

learn to play

Brown

Eyed Girl

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concert

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Hello, and thank you for downloading this lesson! If videos are helpful to you, you can find the tutorial video that goes along with this booklet at youtube.com/abigailflowersmusic.

Unlike so many of my friends, I didn't grow up with this song. In fact, I didn't hear it until I was about 24 and started singing at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, MI! This song is an absolute staple when I perform there, and I love seeing faces light up across the room when people recognize it. I hope that learning to play this song brings you joy and opportunities for connection with others!

"Brown Eyed Girl" was released by Van Morrison in 1967 and was an instant hit. Though its lyrics were considered racy at the time, it's become one of the most recognizable songs ever and is considered Van Morrison's signature song. Fun fact: At least 3 of the last 4 Presidents of the United States have mentioned "Brown Eyed Girl" as ranking in their favorite songs!

This is a perfect song to learn on your ukulele because the "sha la la" section is so easy to sing along to. Whether you're sitting around the campfire or playing a solo show, it's a perfect way to engage your friends or your audience with music. I hope you enjoy playing this song as much as I have!

Notes

-**Lyric Sheet:** the **lyric sheet with chords** listed will probably be the quickest way to learn this song. If you already know the song by ear and can remember when to switch chords, you'll love this option.

-**Chord Chart:** the **chord chart** or **sheet music** version of the song has a few benefits if you have the time to work with it. One benefit is that it shows you **timing**. Each **measure** is 4 beats (and contains 4 slashes) so you'll know when to change chords. It also has the parts of the song labeled, like Verse 1, Chorus, etc. If you're a serious student of music, noticing "**song form**" is a really great habit to get into! The chord chart also includes notation of the **bass solo**, if you'd like to try playing that.

If you're looking at the chord chart/sheet music, you'll notice heavy brackets with two dots from time to time. Those are **repeat symbols**! That means "play everything within the brackets again." For example, the first line of the song (labeled "Intro") should be played twice. You'll notice that the end bracket of V1 (Verse 1) says "rpt. 4x". That means you should play everything inside the brackets 4 times, instead of just 2.

-**Optional Solo:** if you're playing this song with a band, especially with a bassist, the bass solo section is one of the best parts of this song! If you're playing solo ukulele, it's totally acceptable to skip that section of the song. In that case, you would go from the "sha la la" section straight into the 3rd verse.

G C G D

Hey, where did we go? // Days when the rains came

G C G D

Down in the hollow // Playin' a new game

G C G D

Laughing and a running hey, hey // Skipping and a jumping

G C G D C D

In the misty morning fog with // Our hearts a thumpin' and you

G Em C D G

My brown-eyed girl // You, my brown-eyed girl

G C G D

Whatever happened // To Tuesday and so slow?

G C G D

Going down the old mine // With a transistor radio

G C G D

Standing in the sunlight laughing // Hiding behind a rainbow's wall

G C G D C D

Slipping and sliding // All along the waterfall, with you

G Em C D G

My brown-eyed girl // You, my brown-eyed girl

D7 D7 D7

Do you remember when we used to sing

G C G D

Sha la la la la la la la la la te da

G C G D G

Sha la la la la la la la la la te da, la te da

(OPTIONAL) SOLO: **G C G D**

G C G D

So hard to find my way // Now that I'm all on my own

G C G D

I saw you just the other day // My, how you have grown

G C G D

Cast my memory back there, Lord // Sometimes I'm overcome thinking 'bout

G C G D C D

Making love in the green grass // Behind the stadium with you

G Em C D G

My brown-eyed girl // You, my brown-eyed girl

D7 D7 D7

Do you remember when we used to sing

G C G D

Sha la la la la la la la la la te da

G C G D G

Sha la la la la la la la la la te da, la te da

(Repeat sha la las)

Brown Eyed Girl

Intro G C G D



V1 G C G D rpt. 4x




Hey, where did we go...

CH1 C D G Em



You, my brown eyed girl...

C D G D7



V2 G C G D rpt. 4x



Whatever happened...

CH2 C D G Em



You my brown eyed girl...

C D G D7 D7 D7



Do you rememeber when...

