

SUNSHINE UKULELE NETWORK - August 2023

The blues are the roots, the rest are the fruits !!

Orillia Library August 10 at 6 p.m.
and Online August 17 at 7 p.m.

This month will be a jam and workshop focused on the ukulele blues.

We will work with 6 blues songs.

- Techniques and concepts for both the beginner and the advanced player will be provided for practice.
 - No need to know the songs before this session.
 - Links to videos are below, followed by the lyrics.
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The Songs:

1. 12-bar Blues in A

- this is not a specific song, it is the most common blues chord progression
- a backing track example is at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zj9IDlqVTuI>

2. Hound Dog in A

- Elvis version in C: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYwDUonrGFQ>
- Big Mama Thorton in D#: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWwr8c_0qXs

3. The Thrill Is Gone in A

- BB King and others in B: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgXSomPE_FY

4. Jumpin' Flea Blooze in C

- Ukulele Heart (Doc and Lady Sunshine): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebBy5QB9vHo>

5. Contemplatin' in G

- Doc Higgins sample from May (at the 5 min. mark): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwnFZOiV5wg>

6.St. James Infirmary in Am(C)

- Ramblin' Jack Elliott and Dave Van Ronk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Y7Ao7VB8f4>

The Song Lyrics and Chords:

1. 12-bar Blues in A

- see the single page music sheet attached along with this outline (in the email)

2. Hound Dog in A

[A] You ain't nothin' but a [A] hound dog cryin' all the time
You ain't nothin' but a [D7] hound dog cryin' all the [A] time
Well you ain't [E7] never caught a rabbit
And you [D7] ain't no friend of [A] mine

[A] Well they said you was [A] high classed well that was just a lie
Yeah they said you was [D7] high classed well that was just a [A] lie
Well you ain't [E7] never caught a rabbit
And you [D7] ain't no friend of [A] mine

[A] You ain't nothin' but a [A] hound dog cryin' all the time
You ain't nothin' but a [D7] hound dog cryin' all the [A] time
Well you ain't [E7] never caught a rabbit
And you [D7] ain't no friend of [A] mine

[A]/// [A]/// [A]/// [A7]///
[D7]/// [D7]/// [A]/// [A]///
[E7]/// [D7]/// [A]/// [A]///

[A] Well they said you was [A] high classed well that was just a lie
Yeah they said you was [D7] high classed well that was just a [A] lie
Well you ain't [E7] never caught a rabbit
And you [D7] ain't no friend of [A] mine

[A]/// [A]/// [A]/// [A7]///
[D7]/// [D7]/// [A]/// [A]///
[E7]/// [D7]/// [A]/// [A]///

Well they said you was [A] high classed well that was just a lie
Yeah they said you was [D7] high classed well that was just a [A] lie
Well you ain't [E7] never caught a rabbit
And you [D7] ain't no friend of [A] mine

You ain't nothin' but a [A] hound dog cryin' all the time
You ain't nothin' but a [D7] hound dog cryin' all the [A] time
Well you ain't [E7] never caught a rabbit
And you [D7] ain't no friend of [A] mine

3. The Thrill Is Gone in Am

The **[Am]** thrill is gone, the thrill is gone away
The **[Dm]** thrill is gone, the thrill is gone **[Am]** away
[F] You done me wrong **[E7]** baby
And you're gonna be **[Am]** sorry someday

The **[Am]** thrill is gone, it's gone away from me
The **[Dm]** thrill is gone, the thrill has gone **[Am]** away from me
[F] Although I'll still live **[E7]** on,
But so **[Am]** lonely I'll be

The **[Am]** thrill is gone, it's gone away for good
Oh, the **[Dm]** thrill is gone, baby it's gone away for **[Am]** good
[F] Someday I know I'll be open **[E7]** armed baby,
Just like I **[Am]** know a good man should

You know I'm **[Am]** free, free now baby, I'm free from your spell
Oh, I'm **[Dm]** free, free, free, now, I'm **[Am]** free from your spell
And **[F]** now that it's all over **[E7]**,
All I can **[Am]** do is wish you well.

4. Jumpin' Flea Blooze in C

Doc Higgins 2021

[C]Jumpin' flea, jumpin' flea,
[F]Jumpin' all over [C]me.
[C]Jumpin' flea, jumpin' flea,
[D7]Tell me what do you [G7]see?
[C]Strummin' up and down the way you do,
[F]A, E, C, G, [D7]pluck me too.
[C]Jumpin' [G7]flea, [C]my ukule[F]le,
[C]Jumpin' all [G7]over [C]me!

[C]Jumpin' flea, jumpin' flea,
[F]You make it all so [C]clear.
[C]Jumpin' flea, jumpin' flea,
[D7]For everyone far and [G7]near.
[C]No discord, just harmony,
[F]Easy scales and [D7]melody
[C]Jumpin' [G7]flea, [C]my ukule[F]le,
[C]Ring it out [G7]over [C]me!

