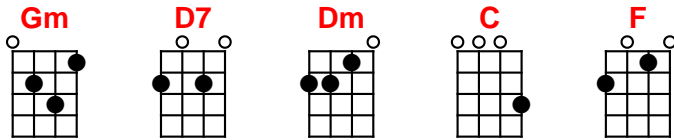


Charlie's Ring

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Intro: **[Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]**

Verse 1: **[Gm]** Charlie and Clarice were wed in **[D7]** nineteen forty six.
She **[Dm]** gave her groom a golden ring the **[C]** day that they got hitched.
A **[Gm]** fourteen karat wedding band; she **[C]** paid for all it cost.
He **[Gm]** wore it off to work and six days **[F]** later it was **[Gm]** lost.

Interlude: **[D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]**

Verse 2: Well, **[Gm]** Charlie had a plumbing job, a **[D7]** crawlin' through the crud.
The **[Dm]** ring slipped off his finger and was **[C]** buried in the mud.
He **[Gm]** searched in vain; the ring had vanished, **[C]** gone without a trace.
He **[Gm]** slowly headed home to view Cla**[F]** rice's woeful **[Gm]** face.

Interlude: **[D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]**

Verse 3: But **[Gm]** Charlie was a lucky man, for **[D7]** sweet Clarice forgave him.
He **[Dm]** learned to be more careful and ex**[C]** emplary behavin'.
He **[Gm]** thrived in Hutto, Texas as the **[C]** "water system king".
They **[Gm]** had three kids, six grandkids and he **[F]** never bought a **[Gm]** ring.

Interlude: **[D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]**

Verse 4: Then **[Gm]** fifty-nine years later, a **[D7]** metal hunt was planned.
The **[Dm]** Austin Metal Detecting Club would **[C]** search for the golden band.
With **[Gm]** sixteen probing metal detectors **[C]** scouring the ground,
In **[Gm]** two short hours, sure enough, the **[F]** wedding ring was **[Gm]** found.

Interlude: **[D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]**

Verse 5: Well, **[Gm]** Charlie's eyes were weepy and Cla**[D7]**rice's, surely too.
He **[Dm]** never had another ring; **[C]** only this would do.
The **[Gm]** ring was well preserved and so they **[C]** knew that this was it.
He **[Gm]** tried to put the ring on but, his **[F]** finger didn't **[Gm]** fit.

Interlude: **[D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]**

Verse 6: Now **[Gm]** Charlie goes barehanded as his **[D7]** former habits linger.
He's **[Dm]** much afraid to lose the ring from **[C]** off his little finger.
[Gm] He could take it to a jeweler's **[C]** shop to get it sized,
Or **[Gm]** he may keep it as it is, a **[F]** gift of love, so **[Gm]** prized.

Interlude: **[D7] [Gm] [D7]**

Or **[Gm]** he may keep it as it is, love's **[F]** miracle, **[Gm]** prized.

Outro: **[D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]**