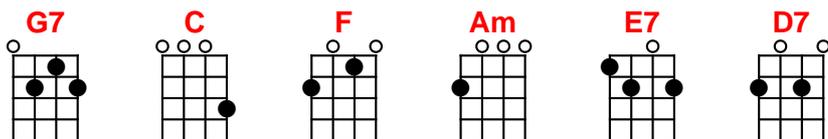


# He played the ukulele as the ship went down

Arthur Le Clerq (1931)



Intro:

For he [G7] played his ukulele as the [C] ship [F] went [C] down

I'll [C] tell the tale of the [F] Nancy Lee  
The [G7] ship that got ship-[C]wrecked at [G7] sea  
The [C] bravest man was [F] Captain Brown  
For he [G7] played his ukulele as the [C] ship [F] went [C] down

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[Am] Some rushed here and [D7] some rushed [G7] there  
But the [C] Captain sat in the [F] Captain's chair  
And he [G7] played the ukulele as the [C] ship [F] went [C] down

Now the [C] Captain said to [F] Fireman Mose,  
"Best [G7] pull on your [C] fireman's [G7] clothes  
While [C] you stand and [F] squirt your hose  
I'll [G7] play the ukulele as the [C] ship [F] goes [C] down."

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Now the [C] owners signaled [F] to the crew  
To [G7] do the best [C] that they could [G7] do  
"We're [C] only insured for [F] half a crown  
So we'll [G7] be out of pocket if the [C] ship [F] goes [C] down."

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The [Am] crow's nest fell and it [F] killed the [E7] crew  
The [Am] starboard watch was [D7] two hours [G7] slow  
But the [C] Captain sung "Fal-[F] doh-dee-oh-doh,"  
And he [G7] played the ukulele when the [C] ship [F] went [C] down

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