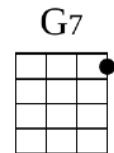
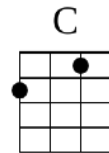
It's so much [F] fun that you can't [C] stand it
It's the best uke [G7] festival on the [C] planet
You won't stop [F] smiling, we guaran[C]tee it
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me

It's Mighty [F] Uke Day, it's Mighty [C] Uke Day
Grab your uku[G7]lele, together [C] we'll play [C7]
We'll all [F] feel the aloha [C] spirit
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me
Mighty [G7] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me
Mighty [G7-stop] Uke Day is made for you and [C] me [G7] [C]

Standard G-C-E-A tuning



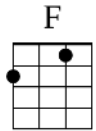
Baritone D-G-B-E tuning



Bought Me a Cat traditional

[F] Bought me a cat and the cat pleased me,
I fed my cat under [C7] yonder [F] tree.
Cat went [C7] fiddle-i-[F] fee.

G-C-E-A



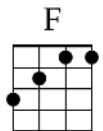
[F] Bought me a hen and the hen pleased me,
I fed my hen under [C7] yonder [F] tree.
Hen went chimmy-chuck, chimmy-chuck,
Cat went [C7] fiddle-i-[F] fee.

C7



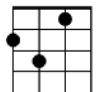
[F] Bought me a duck and the duck pleased me,
I fed my duck under [C7] yonder [F] tree.
Duck went quack, quack,
Hen went chimmy-chuck, chimmy-chuck,
Cat went [C7] fiddle-i-[F] fee.

D-G-B-E



[F] Bought me a goose and the goose pleased me
I fed my goose under [C7] yonder [F] tree.
Goose went hissy, hissy,
Duck went quack, quack,
Hen went chimmy-chuck, chimmy-chuck,
Cat went [C7] fiddle-i-[F] fee.

C7



Bought me a sheep . . .
Bought me a pig . . .
Bought me a cow . . .
Bought me a horse . . .
Bought me a dog . . .
Bought me a ????. . .

Cat went [C7] fiddle-i-[F] fee.

The Kitty Ditty Joel Mabus

https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=hN_cEojuLEs&si=lSr2IZVZRtLd9hQf
(play along in this key)

Intro: [D] - 2 - 3 - 4 - [A] - 6 - [D] - 8
[D] - 2 - 3 - 4 - [A] - 6 - [D] - 8

[D] Oh my kitty oh my kitty
Oh my kitty [A] cat
Kitty, oh my kitty, oh my kitty [D] cat
She's a kitty kitty kitty kitty [A] cat
Kitty oh my kitty oh my kitty [D] cat

[D] I'm a fortunate fella 'cuz I [A] got two cats
One of them's striped and the other one's [D] black
One is skinny and the other one's [A] fat
And they make me sneeze they're kitty [D] cats

Chorus

[D] My kitty cat has her favorite [A] chair
Where she sits to lick her [D] hair
Sometimes she'll just sit and [A] stare
At things that are not really [D] there

Chorus

[D] Well, she goes outside but she don't go [A] far
She likes to sit underneath my [D] car
The backyard's where the [A] best things are
Like fresh catnip and mouse tar[D]tar

Chorus

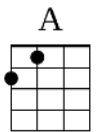
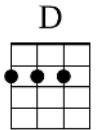
[D] When she comes into heat, she does it [A] well
She stands right up and starts to [D] yell
The tomcats they can always [A] tell
And they make the backdoor smell like [D] "meow"

Chorus

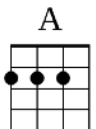
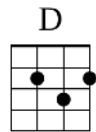
[D] Snuggle and purr she's a kitty [A] cat
Ruffle her fur she's a kitty [D] cat
Quiet and sure she's a kitty [A] cat
Yup that's her, she's my kitty [D] cat

Chorus x 2

Standard
tuning
G-C-E-A



Baritone
tuning
D-G-B-E



Everybody Gets a Kitten

Jeremy Messersmith <https://youtu.be/TLP9f4jsq0M>

Standard
tuning
G-C-E-A

Intro: [C] | [F] | [C] | [F]

[C] Gotta say the future's [F] awesome

[C] Everything is a-o[F]kay

[C] All the work is done by [F] robots

[C] Every day is [F] Saturday

[Am] Future people all have [F] jet-packs

[Am] Fly around in flying [F] cars

[C] There's so much that I could [F] tell you

But the [G] coolest part by far [stop]

