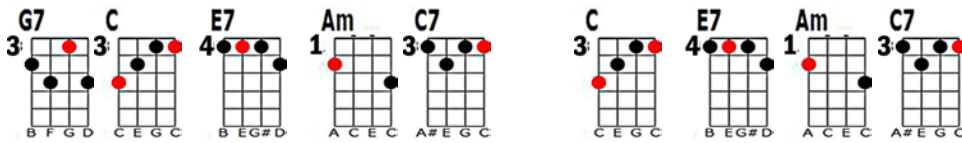


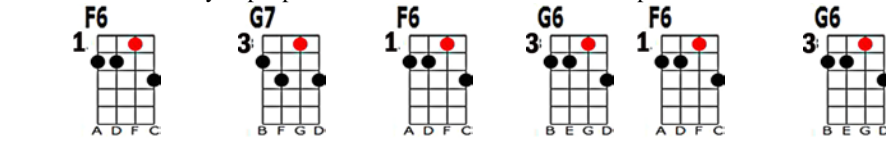
ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE 1944 (Lyrics: J Mercer Music: Harlen)

INTRO



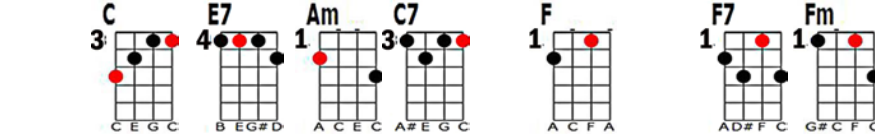
Gather round me all you people

Gather round me while I preach some



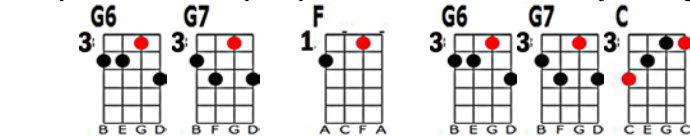
Feel a sermon coming on me

The topic will be sin, and that's what I'm agin



So if you want to hear my story,

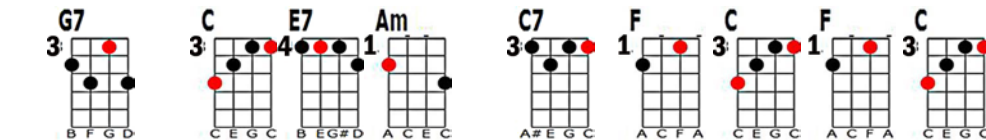
Then settle down and just sit tight



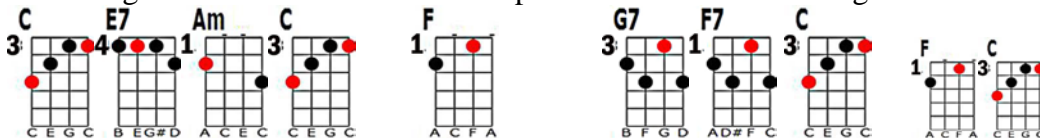
While I start reviewing the attitude of do ing right.

"Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive" is a [popular](#) song. The music was written by [Harold Arlen](#) and the lyrics by [Johnny Mercer](#), and it was published in 1944. It is sung in the style of a sermon, and explains that accentuating the positive is key to happiness. In describing his inspiration for the lyric, Mercer told the [Pop Chronicles](#) radio documentary "I went to hear [Father Divine](#) and he had a sermon and his subject was 'you got to accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative.' And I said 'Wow, that's a colorful phrase!'"^{[1][2]}

