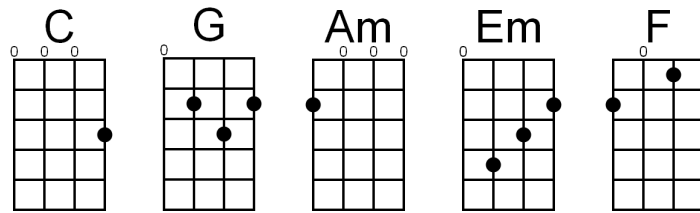


# Introduction To Fingerpicking On The Ukulele

## Learning To Play "Streets Of London" & "500 Miles"



Right Hand Fingers: Thumb (3<sup>rd</sup> String) 1<sup>st</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> String) 2<sup>nd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> String)

C

-----3-----	-----3-----	-----3-----3--	-----3-----3--
---0-----	---0-----	---0-----0-----	---0-----0-----
0-----	0-----	0-----0-----	0-----0-----
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1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 & 2 3 & 4	1 & 2 3 & 4

C

-----3-----	-----3-----	-----3-----3--	-----3-----3--
---0-----0-----	---0-----0-----	---0-----0-----0	---0-----0-----0
0-----	0-----	0-----0-----	0-----0-----
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The C – F – C – G Progression  
Finger the full chord even though you don't play the fourth string.

C	F	C	G
-----3-----3--	-----0-----0--	-----3-----3--	-----2-----2--
---0-----0-----0	---1-----1-----1	---0-----0-----0	---3-----3-----3
0-----0-----	0-----0-----	0-----0-----	2-----2-----
(0)-----	(2)-----	(0)-----	(0)-----

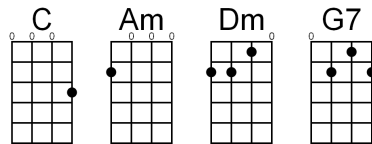
### Streets Of London Introduction

C	G	Am	Em
-----3-----3--	-----2-----2--	-----0-----0--	-----2-----2--
---0-----0-----0	---3-----3-----3	---0-----0-----0	---3-----3-----3
0-----0-----	2-----2-----	0-----0-----	4-----4-----
(0)-----	(0)-----	(2)-----	(0)-----

F	C	G	C
-----0-----0--	-----3-----3--	-----2-----2--	-----3-----3--
---1-----1-----1	---0-----0-----0	---3-----3-----3	---0-----0-----0
0-----0-----	0-----0-----	2-----2-----	0-----0-----
(2)-----	(0)-----	(0)-----	(0)-----



C G Am Em  
 Have you seen the old man outside the Seaman's Mission  
 F C D G  
 His memory's fading like the medal ribbons that he wears  
 C G Am Em  
 In this winter city, the rain cries little pity  
 F C G7 C C7  
 For one forgotten hero, and a world that doesn't care.....chorus



### Five Hundred Miles

Intro: C(4) Am(4) Dm(4) G7

C Am Dm  
 If you miss the train I'm on you will know that I am gone  
 G7 C  
 You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles  
 Am Dm  
 A hundred miles, a hundred miles, a hundred miles, a hundred miles  
 G7 C  
 You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles  
 C Am Dm  
 Lord I'm one, Lord I'm two, Lord I'm three, Lord I'm four  
 G7 C  
 Lord I'm five hundred miles away from home  
 Am  
 Away from home, away from home  
 Dm  
 Away from home, away from home  
 G7 C  
 Lord I'm five hundred miles away from home  
 C Am Dm  
 Not a shirt on my back, not a penny to my name  
 G7 C  
 No I can't go back home this a-way  
 C Am Dm  
 This a-way, this a-way, this a-way, this a-way  
 G7 C  
 Lord I can't go back home this a-way

Repeat Verse 1 to end.



## Finger Picking For Ukulele

Strumming is not the only way to play the ukulele. Finger Picking is another. A simple Finger Picking pattern played smoothly sounds very nice.

Like Strumming, Finger Picking is a motor skill that can be learned through regular practice. Smoothness, accuracy and speed come with repetition.

We will start by dedicating fingers to specific strings. The thumb plays the 4<sup>th</sup> string, the index finger plays the 3<sup>rd</sup> string, the middle finger plays the 2<sup>nd</sup> string and the ring finger plays the 1<sup>st</sup> string.

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1 -----x----- ring
2 -----x----- middle
3 -----x----- index
4 -x----- thumb
   1   2   3   4
  
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1 -----x----- ring
2 -----x-----x----- middle
3 -----x-----x-----x----- index
4 -x-----x----- thumb
   1   &  2   &  3   &  4   &
  
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1 -----x----- ring
2 -----x-----x----- middle
3 -----x-----x----- index
4 -x----- thumb
   1   2   3   4   5   6
  
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Practice the patterns with either open strings (as shown) or holding a chord (eg C chord) with your left hand. Play them slowly, smoothly and accurately.

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1 -----x-----x----- ring
2 -----x-----x----- middle
3 -----x-----x----- index
4 -x-----x----- thumb
   1   &  2   &  3   &  4   &
  
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Outside-Inside Pattern

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1 -----x-----x----- ring
2 -----x-----x----- middle
3 -----x-----x----- index
4 -x-----x----- thumb
   1   &  2   &  3   &  4   &
  
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Evens & Odds Pattern

In the above exercises the thumb plays the fourth string only. Some ukulele players use the thumb to play the 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> strings, the index finger to play the 2<sup>nd</sup> string and the 2<sup>nd</sup> or middle finger to play the 1<sup>st</sup> string. Do what is best for you!

Once you are feeling confident playing and remembering these patterns on the open strings and the C Chord, use them while playing chord changes such as: C to F, C to G7, C-Am-F-G7 where each chord is played for 1 bar. Your goal is to be able to play a favourite song, or two, or more, using the Finger Picking Technique. Practice makes it worth it.