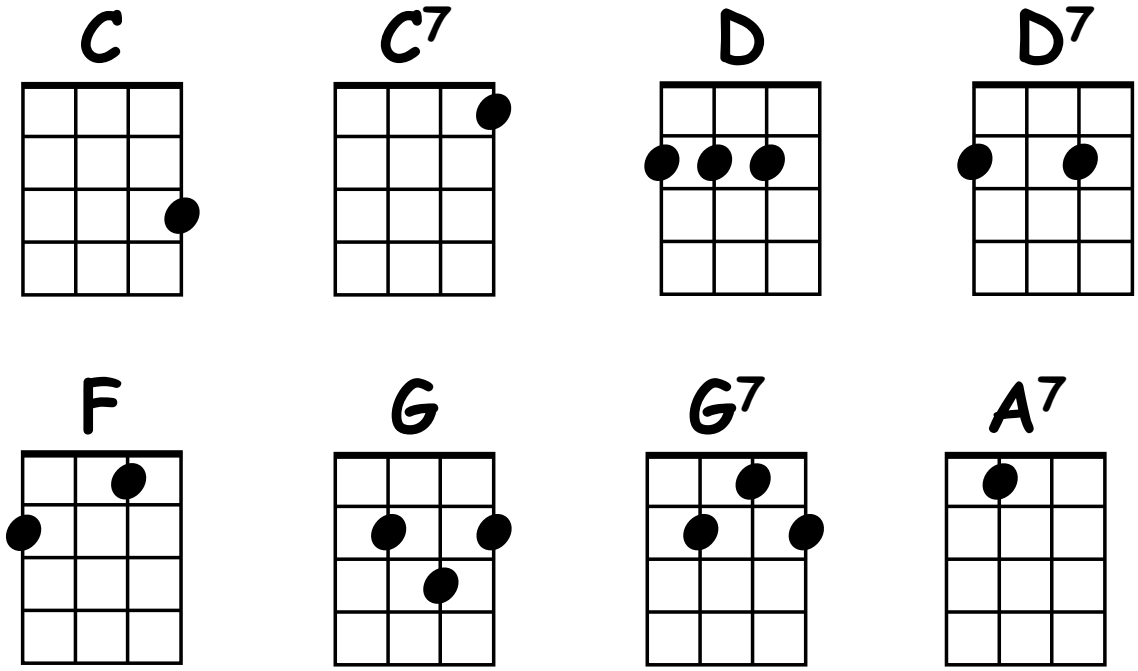
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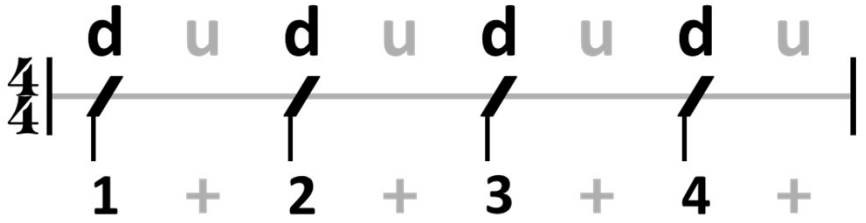
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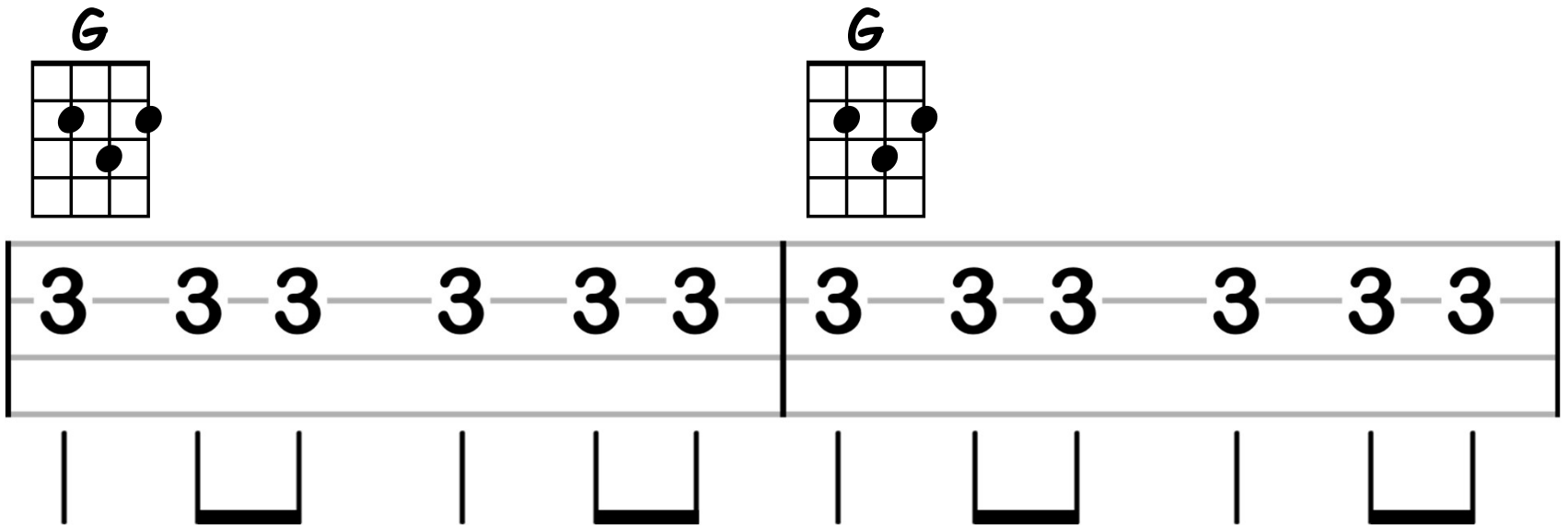
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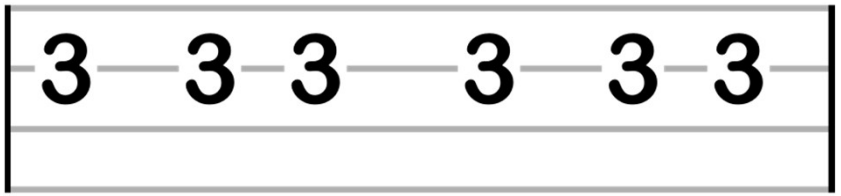
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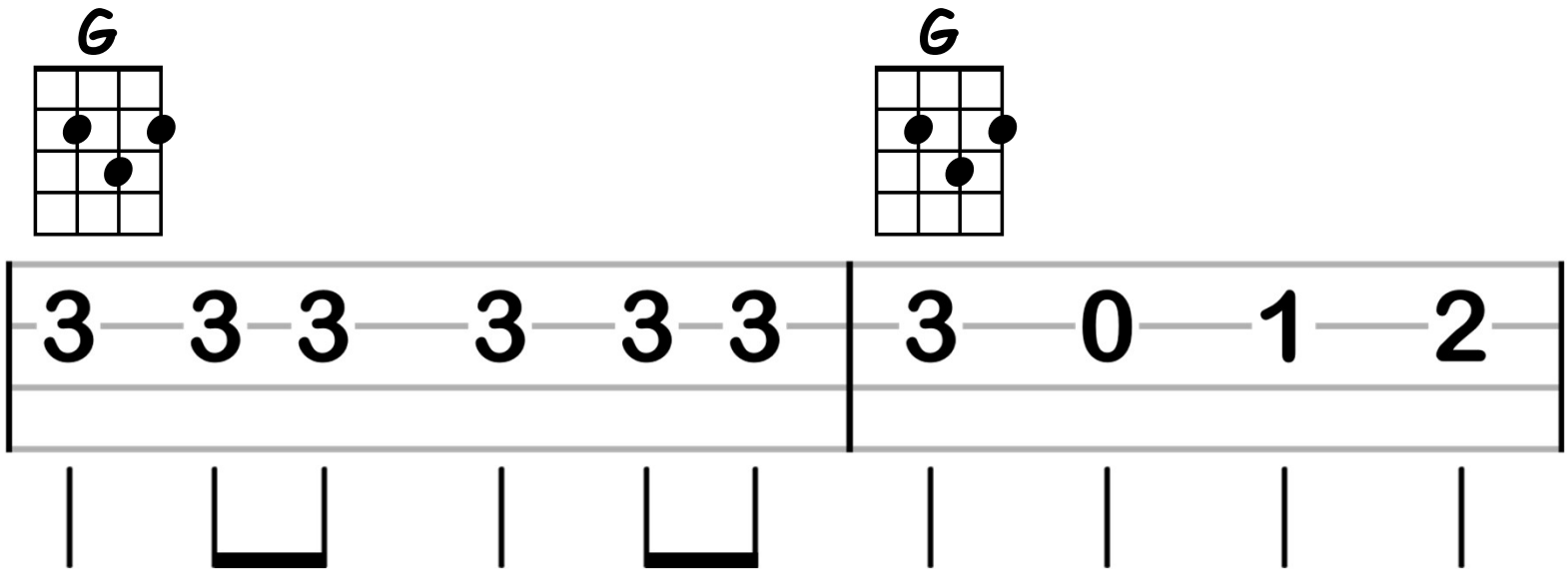




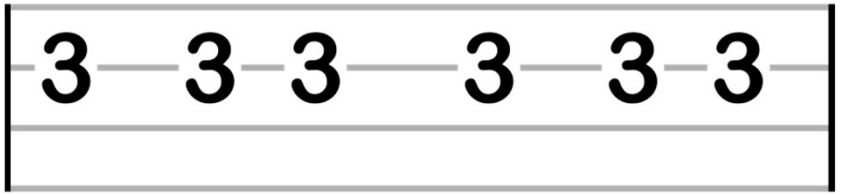
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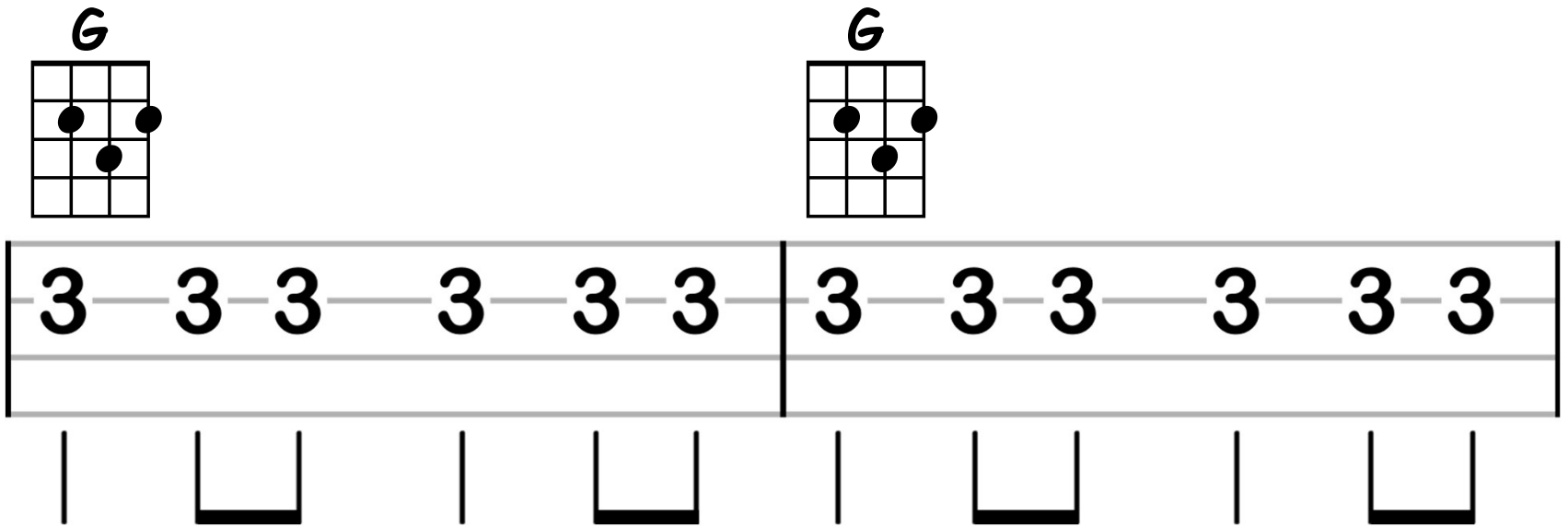
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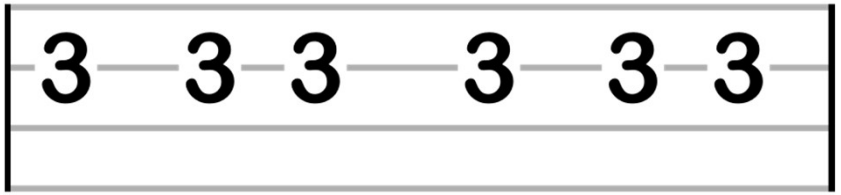
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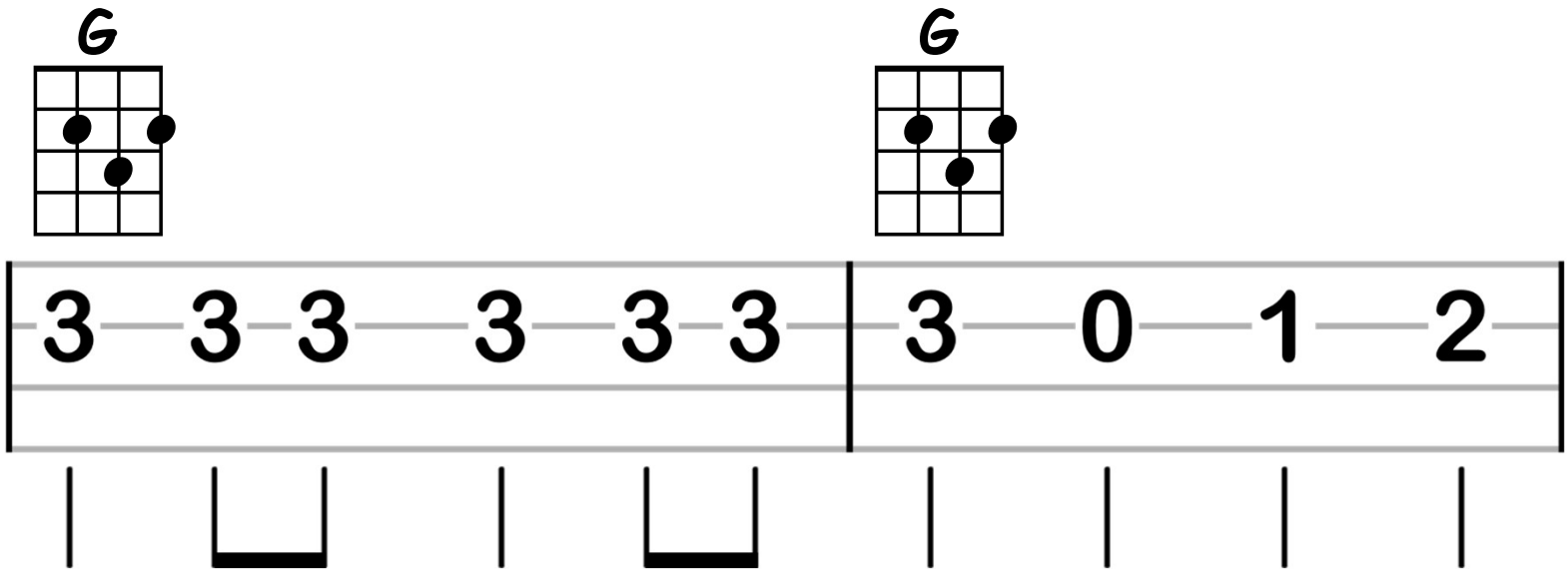
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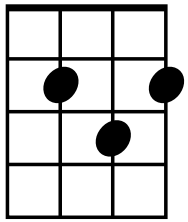
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G G