La La G C G D



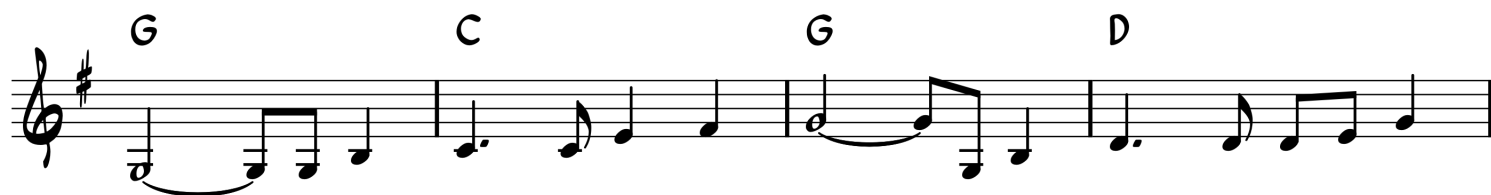
Sha la la...

Solo G G G G

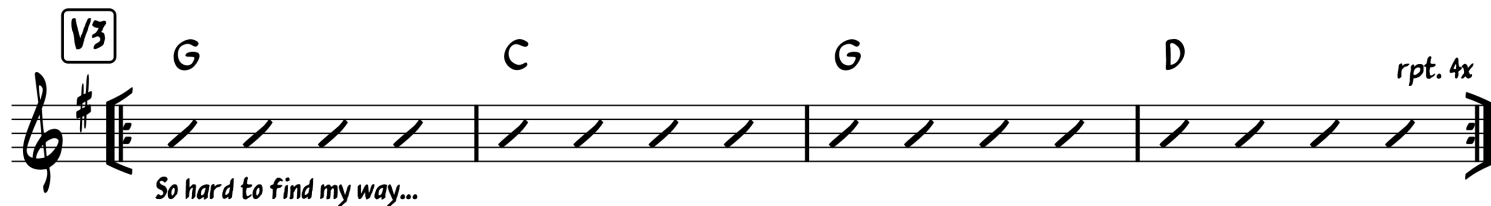


(optional)

G C G D



V3 G C G D rpt. 4x



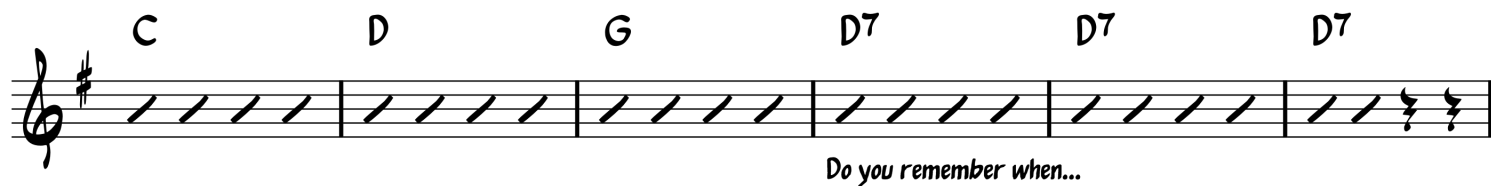
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CH3 C D G Em



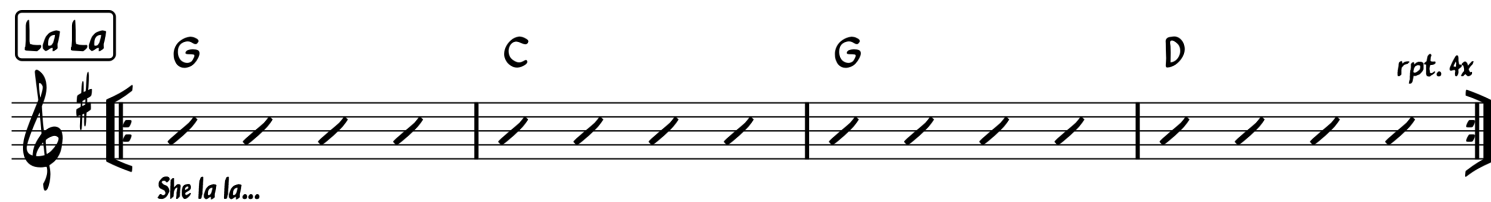
You, my brown eyed girl...

C D G D7 D7 D7



Do you remember when...

