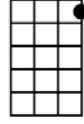


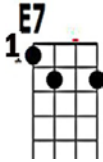
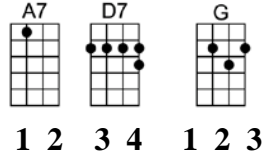
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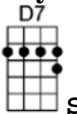
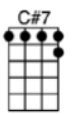
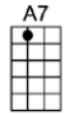
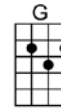
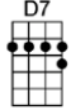
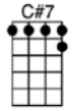
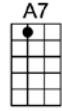
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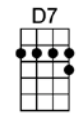
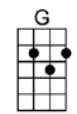
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Would you like to swing on a star? Carry moonbeams home in a jar?

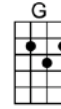
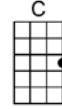
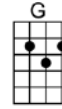
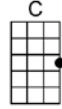
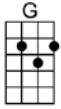


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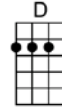
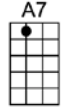
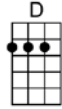
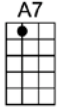
And be better off than you are?

Or would you rather be a mule?



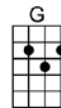
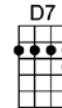
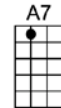
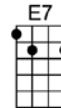
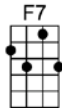
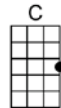
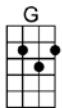
A mule is an animal with long funny ears,

Kicks up at anything he hears.



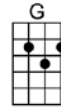
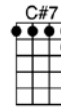
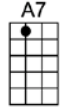
His back is brawny but his brain is weak,

He's just plain stupid with a stubborn streak.



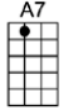
And by the way, if you hate to go to school,

You may grow up to be a mule.

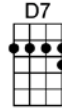
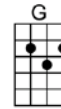


Or would you like to swing on a star?

Carry moonbeams home in a jar?

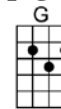
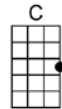
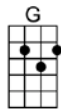
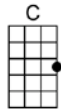
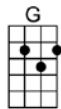
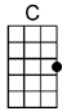
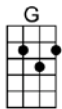


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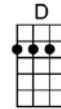
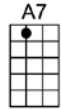
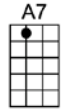


And be better off than you are?

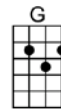
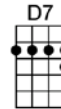
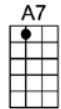
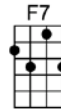
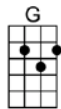
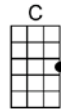
Or would you rather be a pig?



A pig is an animal with dirt on his face; his shoes are a terrible dis-grace.



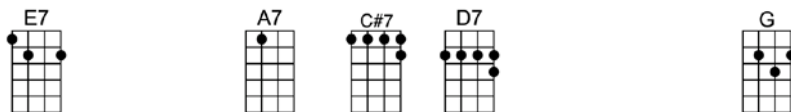
He has no manners when he eats his food, he's fat and lazy and extremely rude;



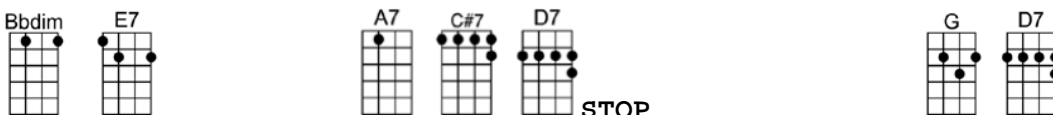
But if you don't care a feather or a fig,

you may grow up to be a pig.

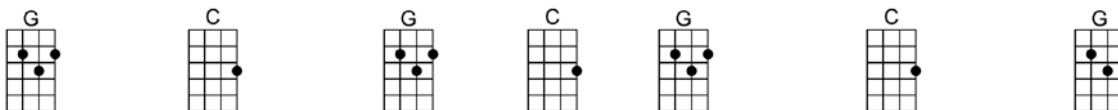
p.2 Swingin' On a Star



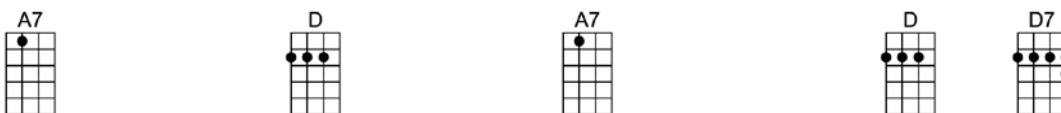
Or would you like to swing on a star? Carry moonbeams home in a jar?



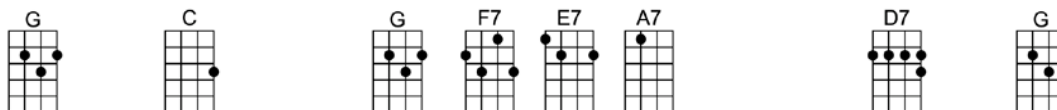
And be better off than you are? Or would you rather be a fish?



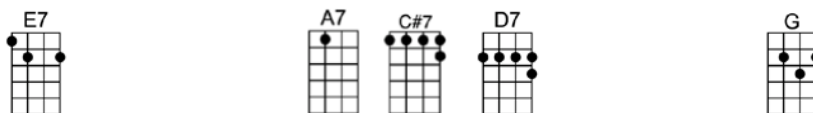
A fish won't do anything, but swim in a brook; he can't write his name or read a book.



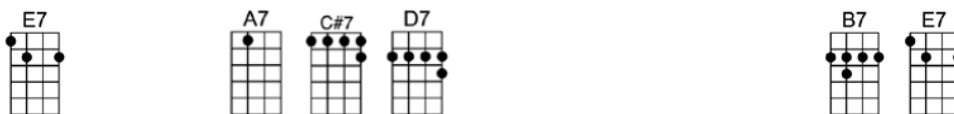
To fool the people is his only thought, and though he's slippery, he still gets caught;



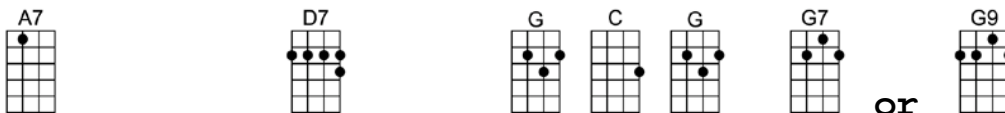
But then if that sort of life is what you wish, you may grow up to be a fish.



And all the monkeys aren't in the zoo; every day you meet quite a few.



So you see it's all up to you -- You can be better than you are,



You..could..be..swing..in'..on..a..star,

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Song writer [Jimmy Van Heusen](#) was at Crosby's house one evening for dinner. During the meal one of the children began complaining about how he didn't want to go to school the next day. The singer turned to his son and said to him, "If you don't go to school, you might grow up to be a mule. Do you wanna do that?"

Van Heusen thought this clever rebuke would make a good song for the movie. Van Heusen took the idea to his partner [lyricist Johnny Burke](#), who approved. They wrote the song.