[C]Jumpin' flea, jumpin' flea,
[F]Such a little thing to [C]hold.
[C]Jumpin' flea, jumpin' flea,
[D7]I hear you, big and [G7]bold.
[C]You're the best that I've had yet;
[F]Like lovin' arms a[D7]round my neck
[C]Jumpin' [G7]flea, [C]my ukule[F]le,
[C]Tickle all [G7]over [C]me!

5. Contemplatin' in G

(cn) 2021-10-01 Doc Higgins

[G]Well I'm sittin' here waitin' (call-back: contemplatin')

[G7]What are you going to tell me now? (contemplatin')

[C]Well I'm sittin' here waitin' (contemplatin')

[C7]What are you going to tell me [G]now? (contemplatin')

[D7]Does it really matter?

[C7]I'm not talkin' to you any[G]how. (contemplatin')

(repeat call-back style for each

verse)

[G]Well I'm up the stream fishin'

[G7]Not sure how many I'm allowed.

[C]Well I'm up the stream fishin'

[C7]Not sure how many I'm [G]allowed.

[D7]But I can't catch nothin'

[C7]Laid out, lame, and [G]proud.

Chorus:

[C7]Comtemplatin`

[C7]My body's shakin'

[D7]Contempaltin'

[C7]I'm not takin' it, any[G]more

[G]Well I'm on the street walkin'

[G7]Keep moving, or turn and bow?

[C]Well I'm on the street walkin'

[C7]Keep moving, or turn and [G]bow?

[D7]You're pushin' me man?

[C7]Don't look back, I'm on the [G]prowl.

[G]Well, I'm lay me down sleepin'
[G7]Tossin' and turnin' on my vows.
[C]Well, I'm lay me down sleepin'
[C7]Tossin' and turnin' on my [G]vows.
[D7]No I won't be rolling over
[C7]You know I'll never run [G]afoul.

Chorus:

[C7]Comtemplatin`
[C7]My body's shakin'
[D7]Contempaltin'
[C7]I'm not takin' it, any[G]more.

Chorus:

[C7]Comtemplatin`
[C7]My body's shakin'
[D7]Contempaltin'
[C7]I'm not takin' it, any[G]more.

6. St. James Infirmary in Am

[Verse]

[Am] It was down in [E7] Old Joe's [Am] bar-room,
on the corner [F] by the [E7] square,
the [Am] usual [E7] crowd was as [Am] sembled
and [F] big Joe Mc [E7] kenny was [Am] there.

[Am] He was standing [E7] at my [Am] shoulder,
his eyes were [F] bloodshot [E7] red,
he [Am] turned to the [E7] crowd [Am] around him
these are the [F] very [E7] words he [Am] said...wad he say Doc?

[Am] I went down to the [E7] St. James In [Am] firmary
I saw my [F] baby [E7] there,
she was [Am] layed out on a [E7] cold white [Am] table,
so [F] cold, so [E7] white, so [Am] fair.

[Chorus]

[Am] Let her go, let her [E7] go, god [Am] bless her
wherever [F] she may [E7] be,
she may [Am] search this [E7] wide world [Am] over,
she'll never [F] find a sweet [E7] man like [Am] me.

[Verse]

[Am] When I die, [E7] bury me [Am] ,
in a high top [F] Stetson [E7] hat,
put a [Am] 20 dollar [E7] goldpiece on my [Am] watch chain,
so [F] god know I [E7] died standing [Am] pat.

[Am] I want 6 crap [E7] shooters for pall [Am] bearers,
chorus gonna [F] sing me a [E7] song,
put a [Am] jazz band [E7] on my hearse [Am] wagon,
raise [F] hell, as [E7] I roll [Am] along.

[Chorus]

[Am] Let her go, let her **[E7]** go, god **[Am]** bless her
wherever **[F]** she may **[E7]** be,
she may **[Am]** search this **[E7]** wide world **[Am]** over,
she'll never **[F]** find a sweet **[E7]** man like **[Am]** me.

[Verse]

[Am] Roll out your **[E7]** rubber tired **[Am]** carriage
roll out your **[F]** old time **[E7]** hack,
[Am] 12 men **[E7]** going to the **[Am]** graveyard and,
[F] 11 **[E7]** coming **[Am]** back

[Am] Now that I've **[E7]** told my **[Am]** story,
I'll take another **[F]** shot of **[E7]** booze,
and if **[Am]** anyone should **[E7]** happen to **[Am]** ask me,
I **[F]** got those, **[E7]** gambler's **[Am]** blues.

[Chorus]

[Am] Let her go, let her **[E7]** go, god **[Am]** bless her
wherever **[F]** she may **[E7]** be,
she may **[Am]** search this **[E7]** wide world **[Am]** over,
she'll never **[F]** find a sweet **[E7]** man like **[Am]** me.