Tumble outta bed and I stumble…

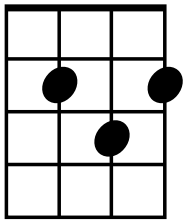
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G



Tumble outta bed and I

G



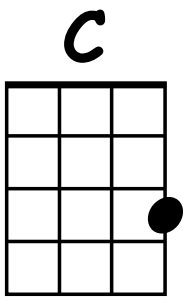
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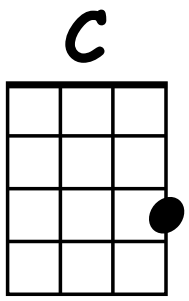
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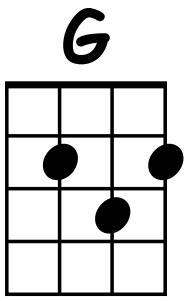
C C

Pour myself a cup of ambition…

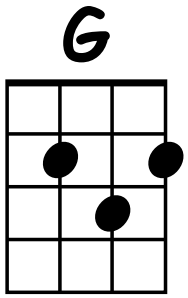
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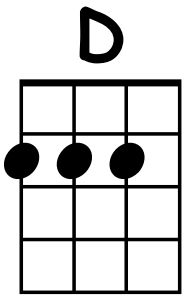


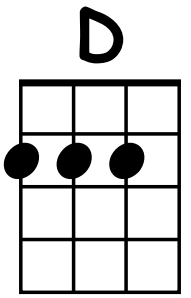




Pour myself a cup of ambition an' yawn







An' stretch an' try to come to life

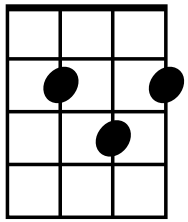
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Jump in the show'r and the…

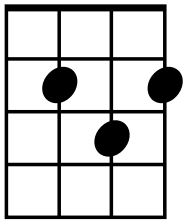
Verse 1

G



Jump in the show'r and the

G



Blood starts pumpin',

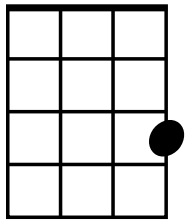
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C C

Out on the street the traffic…

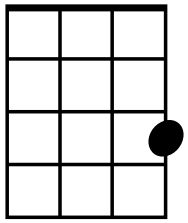
Verse 1

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Out on the street

C



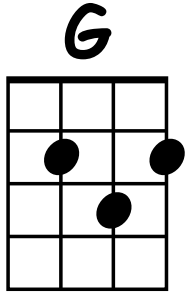
The traffic starts jumpin' with

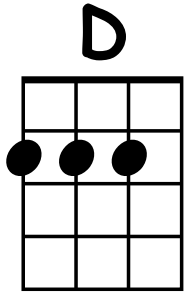
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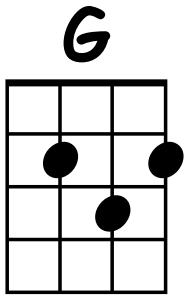
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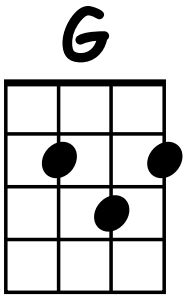
Verse 1





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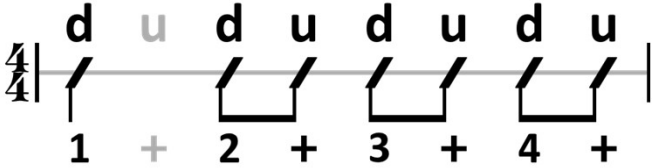






From 9 to 5

strum change!



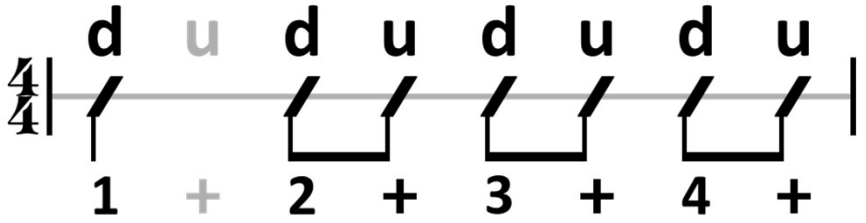
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Strum! **C** **C**

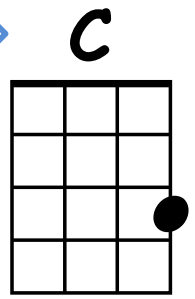
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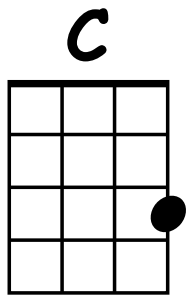
Chorus 1

strum:



Strum!





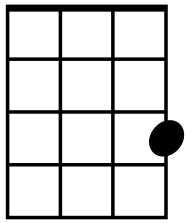
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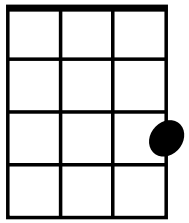
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C C

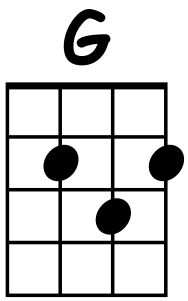
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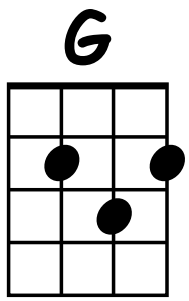
Chorus 1





What a way to make a livin'





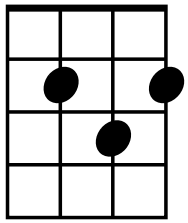
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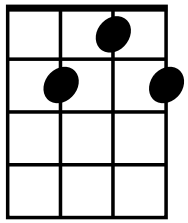
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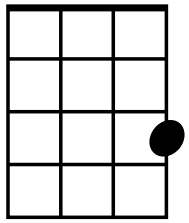
It's all takin' and no givin'…

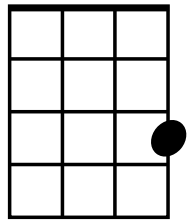
Chorus 1





It's all takin' and no givin'





They just , use / your / mind

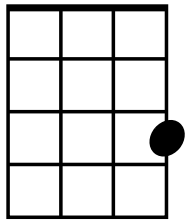
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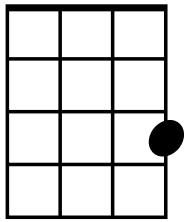
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And they never give you credit…

Chorus 1

C C





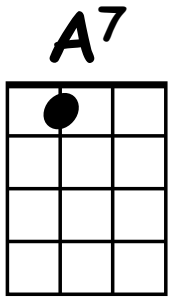
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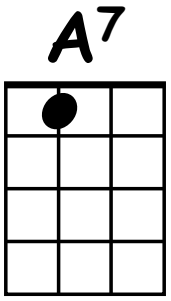
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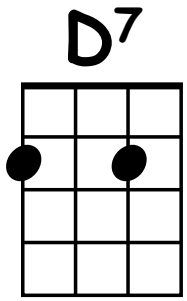
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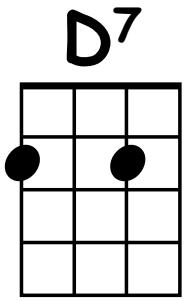
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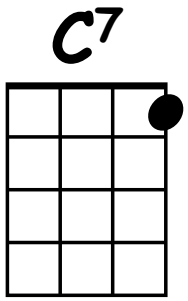


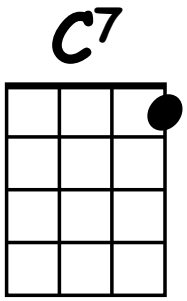


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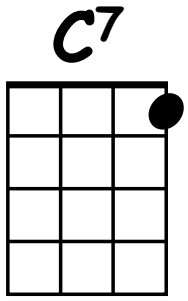
Crazy if you let it! 9 / to / 5,

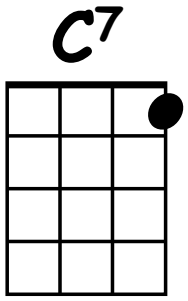
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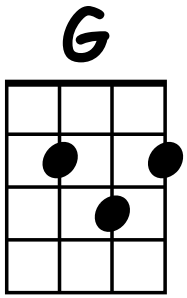
For service and de– votion you…

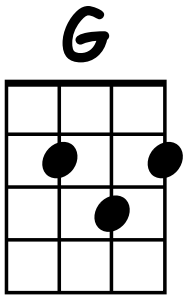
Chorus 2





For service and de– votion you would





Think / that / I

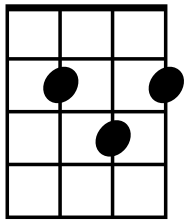
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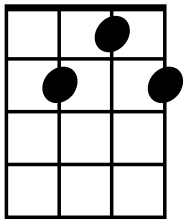
Would de– serve a fair…

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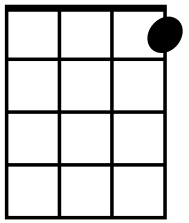


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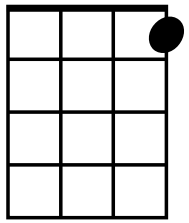


Would de– serve a fair pro– motion

C7



C7



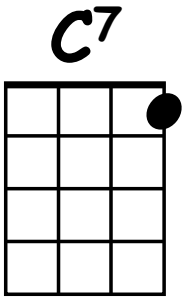
Want to , move / a– / head

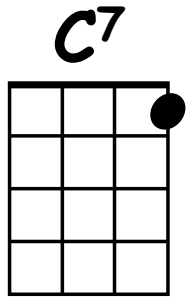
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But the boss won't seem to…

Chorus 2





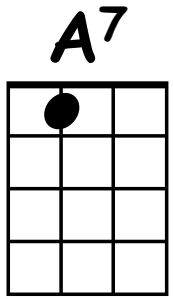
But the boss won't seem to let me

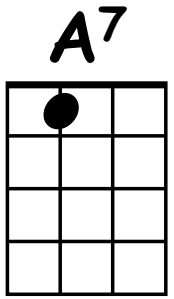
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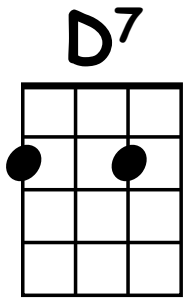
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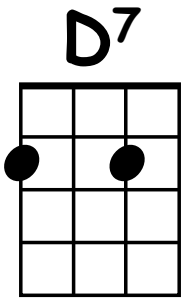
Chorus 2





I swear sometimes that man is

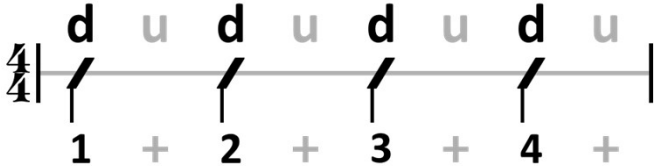




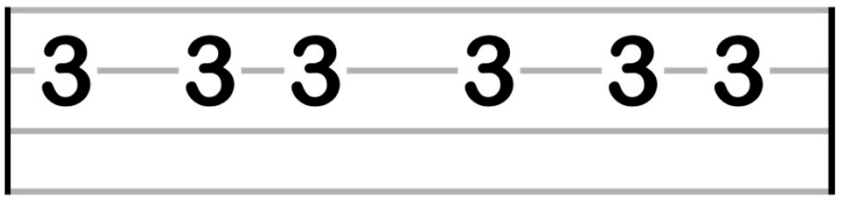
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Out to get me!

strum change!

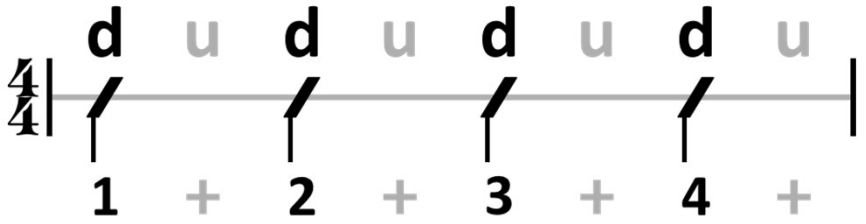


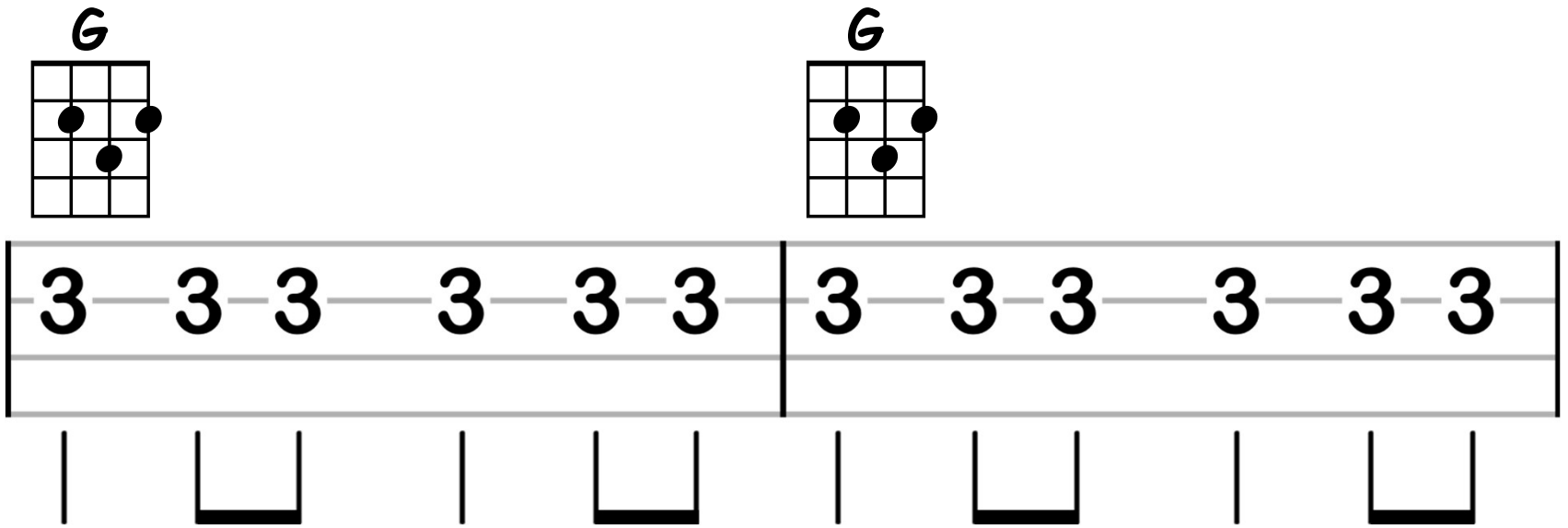
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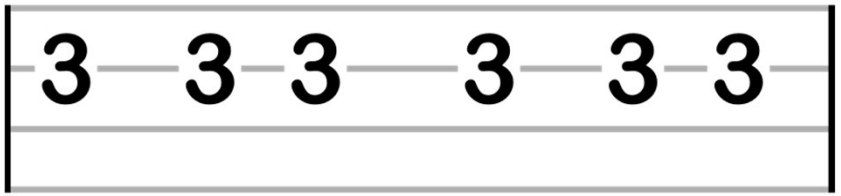
Interlude: 1 of 4