La La G C G D rpt. 4x



She la la...

Outro G C G D

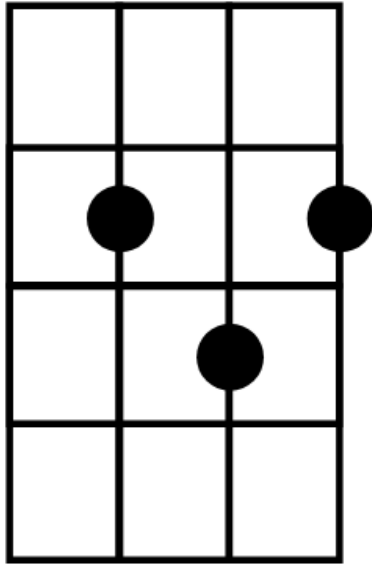


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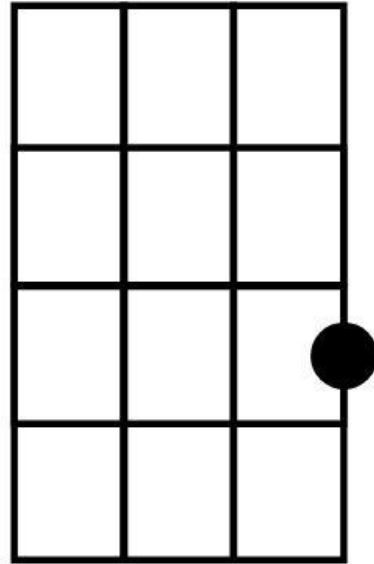


Chord Diagrams

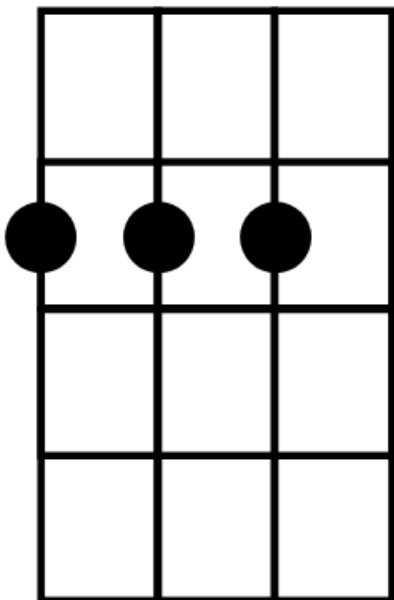
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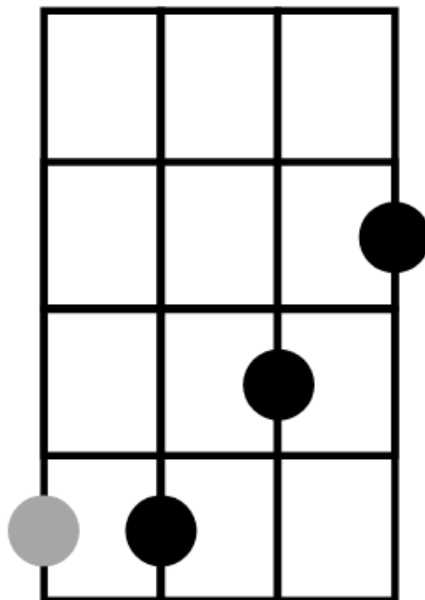
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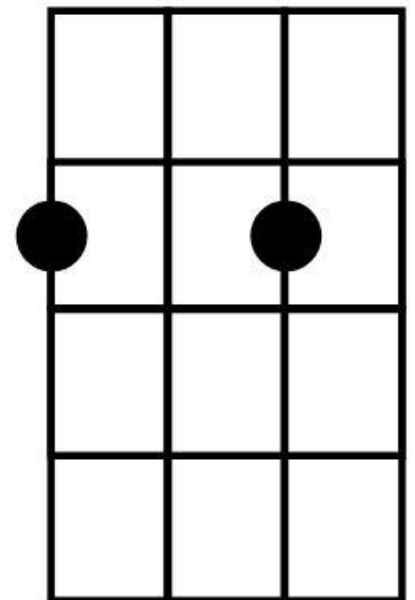
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Em



D7



*grey dot on Em chord diagram is optional