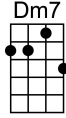
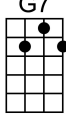
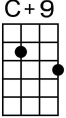
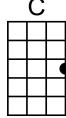
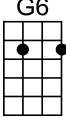
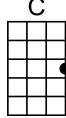


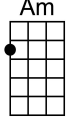
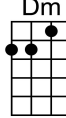
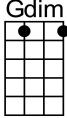
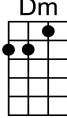
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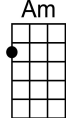
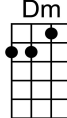
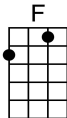
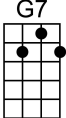
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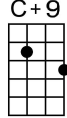
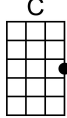
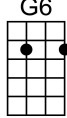
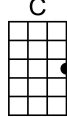
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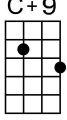
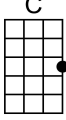
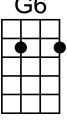
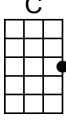
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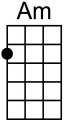
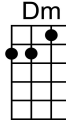
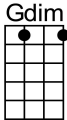
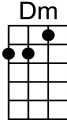
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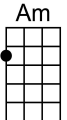
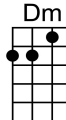
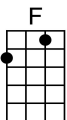
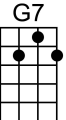
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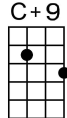
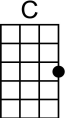
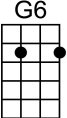
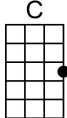
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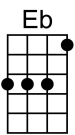
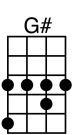
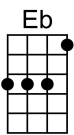
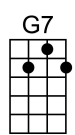
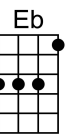
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who marr - ied young and then re - tired,

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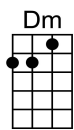
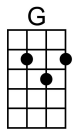
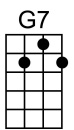
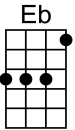
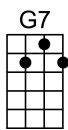
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the fri - day nights, cha - rades of youth,

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Were spent on one more beau - ti - ful,

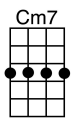
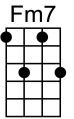
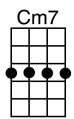
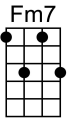
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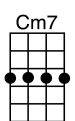
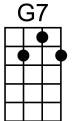
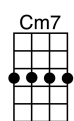
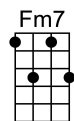
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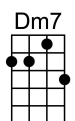
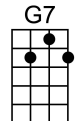
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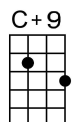
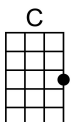
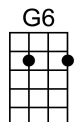
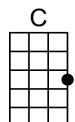
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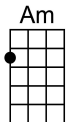
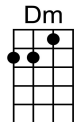
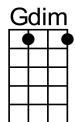
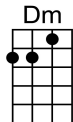
Who called to say "come dance with me" and mur - mured vague ob - scen - i - ties,

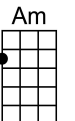
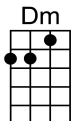
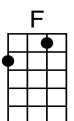
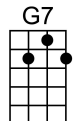
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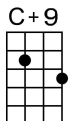
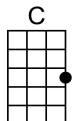
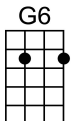
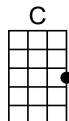
A brown eyed girl in hand - me - downs,

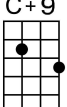
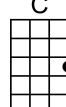
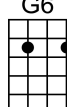
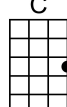
whose name I ne - ver could pro nounce said

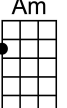
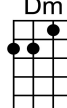
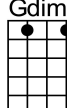
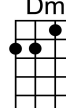
Said "Pi - ty, please, the ones who serve,

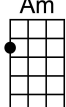
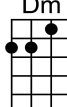
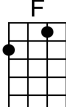
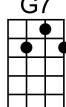
they on - ly get what they de - serve.

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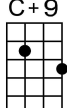
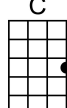
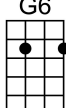
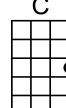
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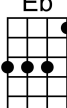
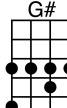
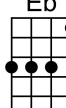
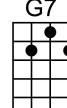
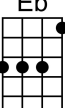
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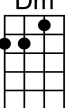
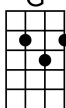
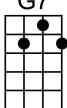
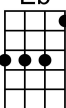
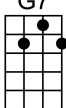
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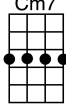
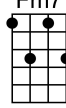
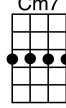
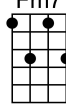
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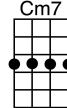
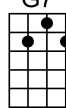
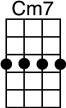
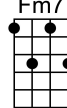
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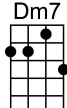
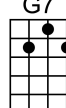
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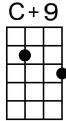
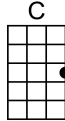
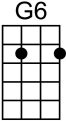
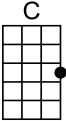
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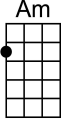
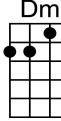
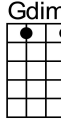
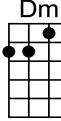
**Their small town eyes will gape at you in dull sur - prise when pay - ment due**