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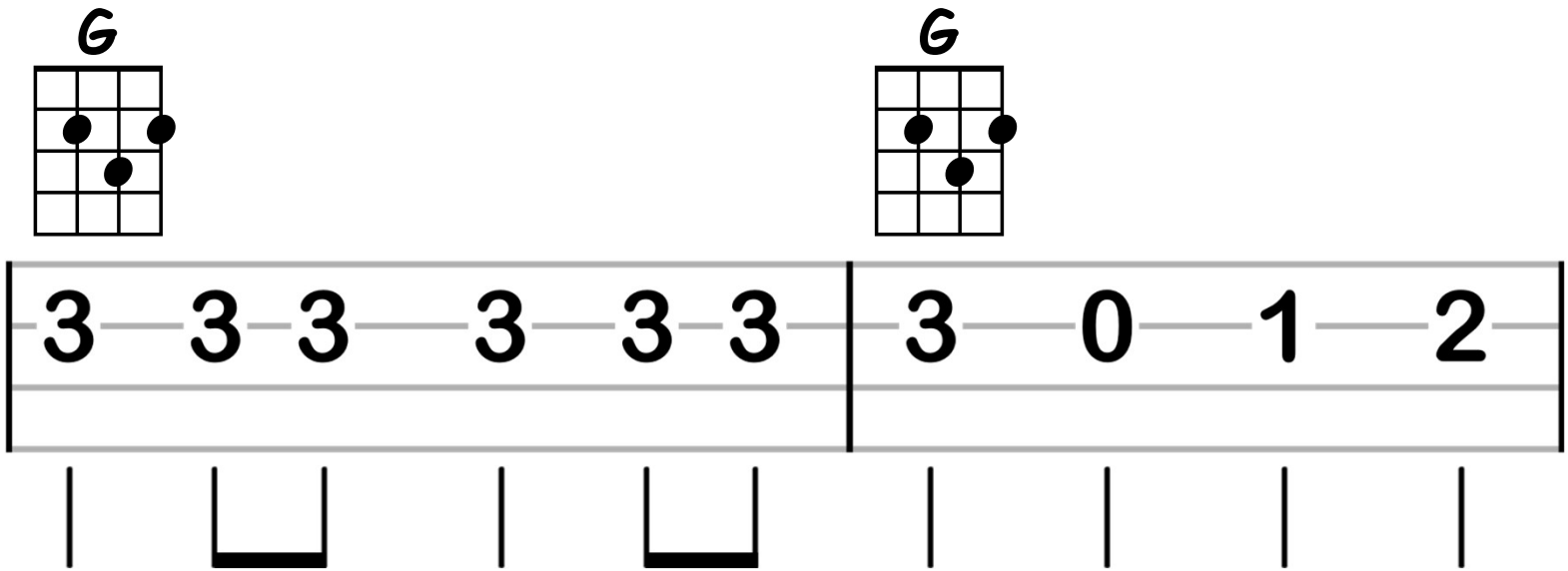




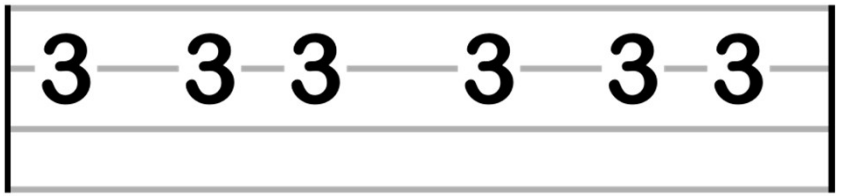
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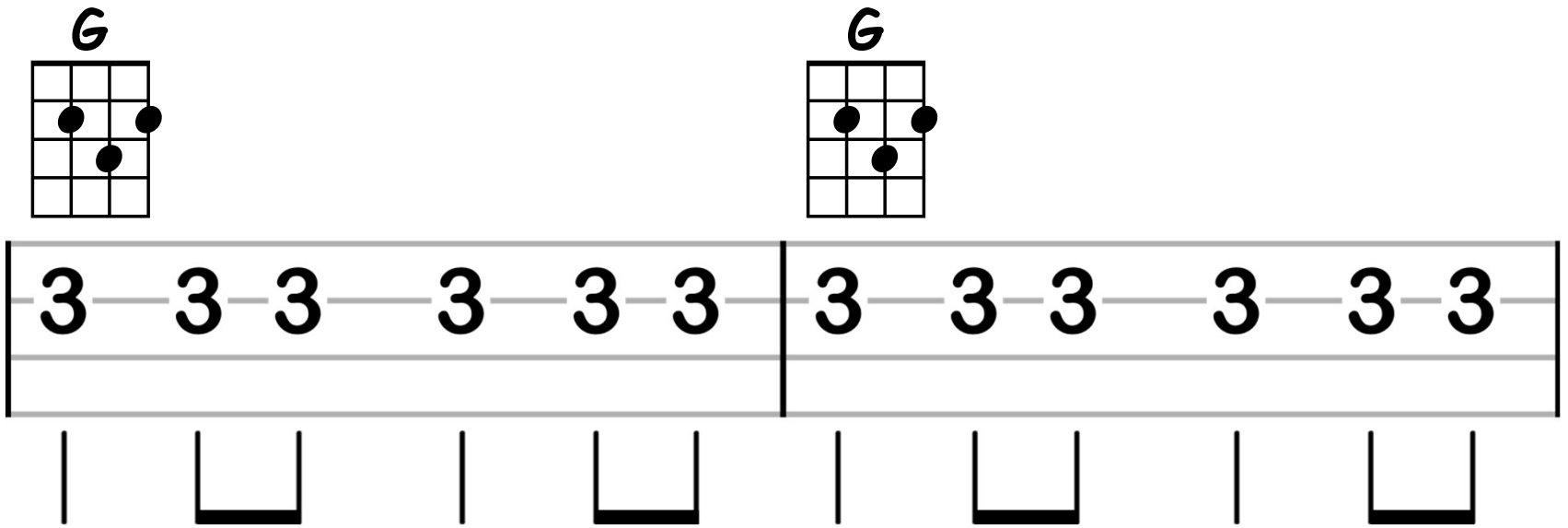
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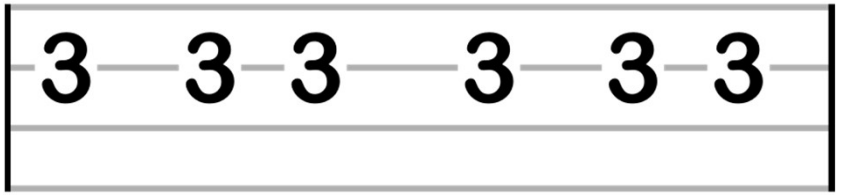
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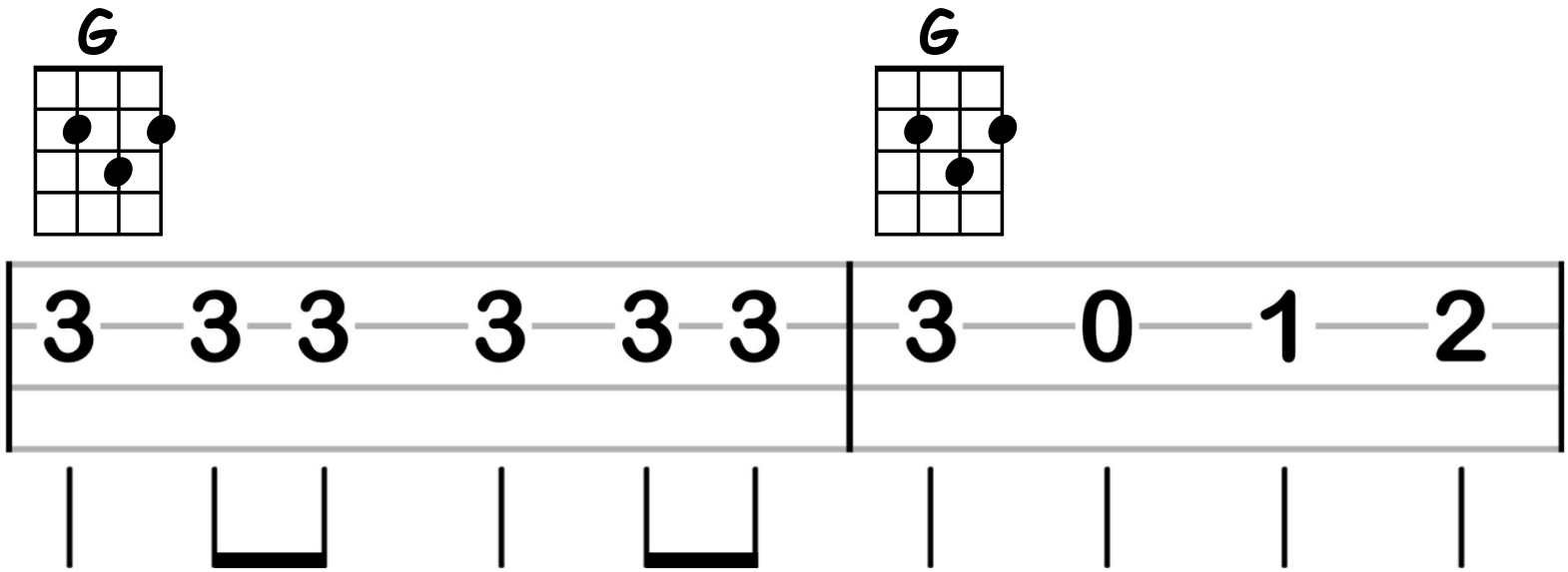
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Next: G



Interlude: 4 of 4





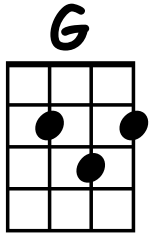
One strum per chord!

Next: Verse 2

G ***[hold]***

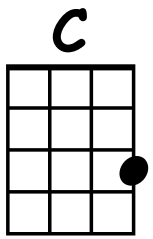
They let you dream just to…

Verse 2



[hold]

They let you dream just to watch 'em shatter you're



[hold]

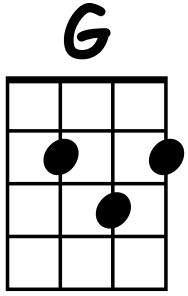
Just a step on the boss-man's ladder

Next:

G *[hold]*

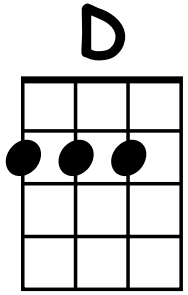
But you got dreams he'll never…

Verse 2



[hold]

But you got dreams he'll



[hold]

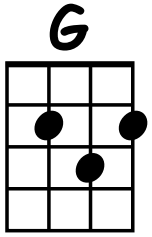
Never take a– waaay

Next:

G *[hold]*

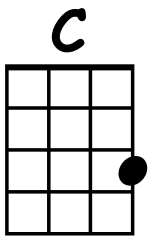
You're in the same boat with…

Verse 2



[hold]

You're in the same boat
with a lot of your friends



[hold]

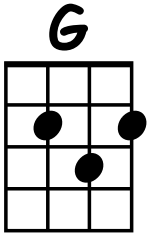
Waitin' for the day your
ship'll come in

Next:

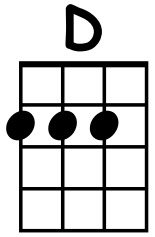
G *[hold]*

And the tide's gonna turn and…

Verse 2

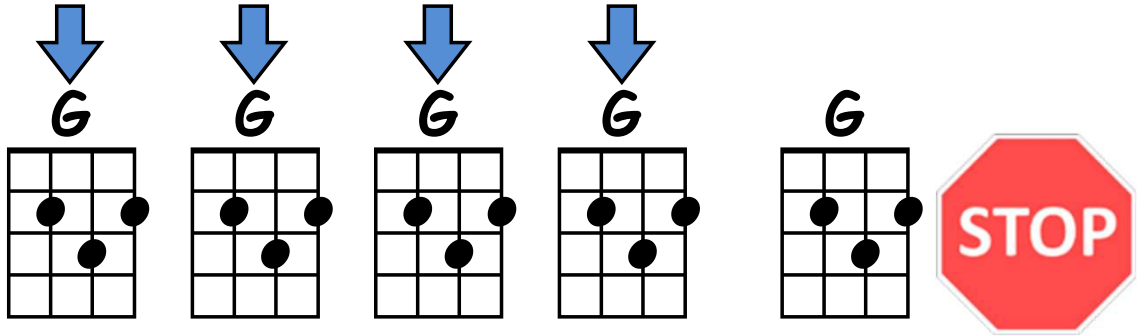


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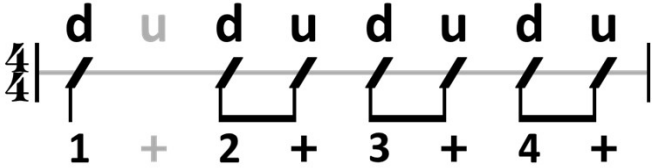
[hold]

And the tide's gonna turn and it's all



Gonna roll your waa– aa– aa– aay!

strum change!



