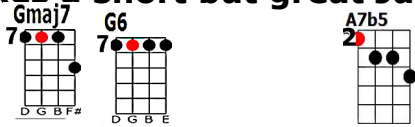
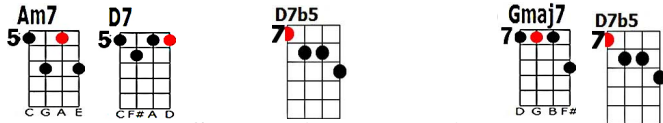


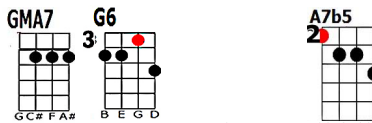
Strayhorn claims the title is about choosing the 'A' train over the 'D' train. He said he kept hearing about Harlem bound housewives who took the 'D' train and ended up in the Bronx, as it only went as far as 145th Street before turning off. If you want to go to Sugar Hill, you need to take the 'A' train! Another **TAKE THE "A" TRAIN** account has the title "Take the 'A' Train" evolving  $4/4$  1...2...1234 out of directions Ellington gave Strayhorn on how to get to Ellington's Harlem apartment by subway. It makes a short but great Jazz number. 1941.



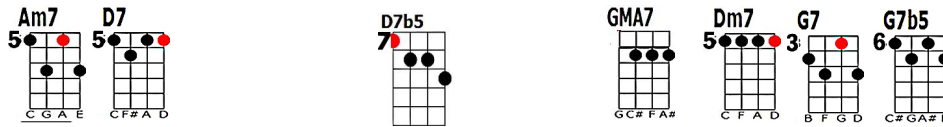
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To go to Sugar Hill, way up in Harlem



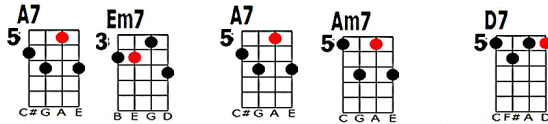
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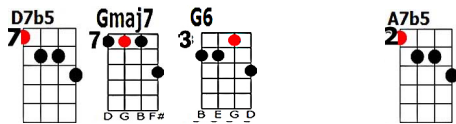
You'll find you missed the quickest way to Harlem



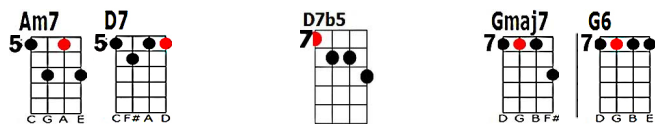
Hurry, get on, now it's coming



Listen to those rails a-thrumming



All a-board, get on the "A" train



Soon you will be on Sugar Hill in Harlem