[C] Everybody gets a [F] kitten

[C] A new one every single [F] day

[C] Everybody gets a [F] kitten

You can [G] name if you want [stop]

Or you can give it away [C] | [F] | [C] | [F]

[C] There is no disease or [F] hunger

[C] Zero poverty or [F] war

[C] Life is just a giant [F] party

And [C] no one here is ever [F] bored

[Am] All the factories burn [F] rainbows

[Am] You can buy a house on [F] Mars

[C] There's so much that I could [F] tell you

But the [G] coolest part by far [stop]

[C] Everybody gets a [F] kitten

[C] A new one every single [F] day

[C] Everybody gets a [F] kitten

You can [G] name if you want, or not

[C] Everybody gets a [F] kitten

[C] A new one every single [F] day

[C] Everybody gets a [F] kitten

You can [G] name if you want [stop]

Or you can give it a[C-stop]way

C



F



Am



G



Baritone
tuning
D-G-B-E

C



F



Am



G



Smelly Cat Phoebe Buffay (Lisa Kudrow) from “Friends”

<https://youtu.be/Mkuw7vdi-VA> (key of E)

[D] Smelly Cat, [G] Smelly Cat
[C] What [G] are they [D] feeding you?
[D] Smelly Cat, [G] Smelly Cat
[C] It's [G] not your [D] fault

[D] They won't take you [G] to the vet
You're [C] obviously [G] not their [D] favorite pet
[D] Smelly Cat, [G] Smelly Cat
[C] It's [G] not your [D] fault

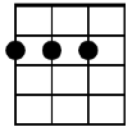
[D] Smelly Cat, [G] Smelly Cat
[C] What [G] are they [D] feeding you?
[D] Smelly Cat, [G] Smelly Cat
[C] It's [G] not your [D] fault

You [D] may not be a [G] bed of roses
[C] You're no [G] friend to [D] those with noses
[D] Smelly Cat, [G] Smelly Cat
[C] It's [G] not your [D] fault

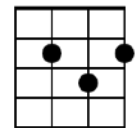
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Standard
tuning
G-C-E-A

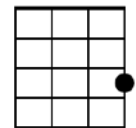
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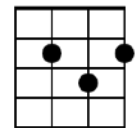


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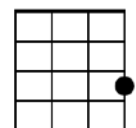


Baritone
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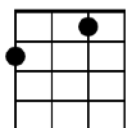
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C



Honky Cat Elton John/Bernie Taupin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92s-MPAQBCU> (key of D)

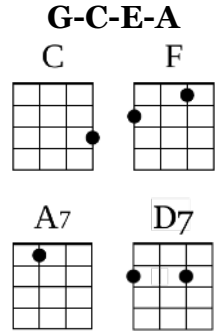
[C] | [C] | [C] | [C] | [F] | [F] | [F] | [F]

[C] When I look back, boy I must have been green

[F] Bopping in the country, fishing in a stream

[C] Looking for an answer, trying to find a sign

[F] Until I saw your city lights, honey I was blind



They said [A7] get back honky cat

Better get back to the woods

Well I [D7] quit those days and my redneck ways and I

[C] Mmmmmm, oh the change is gonna do me [F] good [F] | [F] | [F]

You better [A7] get back honky cat

Living in the city ain't where it's at

It's like [D7] trying to find gold in a silver mine

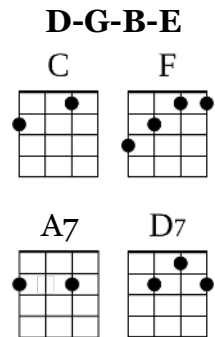
It's like [C] trying to drink whisky oh, from a bottle of [F] wine [F] | [F] | [F]

Well I [C] read some books and I read some magazines

About those [F] high class ladies down in New Orleans

And all the [C] folks back home well, said I was a fool

They said [F] oh, believe in the Lord is the golden rule



They said [A7] get back honky cat

Better get back to the woods

Well I [D7] quit those days and my redneck ways-ays and

[C] Ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh, oh change is gonna do me [F] good [F] | [F] | [F]

[C] | [C] | [C] | [C] | [F] | [F] | [F] | [F]

[C] | [C] | [C] | [C] | [F] | [F] | [F] | [F]

They said [A7] get back honky cat

Better get back to the woods

Well I [D7] quit those days and my redneck ways and I

[C] Oh-ah-ah-ah, oh change is gonna do me [F] good [F] | [F] | [F]