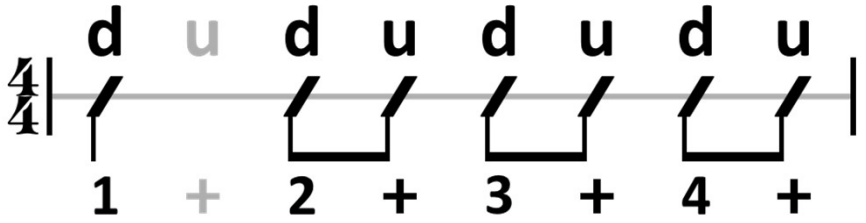
Next: Chorus 1

Strum! **C**

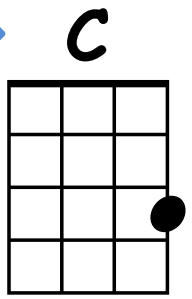
Workin' 9 / to / 5…

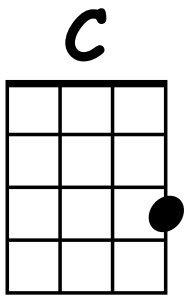
Chorus 3

strum:



Strum!





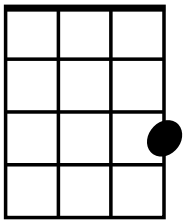
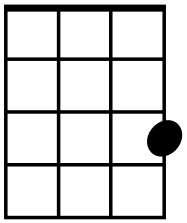
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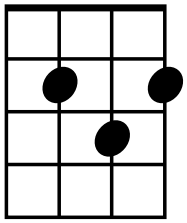
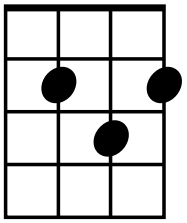
C C

What a way to make a livin'…

Chorus 3

C  C 

What a way to make a livin'

G  G 

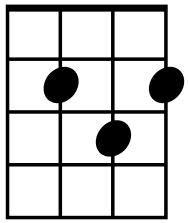
Barely , get– / tin' / by

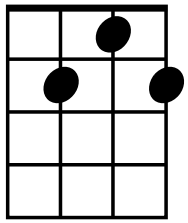
Next:

G G7

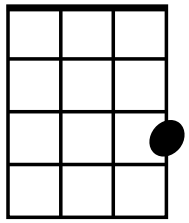
It's all takin' and no givin'…

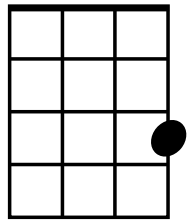
Chorus 3





It's all takin' and no givin'





They just , use / your / mind

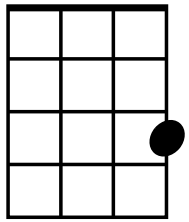
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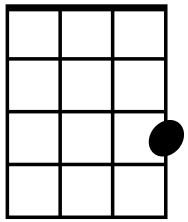
C C

And they never give you credit…

Chorus 3

C C





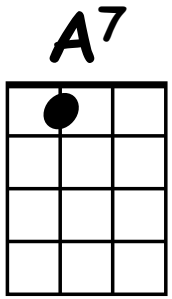
And they never give you credit

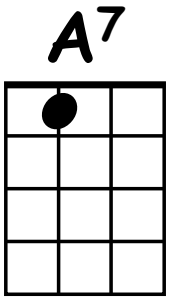
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A7 A7

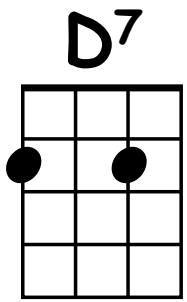
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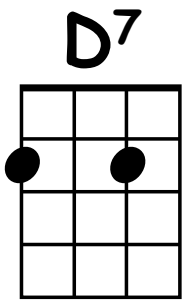
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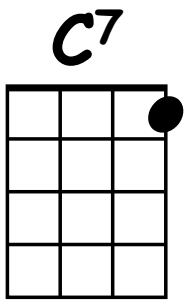


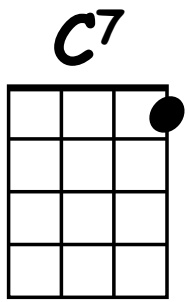


It's e– nough to drive you









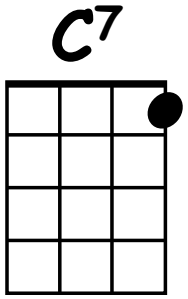
Crazy if you let it! 9 / to / 5,

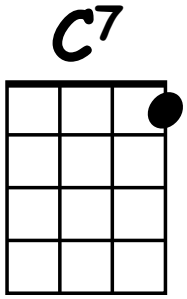
Next: Chorus 4

C7 C7

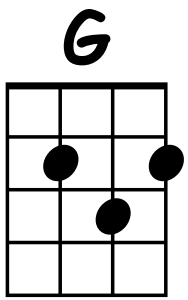
They got you where they want…

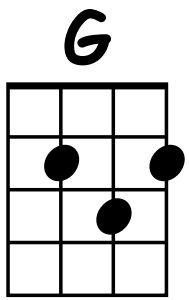
Chorus 4





They got you where they want you





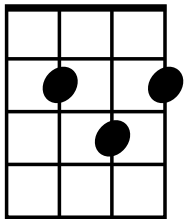
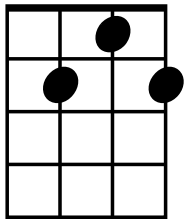
There's a , bet– / ter / life

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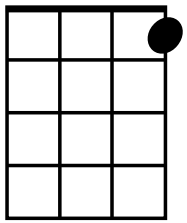
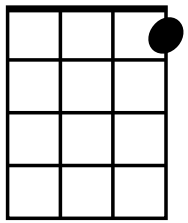
G G7

And you think about it, don't…

Chorus 4

G  G7 

And you think about it, don't you?

C7  C7 

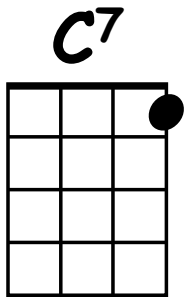
It's a , rich / man's / game

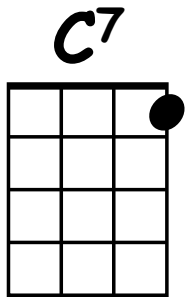
Next:

C7 C7

No matter what they call it…

Chorus 4





No matter what they call it

Next:

A7 A7

And you spend your life…

Chorus 4



And you spend your life



Puttin' money in his wallet!

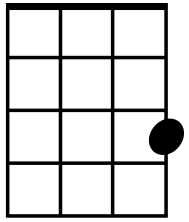
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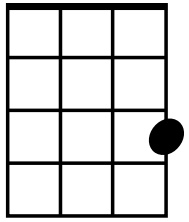
C C

9 / to / 5…

Chorus 5

C C





9 / to / 5,

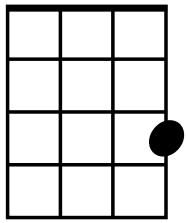
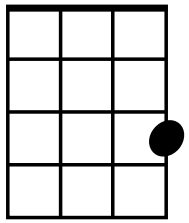
Next:

C C

What a way to make a livin'…

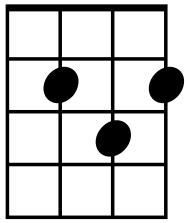
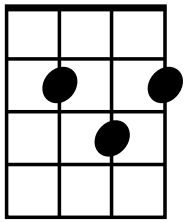
Chorus 5

C C

What a way to make a livin'

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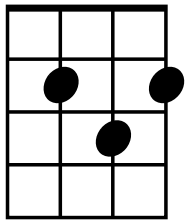
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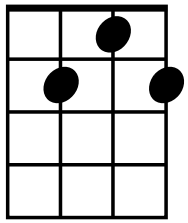
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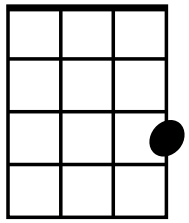
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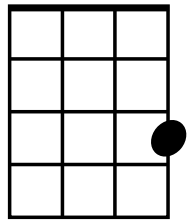
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It's all takin' and no givin'





They just , use / your / mind

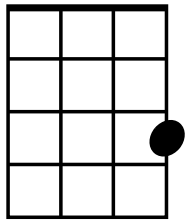
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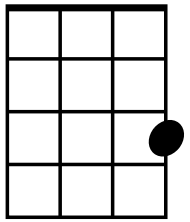
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And they never give you credit…

Chorus 5

C C





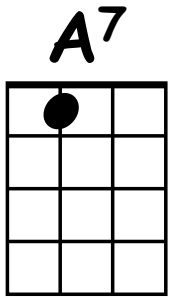
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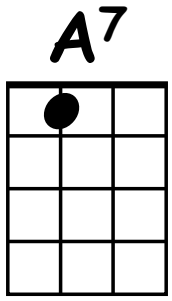
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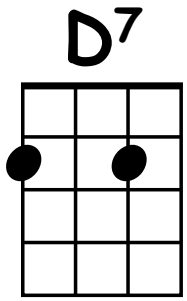
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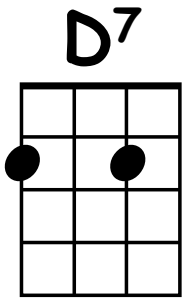
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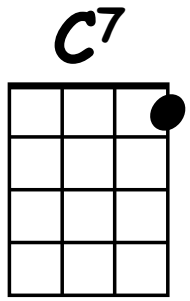


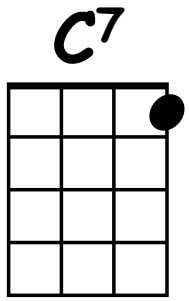


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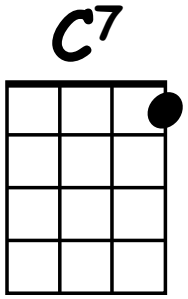
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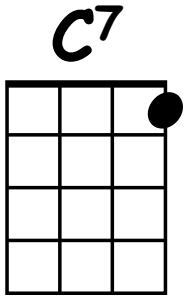
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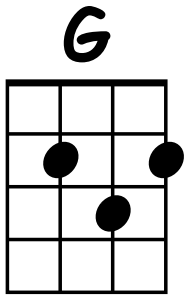
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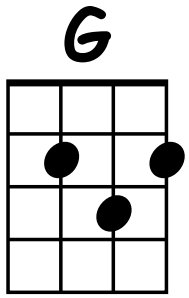
Chorus 6





They got you where they want you





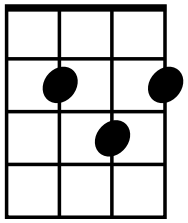
There's a , bet– / ter / life

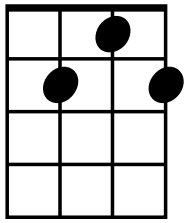
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G G7

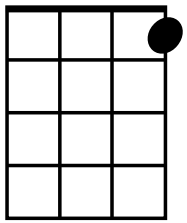
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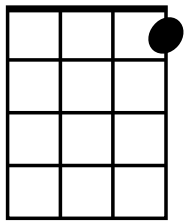
Chorus 6

G 

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C7 

C7 

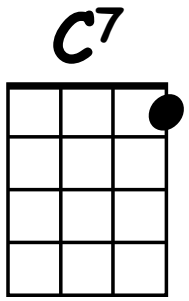
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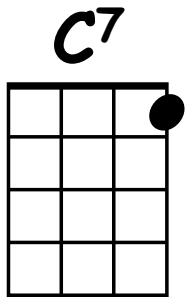
Next:

C7 C7

No matter what they call it…

Chorus 6





No matter what they call it

Next:

A7 A7

And you spend your life…

Chorus 6



And you spend your life



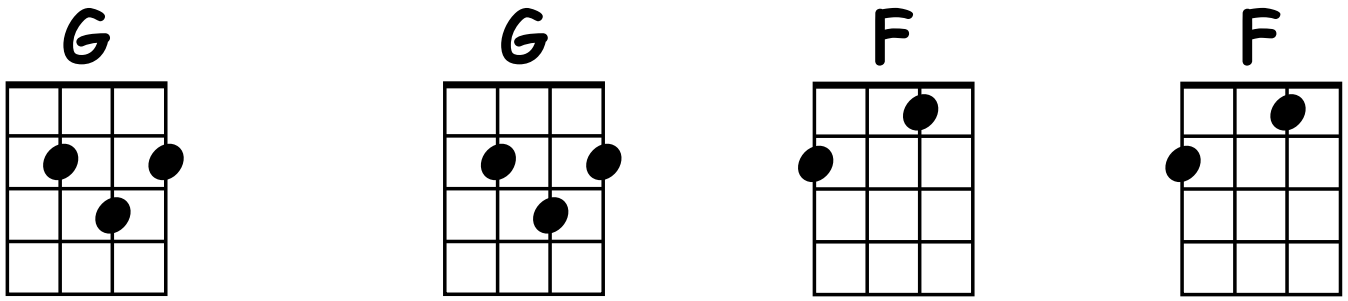
Puttin' money in his wallet!