Verse 1 SUSIE SUE

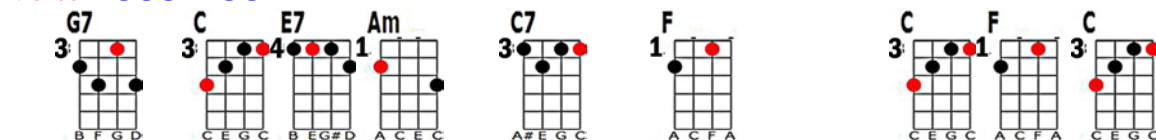


You've got to ac cen tuate the positive Eliminate the nega tive

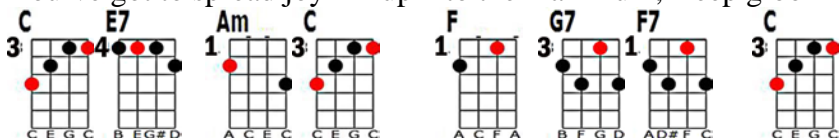


Latch on to the affirmative (*) and don't mess with Mr Inbetween

Verse 2 SUSIE SUE

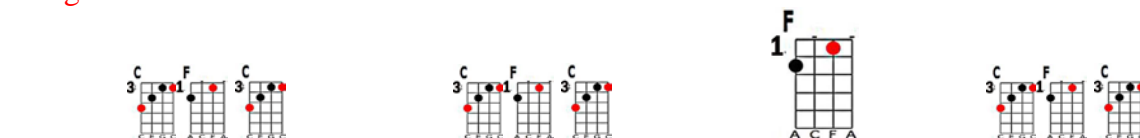


You've got to spread joy up to the maximum, Keep gloom down- to the minimum



Have faith, or pandemonium is liable to act upon the scene

Bridge BRIDGE SUE WITH SUSIE AND BRIAN ECHOING



To illustrate my last remark,

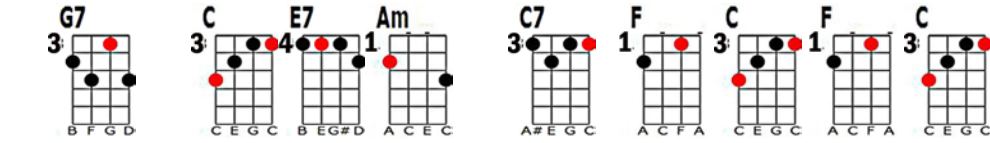
Jonah in the whale, Noah in the ark



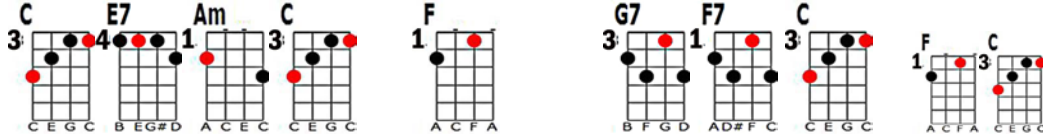
What did they say, just when everything seemed so dark Well, they said you've got to

REPEAT VERSE 1

Verse 1 SUSIE SUE



You've got to ac cen tuate the positive Elimin-ate the nega tive

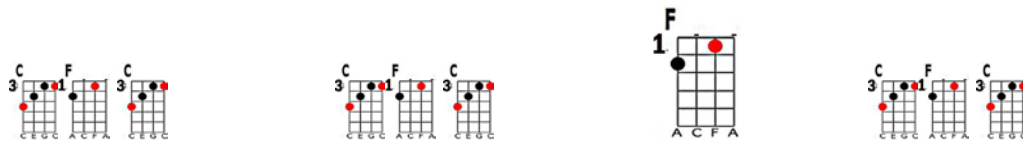


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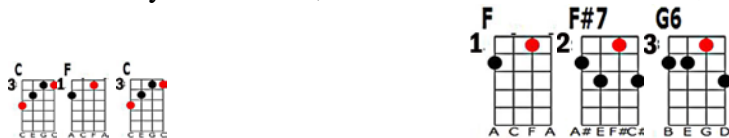
INSTRUMENTAL VERSE 2

BRIDGE BRIAN AND SUSIE SING WITH SUE ECHOING

Bridge



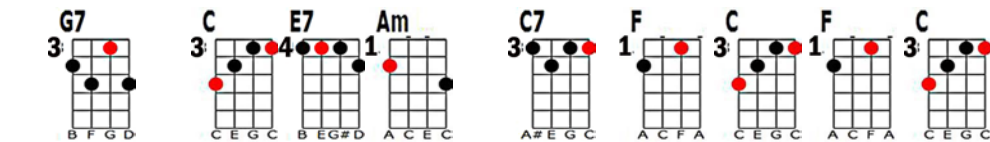
To illustr-ate my last remark, Jonah in the whale, Noah in the ark



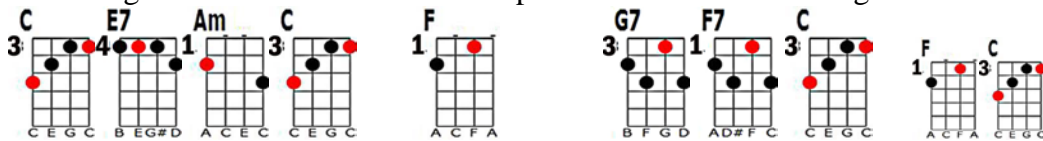
What did they say, just when everything seemed so dark

REPEAT VERSE 1 WITH BRIAN AND SUSIE SINGING – BRIAN SINGS MELODY

Verse 1

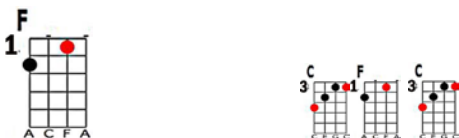


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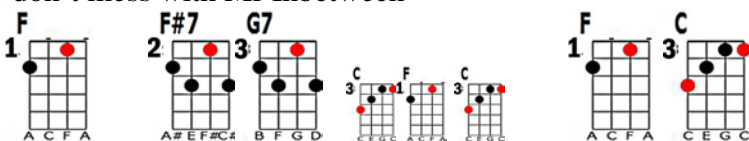


Latch on to the affirmative (*) and don't mess with Mr Inbetween

OUTRO SUSIE SUE SING



No don't mess with Mr Inbetween



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