They said [C] stay at home boy, you gotta tend the farm

[F] Living in the city boy, is going to break your heart

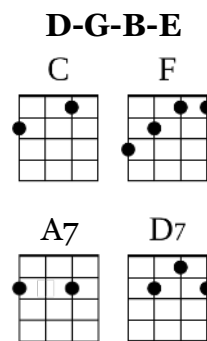
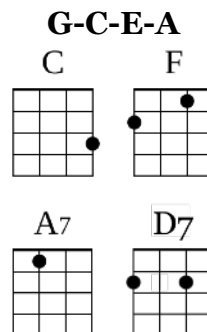
But [C] how can you stay, when your heart says no?

[F] How can you stop when your feet say go?

You'd better **[A7]** get back honky cat
 Better get back to the woods
 Well I **[D7]** quit those days and my redneck ways and I
[C] Oh-ah-ah-ah, oh change is gonna do me **[F]** good **[F]**| **[F]** | **[F]**

You better **[A7]** get back honky cat
 Living in the city ain't where it's at
 It's like **[D7]** trying to find gold in a silver mine
 It's like **[C]** trying to drink whisky oh, from a bottle of **[F]** wine **[F]**| **[F]** | **[F]**
[C] Get back honky cat, get back, get back, get back
[F] Whoo!

Repeat and fade . . .



Cat's in the Cradle Harry Chapin

<https://youtu.be/puJt66yOTBw?si=VujSlhy8IN6SKGe3> (Key of F)

[D] | [D] | [D] | [C] [D]

[D] My child arrived just the [F] other day
He [G] came to the world in the [D] usual way
But there were planes to catch and [F] bills to pay
He [G] learned to walk while I [D] was away
And he was [C] talkin' 'fore I knew it and as he grew
He'd say [F] I'm gonna [C] be like [D] you Dad
You [F] know I'm gonna [C] be like [D] you

And the [D] cat's in the cradle and the [C] silver spoon
[F] Little boy blue and the [G] man in the moon
[D] When you comin' home Dad I [C] don't know when
But [F] we'll get to[C]gether [D] then
You [F] know we'll have a [C] good time [D] then

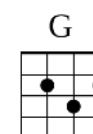
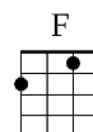
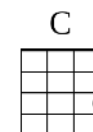
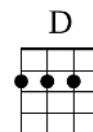
[D] | [D] | [D] | [C] [D]

[D] My son turned ten just the [F] other day
He said [G] thanks for the ball Dad come [D] on let's play
[D] Can you teach me to throw I said [F] not today
I got a [G] lot to do he said [D] that's OK
And he [C] walked away but his smile never dimmed
And said [F] I'm gonna [C] be like [D] him yeah
You [F] know I'm gonna [C] be like [D] him

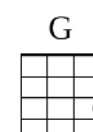
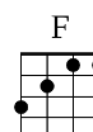
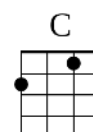
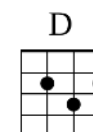
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[F] Little boy blue and the [G] man in the moon
[D] When you comin' home Dad I [C] don't know when
But [F] we'll get to[C]gether [D] then
You [F] know we'll have a [C] good time [D] then

[D] | [D] | [D] | [C] [D]

G-C-E-A



D-G-B-E



[D] Well he came from college just the [F] other day
So [G] much like a man I just [D] had to say
[D] Son I'm proud of you can you [F] sit for a while
He [G] shook his head and [D] he said with a smile
What I'd [C] really like Dad is to borrow the car keys
[F] See you [C] later can I [D] have them please

And the [D] cat's in the cradle and the [C] silver spoon
[F] Little boy blue and the [G] man in the moon
[D] When you comin' home Son I [C] don't know when
But [F] we'll get to[C]gether [D] then Dad
You [F] know we'll have a [C] good time [D] then

[F] | [C] [C] | [D]

[D] I've long since retired my [F] son's moved away
I [G] called him up just the [D] other day
I said I'd [D] like to see you if [F] you don't mind
He said I'd [G] love to Dad if I could [D] find the time . . .
You see my [C] new job's a hassle and the kids have the flu
But it's [F] sure nice [C] talking to [D] you Dad
It's been [F] sure nice [C] talking to [D] you

And as I [C] hung up the phone it occurred to me
He'd [F] grown up [C] just like [D] me
My [F] boy was [C] just like [D] me