Next: Ending

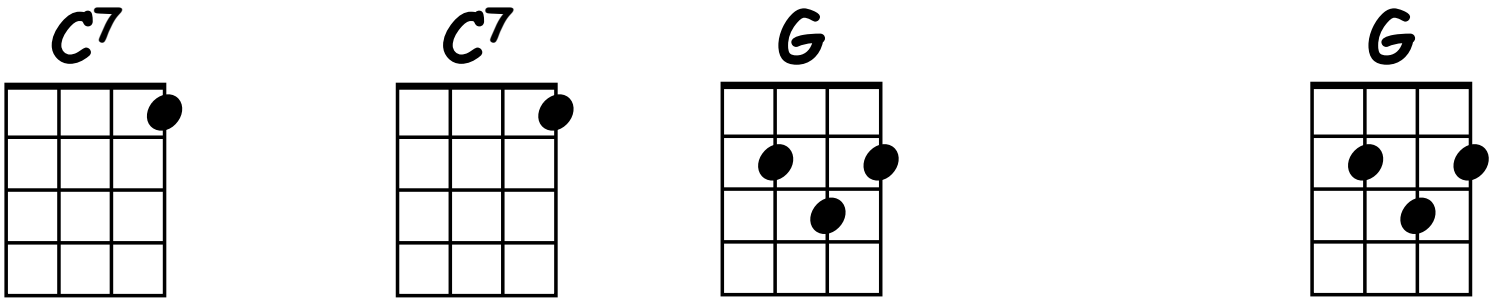
G G F F

9 to 5…

Ending



9 to 5,



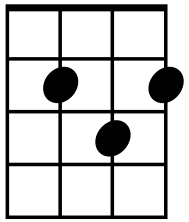
9 to 5, Workin' 9 to 5

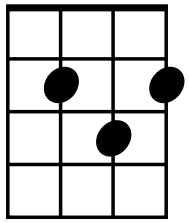
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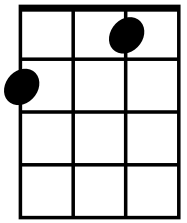
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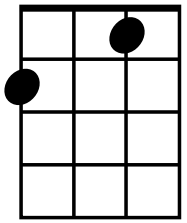
9 to 5…

Ending

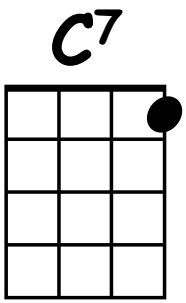


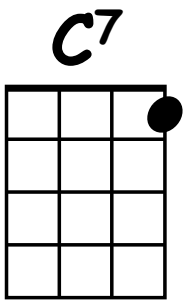


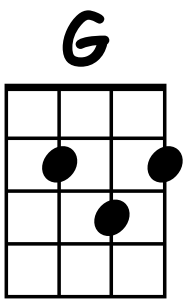


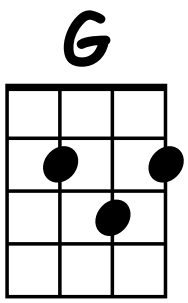


9 to 5,









9 to 5, Workin' 9 to 5

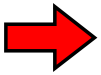
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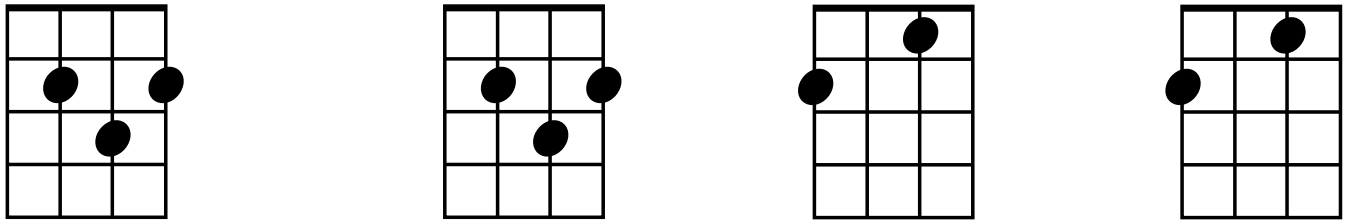
G G F F

9 to 5…



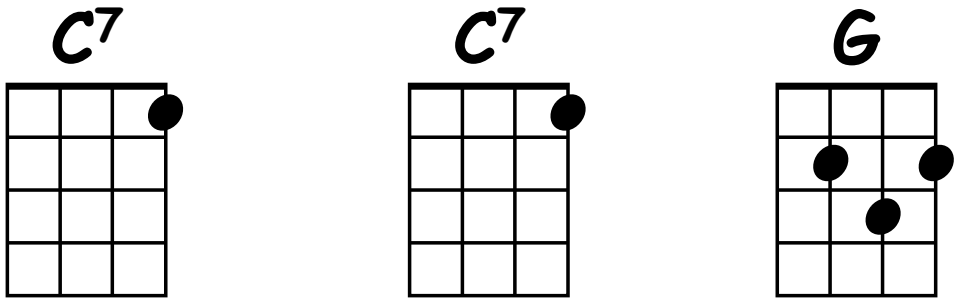
Ending

G G F F



9 to 5,

C7 C7 G



[hold]

9 to 5!

[End]



Practice Exercises



1. Rhythm Guides

Rhythm Guides

[hold] = **Strum the chord once and let it ring out**



= **Strum the chord once and then mute the strings**



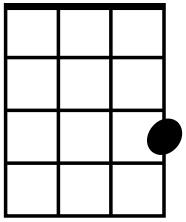
= **Resume strumming following a *[hold]* or**

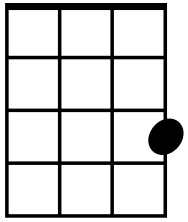


, = **Vocal rest: Pause for a beat or take a breath**

Chorus 1

Strum!

C 

C 

Workin' 9 / to / 5,

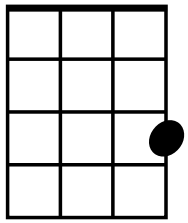
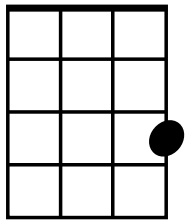
Next:

C C

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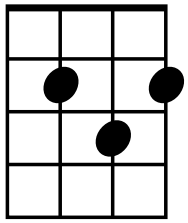
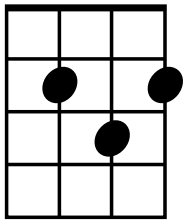
Chorus 1

C C

What a way to make a livin'

G G

Barely , get– / tin' / by

rest

Next:

G G7

It's all takin' and no givin'…

Chorus 1



It's all takin' and no givin'



They just , use / your / mind

rest

Next:

C C

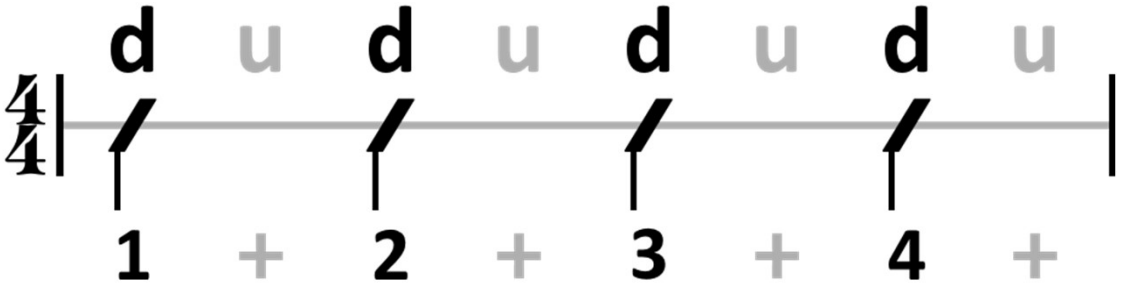
And they never give you cr

STOP



2. Verse: Chords

Exercise 1: Strum Pattern

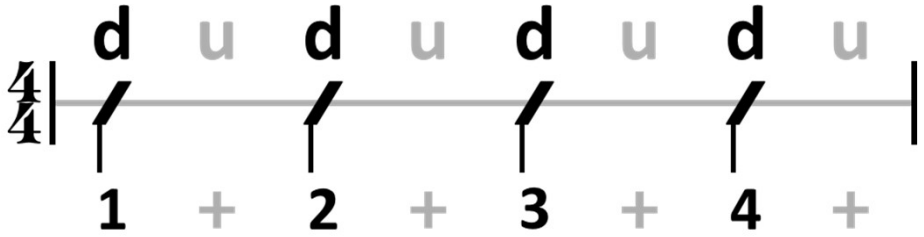


Simpler alternative:

- **One strum per chord diagram**

Exercise 2: Progression 1

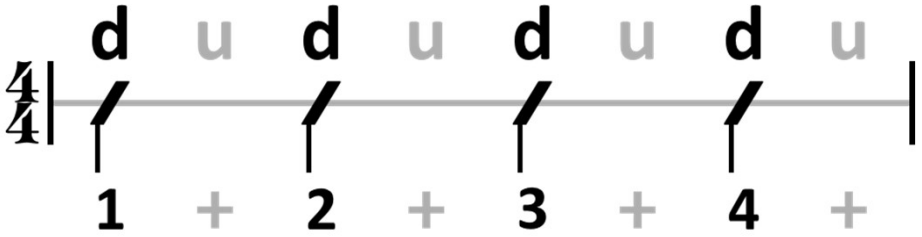
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G	G	C	C
G	G	D	D

Exercise 3: Progression 2

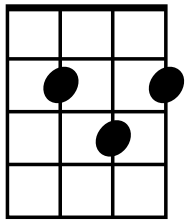
4 beats per box:



G	G	C	C
G	D	G	G

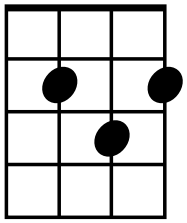
Verse 1

G



Tumble outta bed and I

G



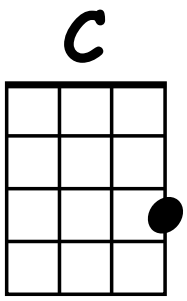
Stumble to the kitchen,

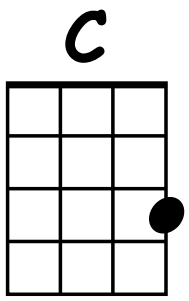
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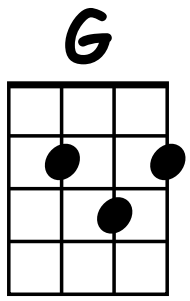
C C

Pour myself a cup of ambition…

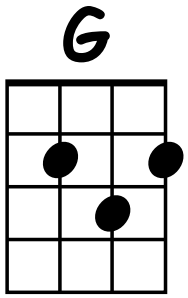
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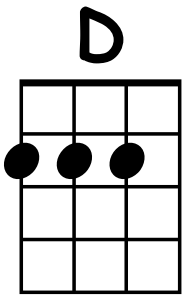


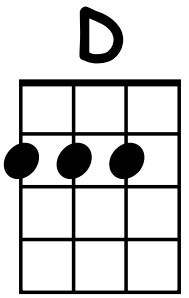




Pour myself a cup of ambition an' yawn







An' stretch an' try to come to life

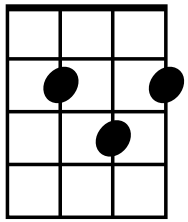
Next:

G

Jump in the show'r and the…

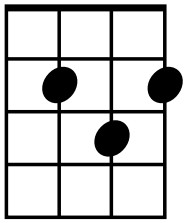
Verse 1

G



Jump in the show'r and the

G



Blood starts pumpin',

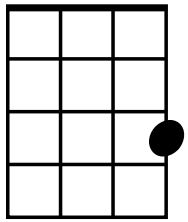
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C C

Out on the street the traffic…

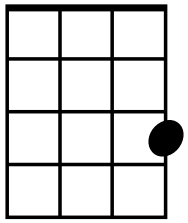
Verse 1

C



Out on the street

C



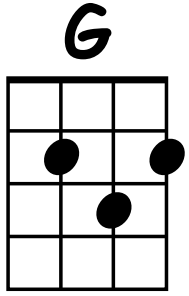
The traffic starts jumpin' with

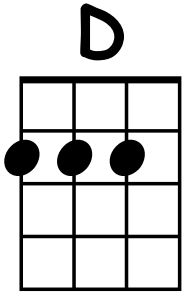
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G D

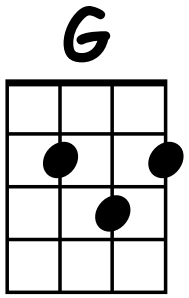
Folks like me on the job…

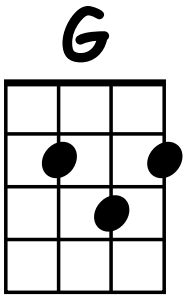
Verse 1





Folks like me on the job

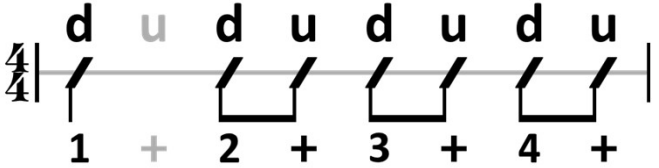






From 9 to 5

strum change!



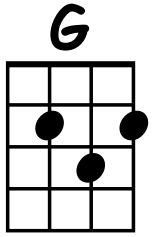
Next: Chorus 1

Strum! C C

Workin' 9 / to / 5...

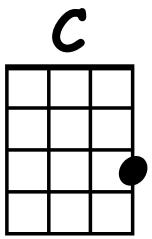


Verse 2



[hold]

They let you dream just to watch 'em shatter



[hold]

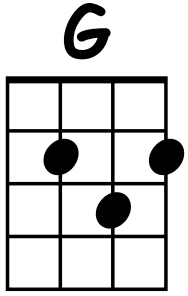
You're just a step on the boss-man's ladder

Next:

G *[hold]*

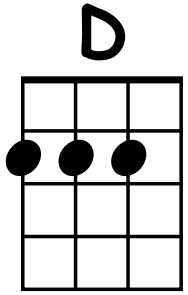
But you got dreams he'll never…

Verse 2



[hold]

But you got dreams he'll



[hold]

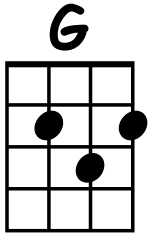
Never take a– waaay

Next:

G *[hold]*

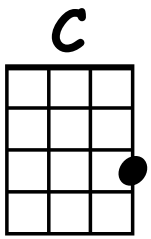
You're in the same boat with…

Verse 2



[hold]

You're in the same boat
with a lot of your friends



[hold]

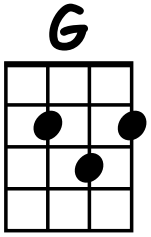
Waitin' for the day your
ship'll come in

Next:

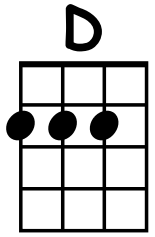
G *[hold]*

And the tide's gonna turn and…

Verse 2

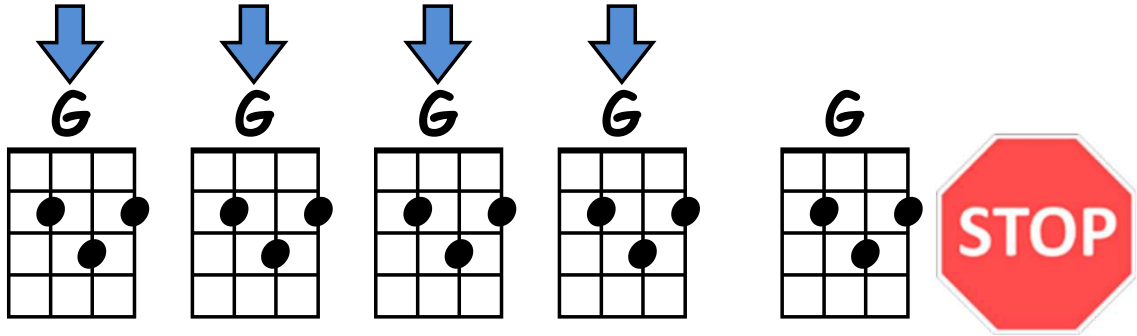


[hold]



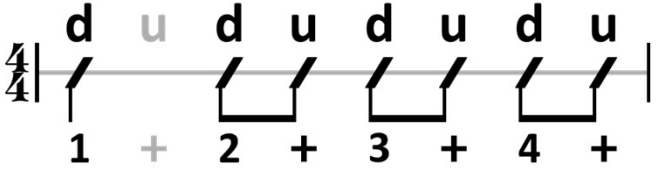
[hold]

And the tide's gonna turn and it's all



Gonna roll your waa– aa– aa– aay!

strum change!



