Ripple

Robert Hunter 1970   (recorded by Grateful Dead)

F   Bb   C   Gm   G7   C7
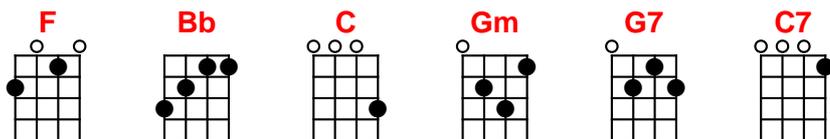
Intro: Instrumental Verse
[F] If my words did glow   with the gold of **[Bb]** sunshine
And my **[Bb]** tunes were played   on the harp un-**[F]**-strung
Would you hear my **[F]** voice   come through the **[Bb]** music?
Would you **[F]** hold it **[C]** near   **[Bb]** as it were your **[F]** own?

Verse 1:
[F] If my words did glow   with the gold of **[Bb]** sunshine
And my **[Bb]** tunes were played   on the harp un-**[F]**-strung
Would you hear my **[F]** voice   come through the **[Bb]** music?
Would you **[F]** hold it **[C]** near   **[Bb]** as it were your **[F]** own?

Verse 2:
[F] It's a hand-me-down,   the thoughts are **[Bb]** broken
Per-**[Bb]**-haps they're better left un-**[F]**-sung
I don't **[F]** know,   don't really **[Bb]** care
[F] Let there be **[C]** songs   **[Bb]** to fill the **[F]** air

Chorus:
[Gm] Ripple in still **[C]** water
When there **[F]** is no pebble **[Bb]** tossed
Nor **[G7]** wind to **[C7]** blow

Instrumental Chorus:
[Gm] Ripple in still **[C]** water
When there **[F]** is no pebble **[Bb]** tossed
Nor **[G7]** wind to **[C7]** blow

Verse 3:
[F] Reach out your hand   if your cup be **[Bb]** empty
If your **[Bb]** cup is full, may it be a-**[F]**-gain
Let it be **[F]** known there is a **[Bb]** fountain
[F] That was not **[C]** made   **[Bb]** by the hands of **[F]** men

Verse 4:
[F] There is a road,   no simple **[Bb]** highway
Be-**[Bb]**-tween the dawn and the dark of **[F]** night
And if you **[F]** go,   no one may **[Bb]** follow
[F] That path is **[C]** for   **[Bb]** your steps a-**[F]**-lone

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Verse 5:
[F] You who choose   to lead must **[Bb]** follow
But **[Bb]** if you fall, you fall a-**[F]**-lone
If you should **[F]** stand, then who's to **[Bb]** guide you?
[F] If I knew the **[C]** way **[Bb]** I would take you **[F]** home

La da da **[F]** da; La da-ah da **[Bb]** da-ah da...
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La da da **[F]** da; La da-ah da **[Bb]** da-ah da...
[F] La da da **[C]** da **[Bb]** La da-ah **[F]** da (Hold)