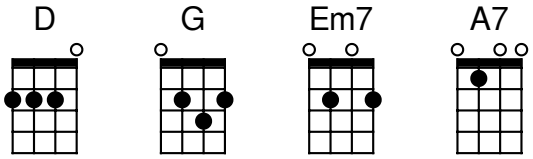
A Pirate Looks at 40

Jimmy Buffett, 1974



[D] **[D]**
[D] Mother, mother **[D]** ocean,
[D] ' I have heard you **[D]** call
[G] Wanted to sail u-**[G]**pon your waters
[G] Since I was three feet **[D]** tall
You've seen it **[Em7]** all,
[A7] ' ' You've seen it **[D]** all **[D]**

[D] ' Watch the men who **[D]** rode you,
[D] ' Switch from sails to **[D]** steam
And **[G]** in your belly you **[G]** hold the treasure that
[G] Few have ever **[D]** seen
Most of them **[Em7]** dreams,
[A7] ' ' Most of them **[D]** dreams **[D]**

[D] Yes I am a **[D]** pirate,
[D] Two hundred years too **[D]** late
The **[G]** cannons don't thunder, there's **[G]** nothin' to plunder,
I'm an **[G]** over forty victim of **[D]** fate
Arriving too, **[Em7]** late,
[A7] ' ' Arriving too **[D]** late **[D]**

[D] I've done a bit of **[D]** smugglin'
[D] I've run my share of **[D]** grass
I **[G]** made enough money to **[G]** buy Miami
But I **[G]** pissed it away so **[D]** fast
Never meant to **[Em7]** last,
[A7] ' ' Never meant to **[D]** last **[D]**

[D] I have been drunk now for **[D]** over two weeks
I **[D]** passed out and I rallied and I **[D]** sprung a few leaks
But I've **[G]** got to stop wishin', **[G]** got to go fishin'
I'm **[G]** down to rock bottom a-**[D]**gain
With just a few **[Em7]** friends,
[A7] ' ' Just a few **[D]** friends **[D]**

[D] I go for younger **[D]** women,
[D] Lived with several a-**[D]**while
Though I **[G]** ran away, they'll come **[G]** back one day,
[G] Still could manage a **[D]** smile
Just takes a **[Em7]** while,
[A7] ' ' Just takes a **[D]** while **[D]**

[D] ’ Mother, mother ocean,
After **[D]** all these years I’ve **[D]** found
My **[G]** occupational **[G]** hazard being,
My **[G]** occupation’s just not a-**[D]**round
Feel like I’ve **[Em7]** drowned,
[A7] ’ ’ Gonna head up-**[D]**town **[D]**

Feel like I’ve **[Em7]** drowned,
[A7] ’ ’ Gonna head up-**[D]**town **[D] /(hold)**