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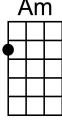
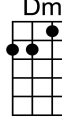
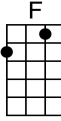
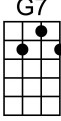
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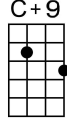
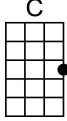
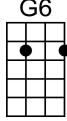
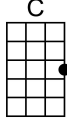
**To those of us who know the pain**

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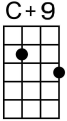
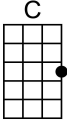
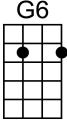
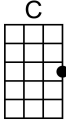
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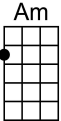
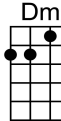
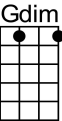
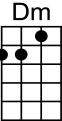
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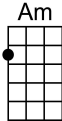
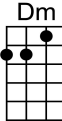
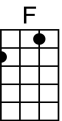
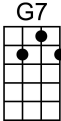
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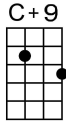
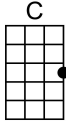
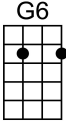
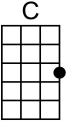
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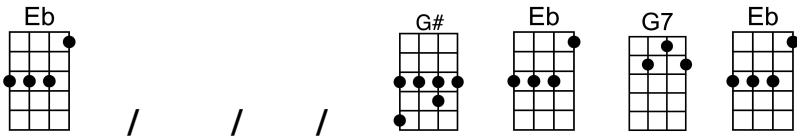
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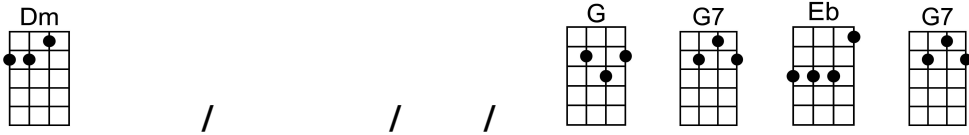
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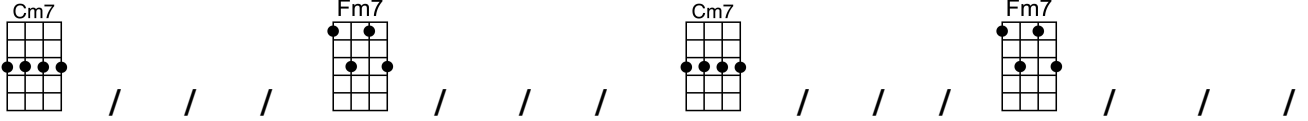
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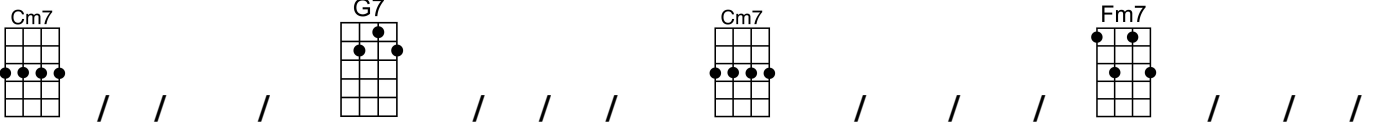
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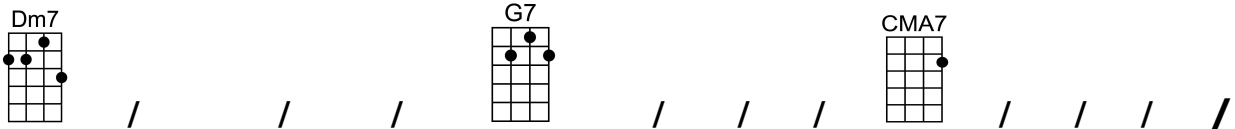
**Dare to cheat our - selves at sol - i - taire**



**In - vent - ing lov - ers on the phone, re - pent - ing o - ther lives un - known**



**Who call to say "come dance with me" and mur - mur vague ob - scen - i - ties,**



**At ugly girls like me, at seventeen.**