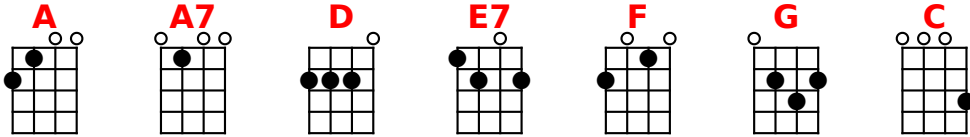


# Israelites

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(First verse-slow)

**[A]** Get up in the morning slaving for bread sir  
So that every **[A7]** mouth can be fed  
**[D]** Poor **[E7]** me **[A]** Israelites **[F]** **[G]** **[A]** (pause)

(Medium-fast tempo)

**[A]** Get up in the morning slaving for bread sir  
So that every **[A7]** mouth can be fed  
**[D]** Poor **[E7]** me **[A]** Israelites **[C]** **[D]**  
**[A]** My wife and my kids they pack up and a leave me  
"Darling," she said, "I was **[A7]** yours to be seen,"  
**[D]** Poor **[E7]** me **[A]** Israelites **[C]** **[D]**

**[A]** Shirt dem a-tear up, trousers are gone  
Don't want to end up like **[A7]** Bonnie and Clyde  
**[D]** Poor **[E7]** me **[A]** Israelites **[C]** **[D]**

Kazoo verse chords:

**[A]** **[F]** **[G]** **[A]** **[F]** **[G]** **[A]** **[F]** **[G]** **[A]** **[E7]**  
**[D]** Poor **[E7]** me **[A]** Israelites **[C]** **[D]**

**[A]** After a storm there must be a calm  
**[A]** Catch me in your palm you **[A7]** sound your alarm  
**[D]** Poor **[E7]** me **[A]** Israelites **[C]** **[D]**  
**[A]** **[F]** **[G]** **[A]** **[F]** **[G]** **[A]** **[F]** **[G]** **[A]** **[E7]**

**[D]** Poor **[E7]** me **[A]** Israelites  
(I wonder who I'm working for)  
**[D]** Poor **[E7]** me **[A]** Israelites  
**[A]** **[F]** **[G]** **[A]** **[F]** **[G]** **[A]** **[F]** **[G]** **[A]** (stop)