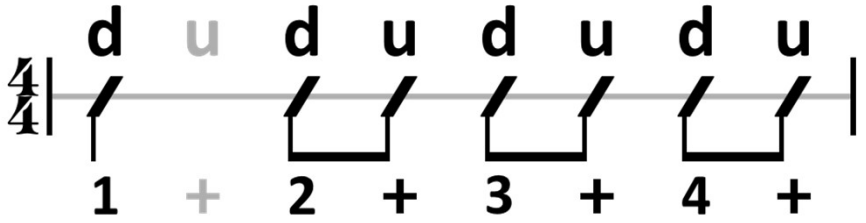
Next: Chorus 1

Strum! **C**

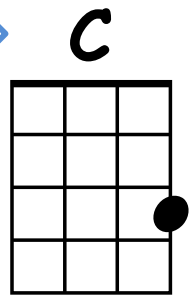
Workin' 9 / to / 5…

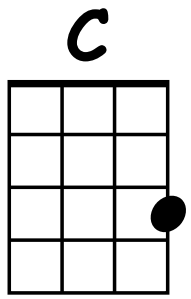
Chorus 3

strum:



Strum!





Workin' 9 / to / 5,

Next:

C C

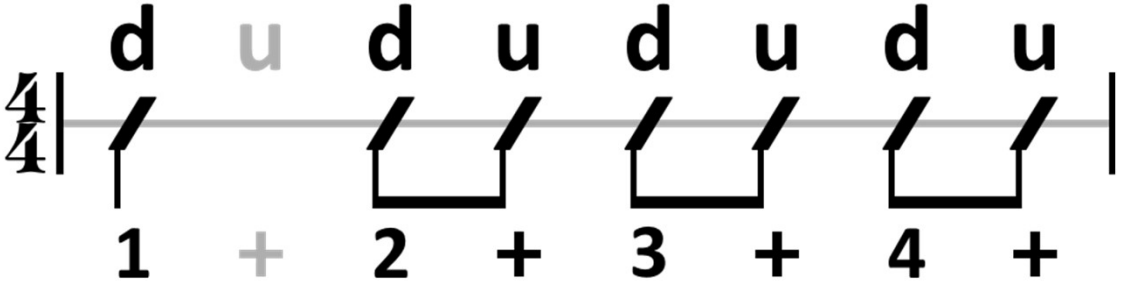
What a way to make a livi





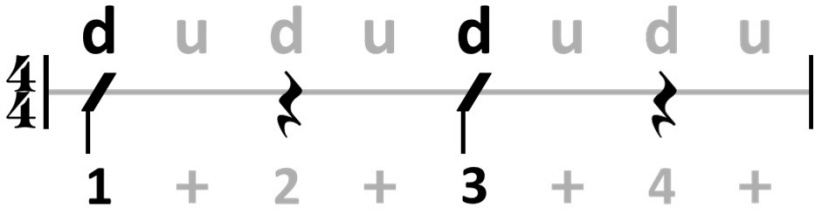
3. Chorus: Chords

Exercise 4: Strum Pattern



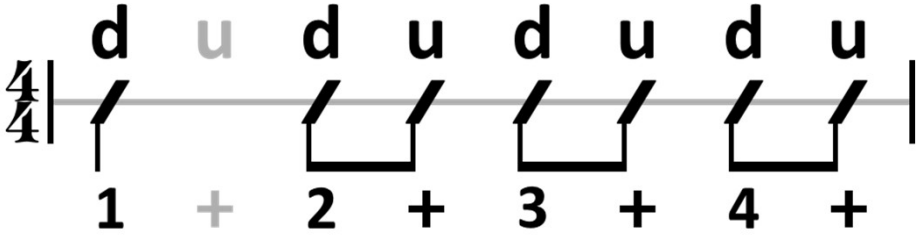
Simpler alternatives:

- One strum per chord diagram
- Two strums per chord diagram:



Exercise 5a: Progression 3

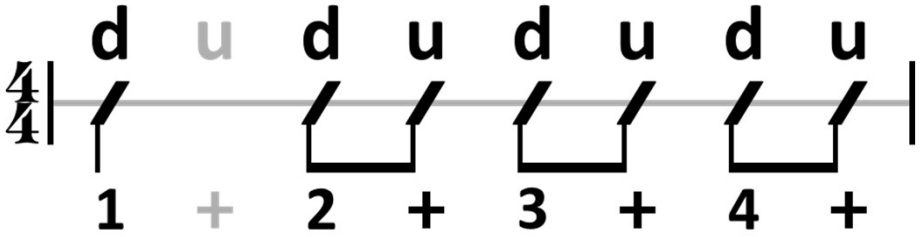
4 beats per box:



C	C	C	C
G	G	G	G^7

Exercise 5b: Progression 4

4 beats per box:

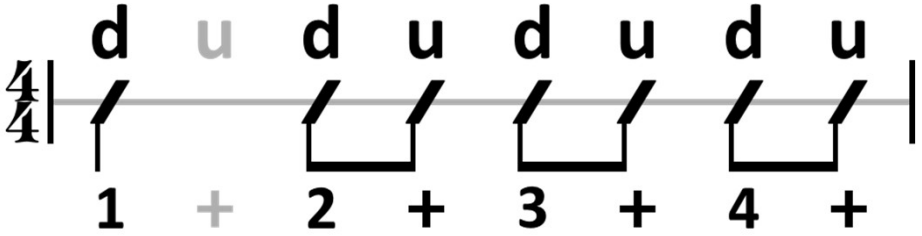


C	C	C	C
A^7	A^7	D^7	D^7



Exercise 6a: Progression 5

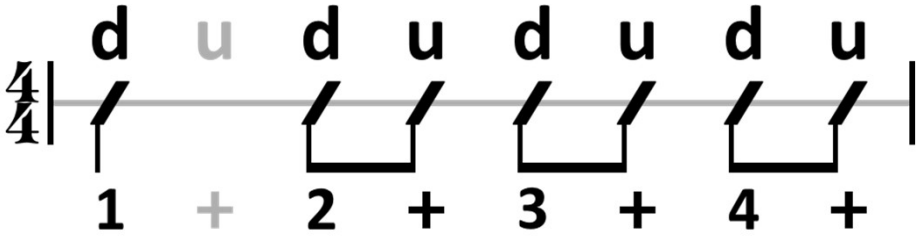
4 beats per box:



C7	C7	C7	C7
G	G	G	G7

Exercise 6b: Progression 6

4 beats per box:

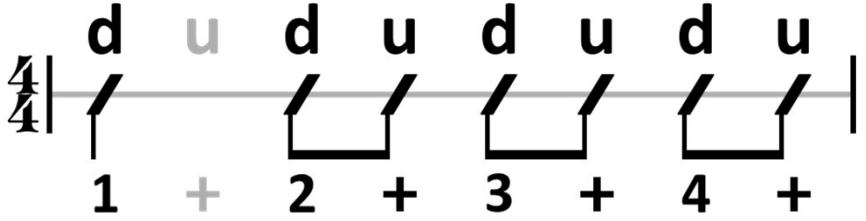


C7	C7	C7	C7
A7	A7	D7	D7

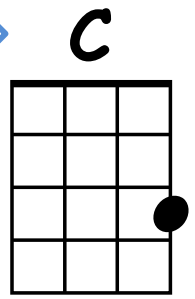


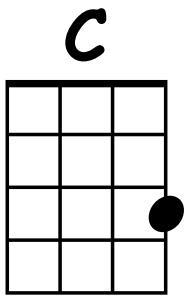
Chorus 1

strum:



Strum!





Workin' 9 / to / 5,

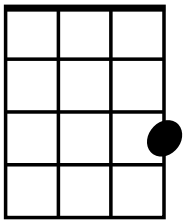
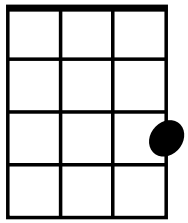
Next:

C C

What a way to make a livin'…

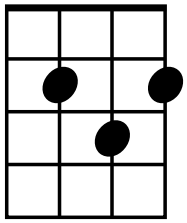
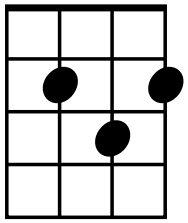
Chorus 1

C C

What a way to make a livin', barely

G G

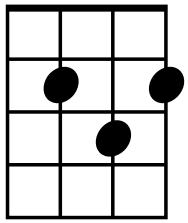
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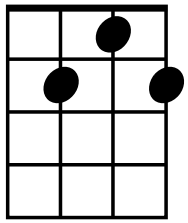
Next:

G G7

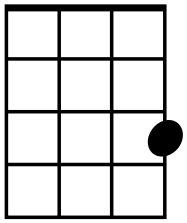
It's all takin' and no givin'…

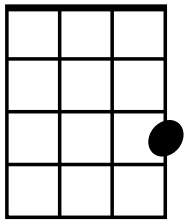
Chorus 1





It's all takin' and no givin'. They just





, Use / your / mind

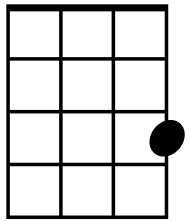
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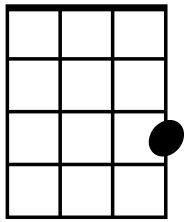
C C

And they never give you credit...

Chorus 1

C C





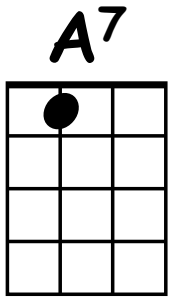
And they never give you credit

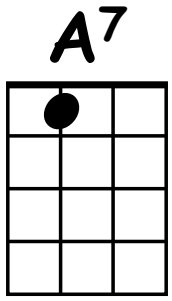
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A7 A7

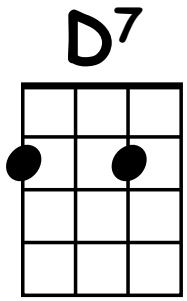
It's e– nough to drive you…

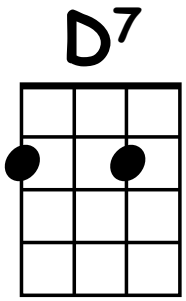
Chorus 1

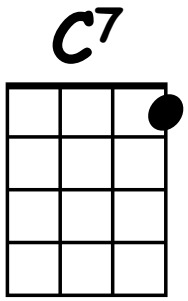


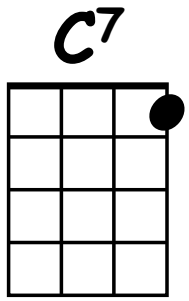


It's e– nough to drive you









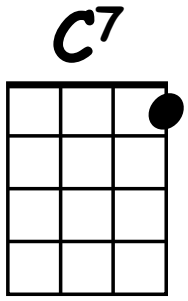
Crazy if you let it! 9 / to / 5,

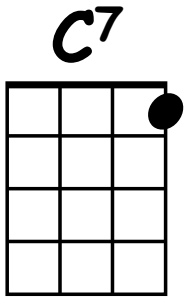
Next: Chorus 2

C7 C7

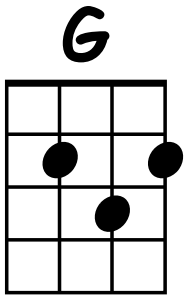
For service and de– votion you…

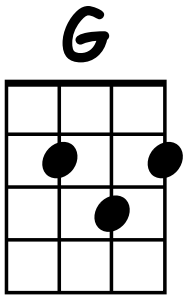
Chorus 2





For service and de– votion you would





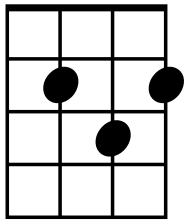
, Think / that / I

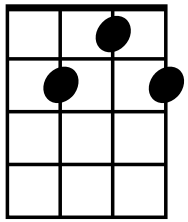
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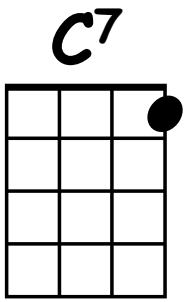
Would de– serve a fair…

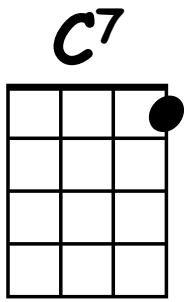
Chorus 2





Would de– serve a fair pro– motion





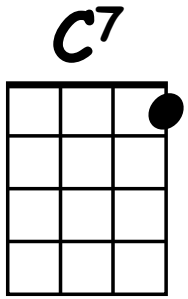
Want to , move / a– / head

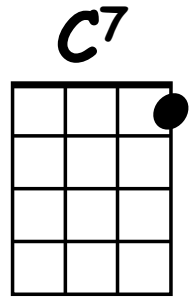
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But the boss won't seem to…

Chorus 2





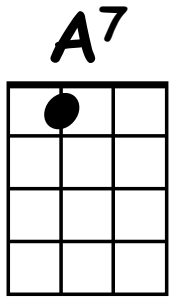
But the boss won't seem to let me

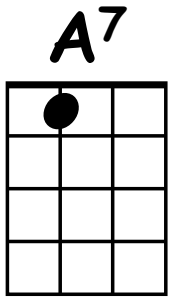
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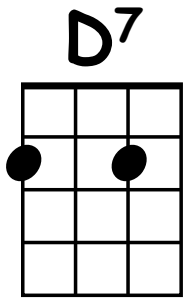
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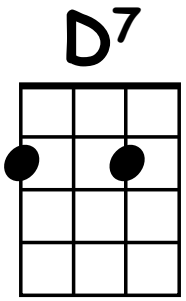
Chorus 2





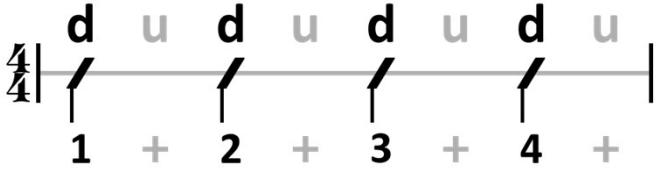
I swear sometimes that man is





Out to get me!