And the [D] cat's in the cradle and the [C] silver spoon
[F] Little boy blue and the [G] man in the moon
[D] When you comin' home Son I [C] don't know when
But [F] we'll get to[C]gether [D] then Dad
We're [F] gonna' have a [C] good time [D] then

ritard [D] | [D] | [D] | [C] [D]

Stray Cat Strut Stray Cats

<https://youtu.be/vEtbFzMLVWU> (Cm)

Standard
tuning
G-C-E-A

Intro: [Am] [G] [F] [E7] x 2

[Am] Oo [G] oo [F] oo [E7] ooh

[Am] Oo [G] oo [F] oo [E7] ooh

[Am] Oo [G] oo [F] oo [E7] ooh

[Am] Oo [G] oo [F] oo [E7] ooh

Am



G



F



E7



Dm



C



Bb



A7



B7



[Am] Black and orange [G] stray cat [F] sittin' on a [E7] fence

[Am] [G] [F] [E7]

[Am] Ain't got e[G]nough dough to [F] pay the [E7] rent

[Am] [G] [F] [E7]

[Am] I'm flat [G] broke but [F] I don't [E7] care

I [Am-stop] strut right by with my tail in the air

[Dm] Stray cat [C] strut I'm a [Bb] ladies' [A7] cat

I'm a [Dm] feline Casa[C]nova hey [Bb] man that's [A7] that

Get a [Dm] shoe thrown [C] at me from a [Bb] mean old [A7] man

[Dm-stop] Get my dinner from a garbage can

[Am] [G] [F] [E7]

“Meow” [Am] [G] [F] [E7] “Hey, don’t cross my path”

Lead break over verse changes

[Dm] I don't bother chasin' mice a[Am]round “whoa, no”

I [Dm] slink down the alley lookin' for a fight

[B7] Howlin' to the moonlight on a [E7] hot summer night

[Am] Singin' the [G] blues while the [F] lady cats [E7] cry

[Am] Wow stray [G] cat you're a [F] real gone [E7] guy

I [Am] wish I could [G] be as [F] carefree and [E7] wild

But I [Am-stop] got cat class and I got cat style

[Am] [G] [F] [E7] x 4

Baritone
tuning
D-G-B-E

Am



G



F



E7



Dm



C



Bb



A7



B7



Three Cool Cats written by Lieber & Stoller
 The Ukulele Kings: https://youtu.be/o8_2p710_Wk

Standard
tuning
G-C-E-A

Intro: [E7] [A7] [Dm] x 2

[E7] Three [A7] cool [Dm] cats

[E7] Three [A7] cool [Dm] cats

[E7] Three [A7] cool [Dm] cats

Are [E7] parked on the [A7] corner in a [Dm] beat-up car
 Di[E7]viding up a [A7] nickel [Dm] candy bar
 [E7] Talking all a[A7]bout how [Dm] sharp they are, these

[E7] Three [A7] cool [Dm] cats

[E7] Three [A7] cool [Dm] chicks

[E7] Three [A7] cool [Dm] chicks

Are [E7] walkin' down the [A7] street [Dm] swingin' their hips
 [E7] Splitting up a [A7] bag of [Dm] potato chips
 [E7] Three cool [A7] cats did [Dm] three big flips for these

[E7] Three [A7] cool [Dm] chicks

[E7] Three [A7] cool [Dm] chicks

[Dm] Up pops the first cool cat

He said, [C] "Man, look at that!"

[Bb] Do you see what I [A7] see?"

"Well, [Dm] I want the middle chick!"

[C] "I'll take that little chick!"

[Bb] "Hey man, leave one for [A7] me!"

Lead break: [E7] [A7] [Dm] x 8

[E7] Three [A7] cool [Dm] chicks

[E7] Three [A7] cool [Dm] chicks

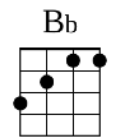
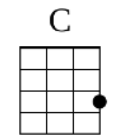
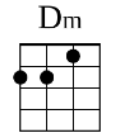
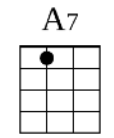
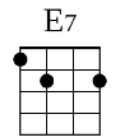
They [E7] look like [A7] angels from [Dm] up above

[E7] Three cool [A7] cats really [Dm] fell in love

[E7] Three cool [A7] chicks made [Dm] three fools of those

[E7] Three [A7] cool [Dm] cats . . . *continue until:*

[E7-stop] Three [A7-stop] cool [Dm-stop] cats



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