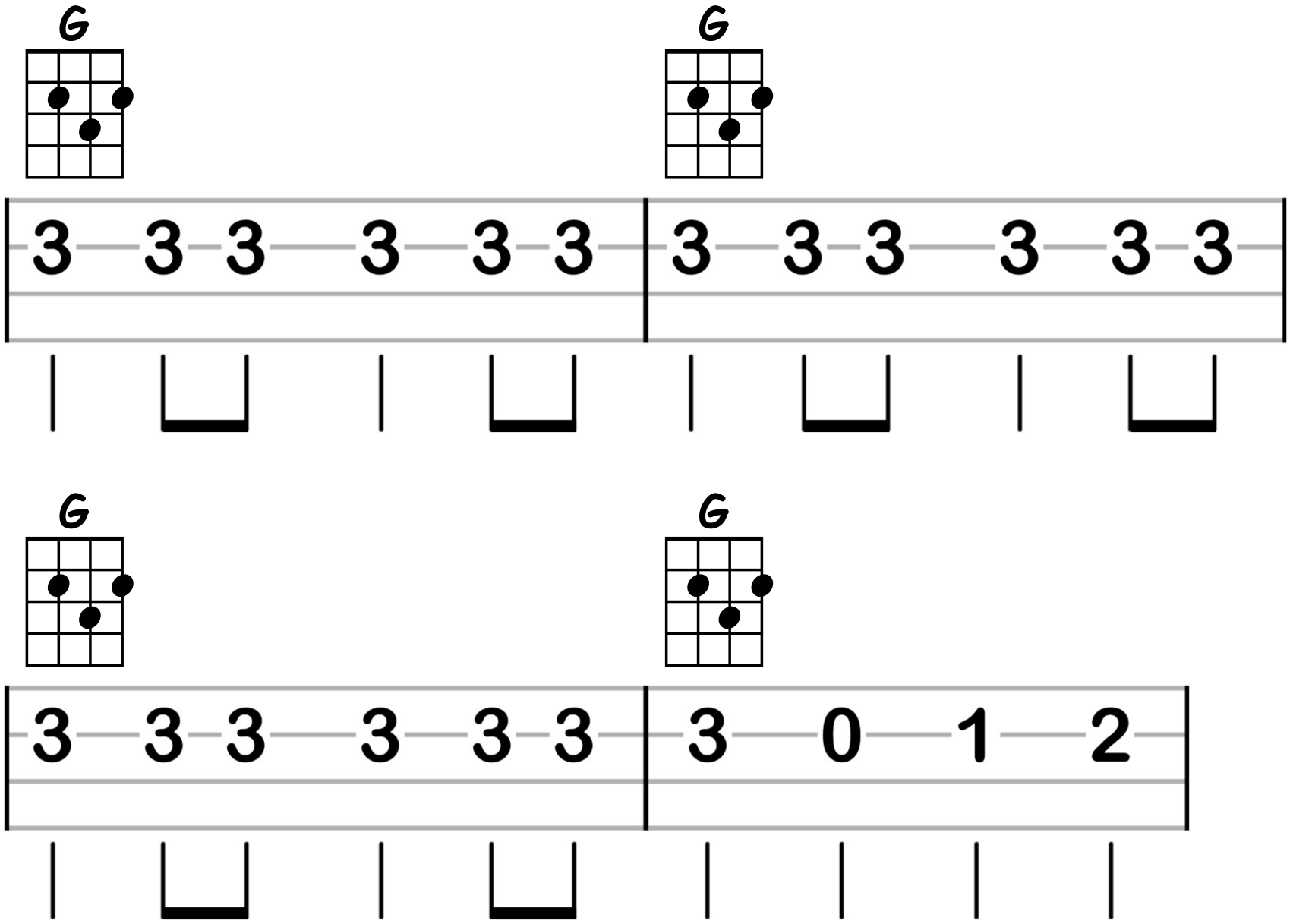
strum change!



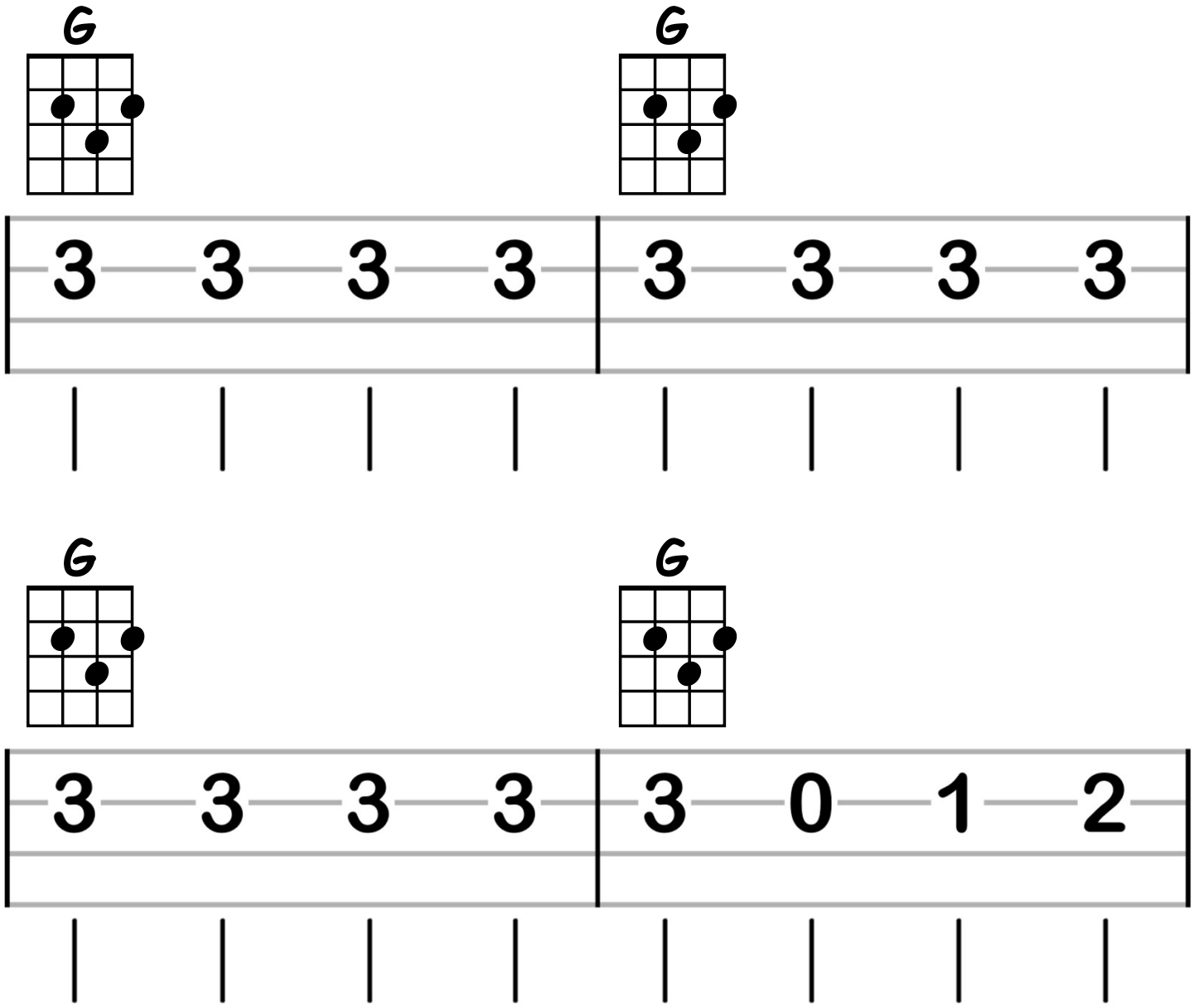


4. Intro/Interlude Tab

Exercise 7: Tab



Exercise 7a: Tab

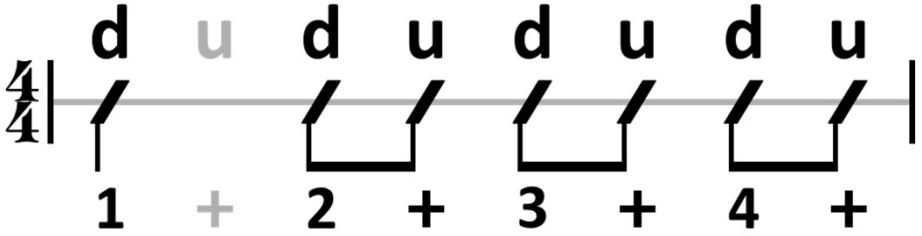




5. Ending

Exercise 8: Progression 7

4 beats per box:



G	G	F	F
C7	C7	G	G

Chorus 6



And you spend your life



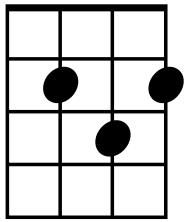
Puttin' money in his wallet!

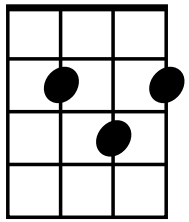
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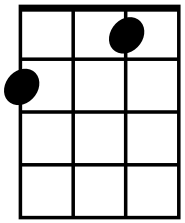
G G F F

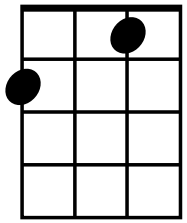
9 to 5…

Ending

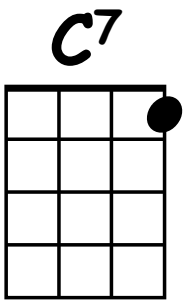


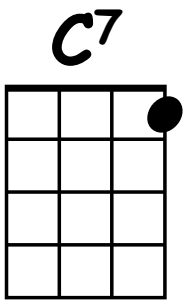


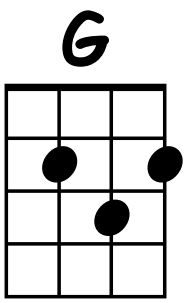


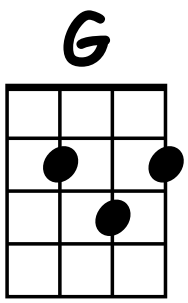


9 to 5,









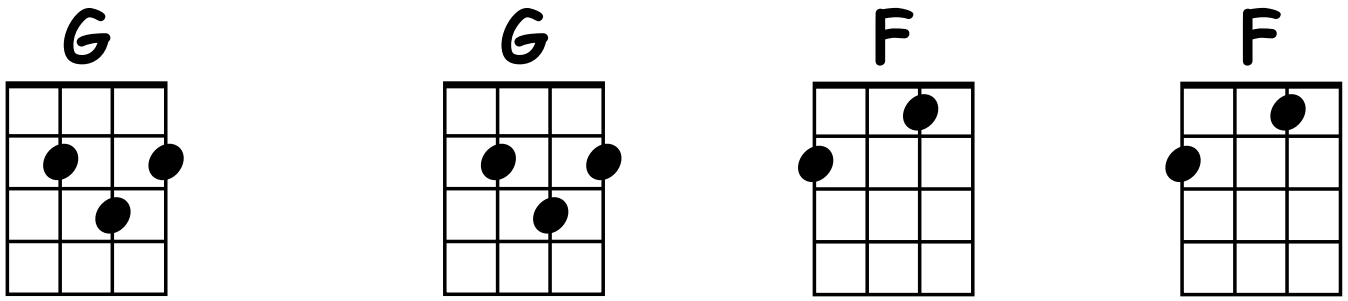
9 to 5, Workin' 9 to 5

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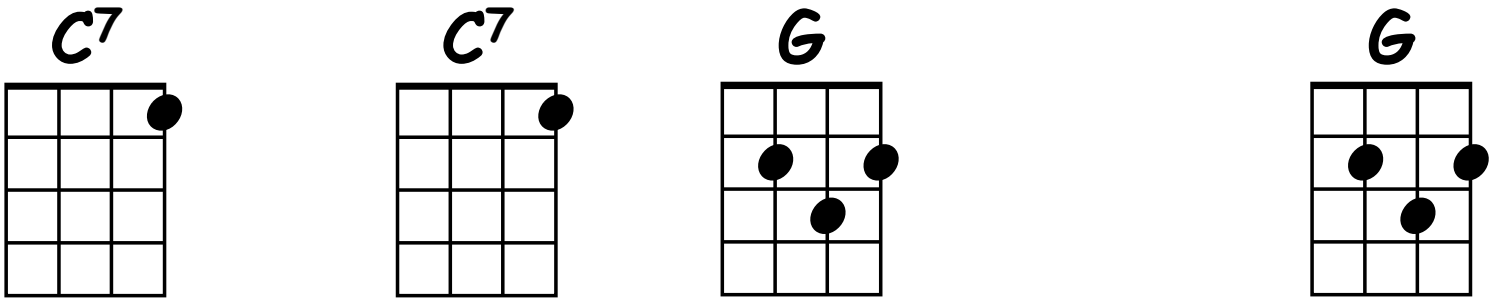
G G F F

9 to 5…

Ending



9 to 5,



9 to 5, Workin' 9 to 5

Last page next!

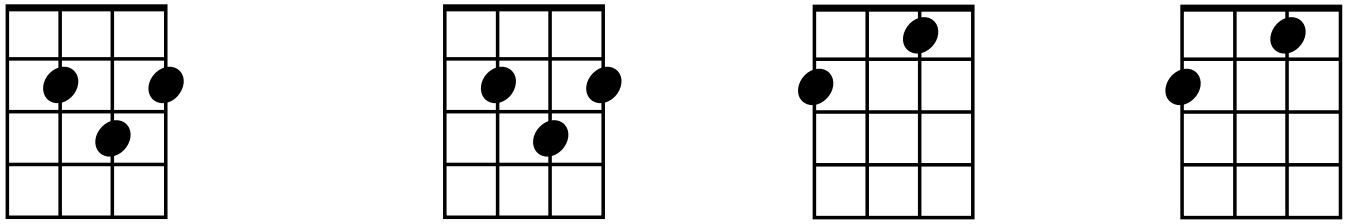
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G G F F

9 to 5…

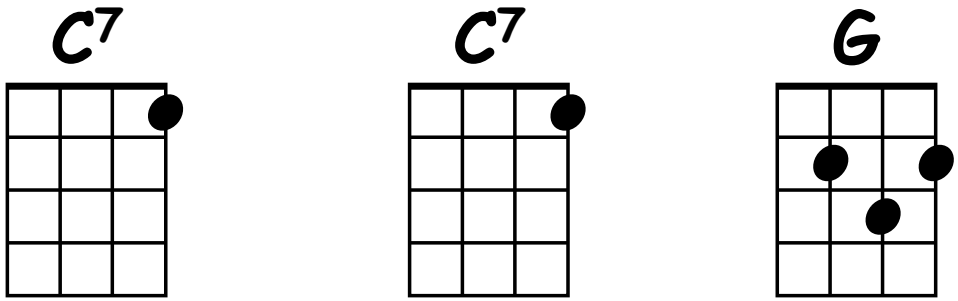
Ending

G G F F



9 to 5,

C^7 C^7 G



9 to 5!

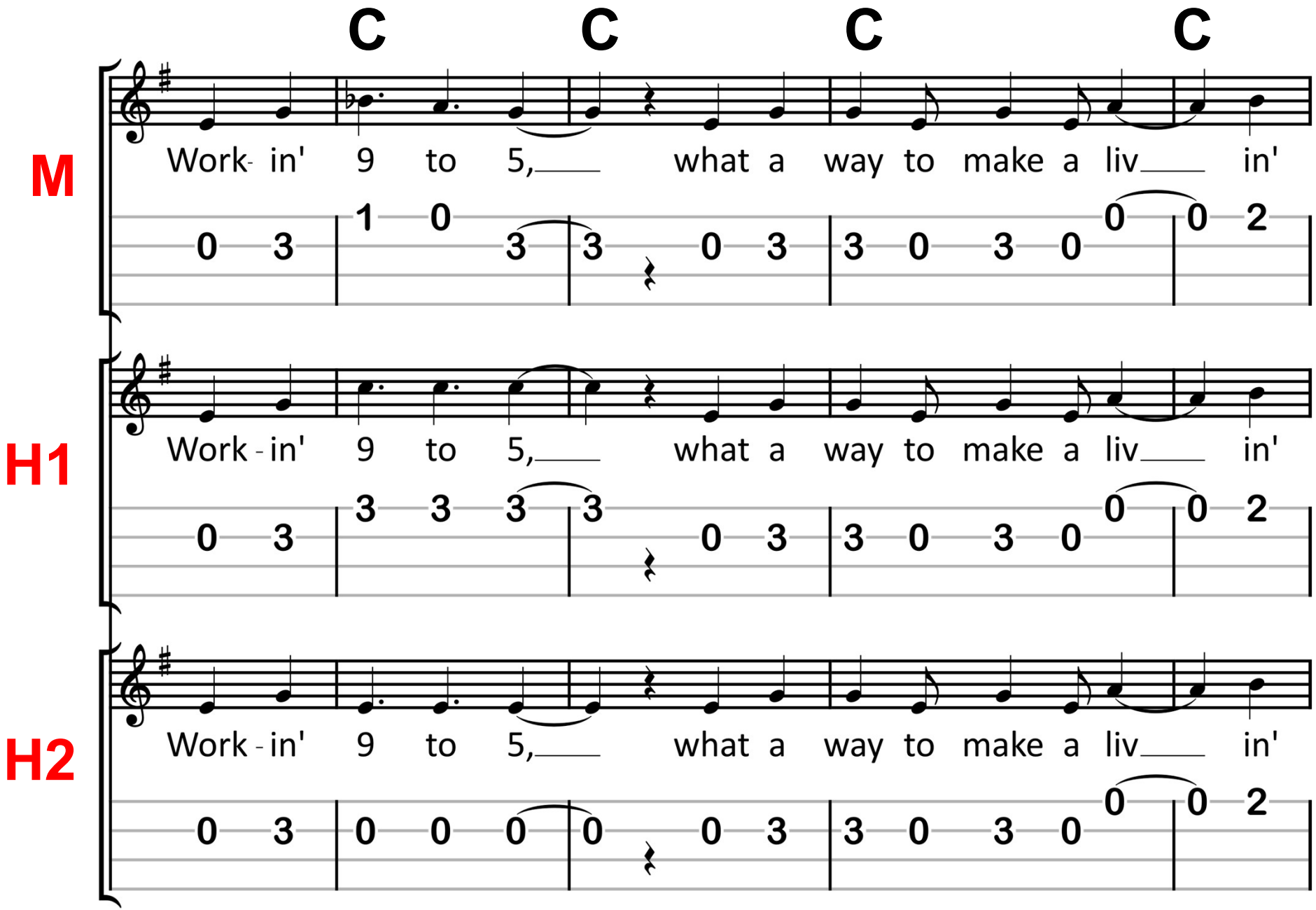
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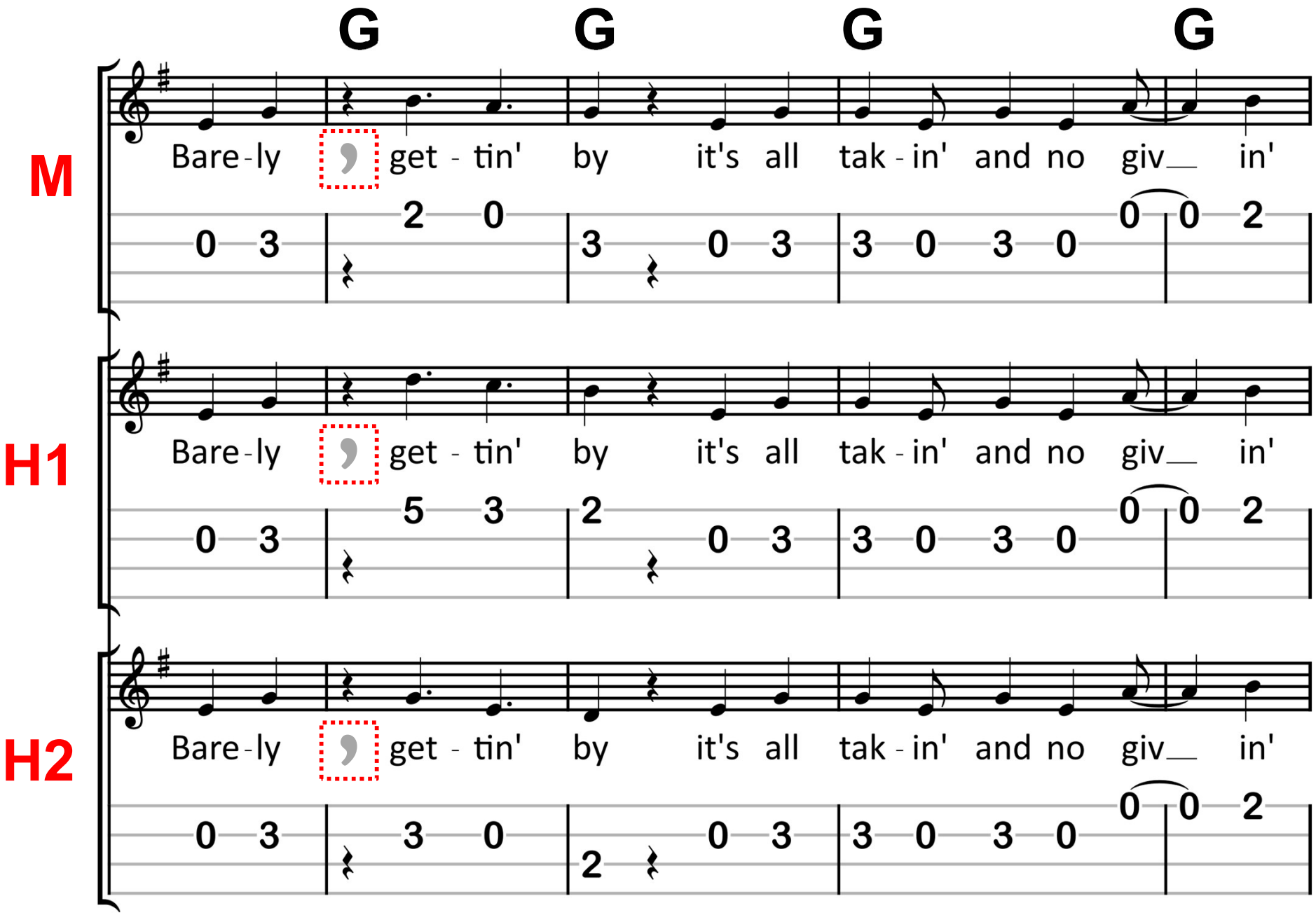


6. Chorus Vocals
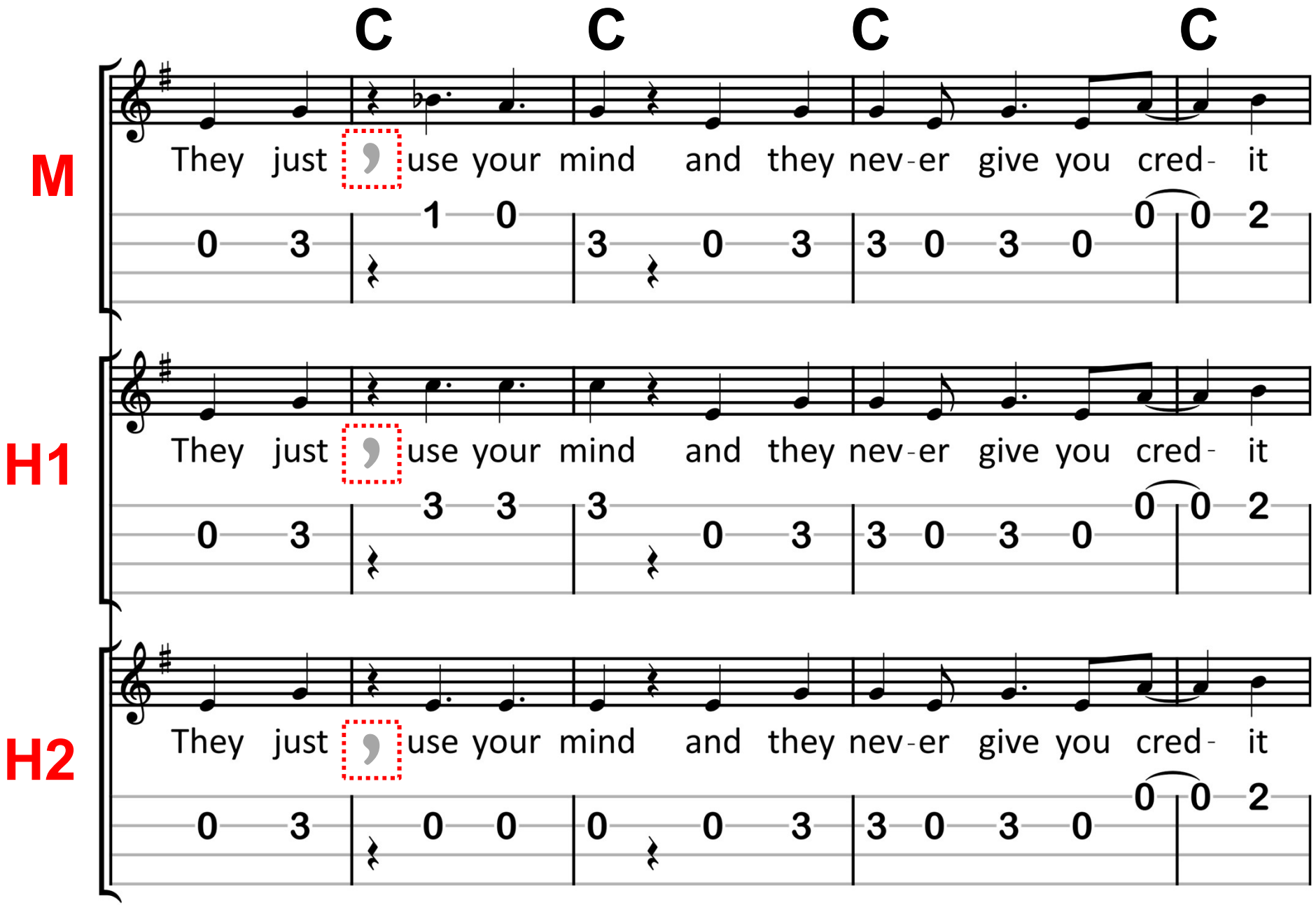
Exercise 9: Chorus Melody



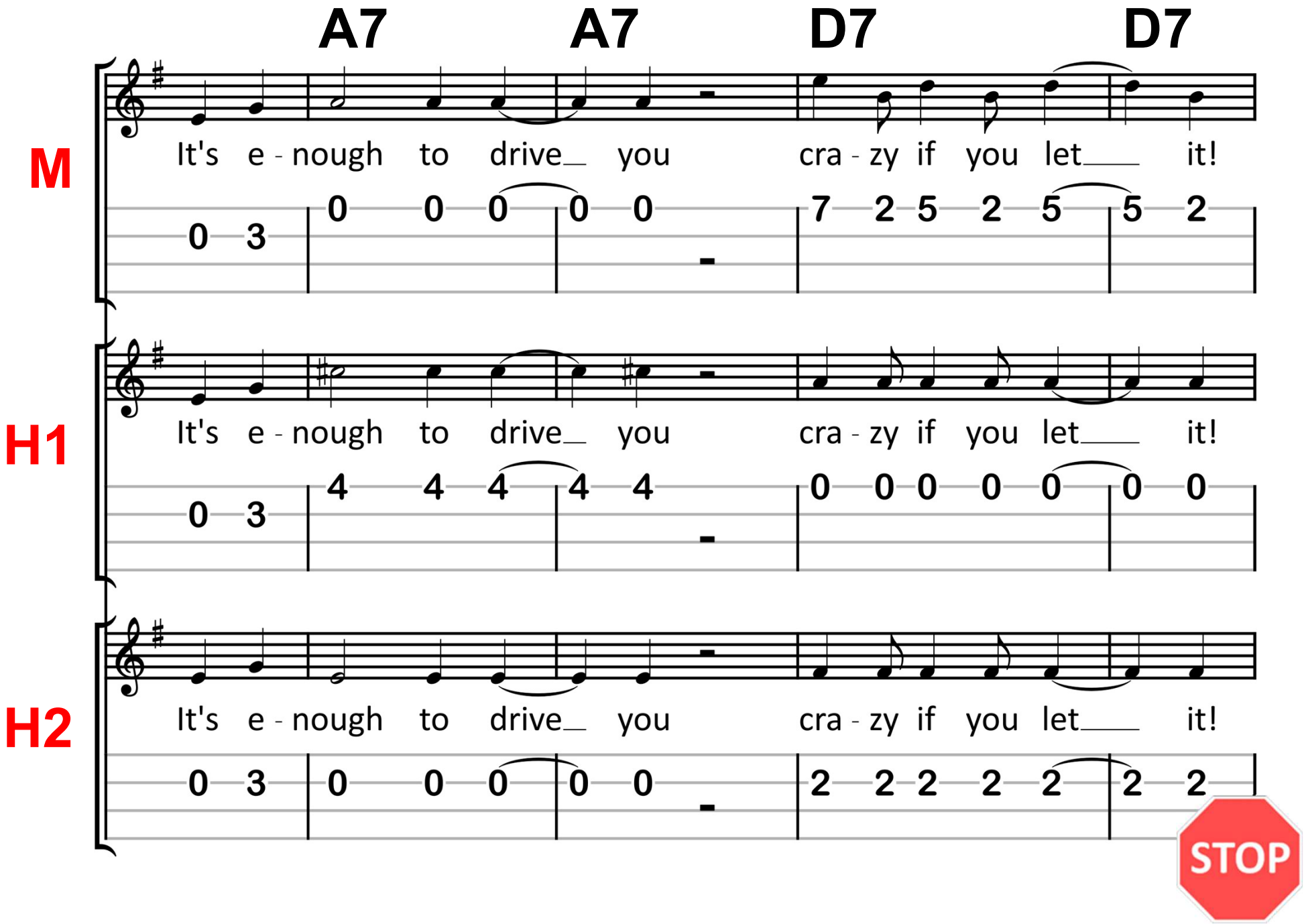
Exercise 9: Chorus Melody



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