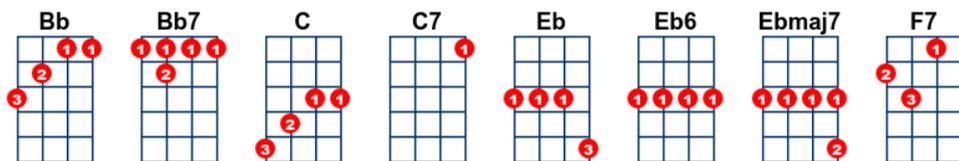# The Ukulele Song

written by Loudon Wainwright III

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(last tune on the 2010 album "10 Songs for the New Depression")
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_RjBL9m23A (in Bb)

[Bb](4)   **[F7]**(4)   **[Bb]**(2)   **[F7]**(2)   **[Bb]**(4)
[Bb] Got a ukulele, **[C]** now I'm not afraidee
[F7] Cat in case I get a bout of **[Bb]** blues **[F7]**
[Bb] In the event I get 'em, **[C]** there's no way that I'll let 'em
[F7] Bring me down, no way, I'll just **[Bb]** refuse, **[F7]** believe me

[Bb] Cos a ukulele **[C]** is like a little baby
[F7] You cradle it in your arms and you **[Bb]** sing **[F7]**
A **[Bb]** lullaby or ditty, **[C]** when you're feeling shitty
[F7] it will cheer you up it's just the **[Bb]** thing.

Life **[Eb6]** could **[Ebmaj7]** be **[Eb]** bright **[Ebmaj7]** and **[Eb6]** breezy
[Bb] When it should be light and easy
[F7] There's nothing hard or heavy about a **[Bb]** uke **[Bb7]**
[Eb6] I **[Ebmaj7]** don't **[Eb]** play **[Ebmaj7]** bull **[Eb6]** fiddle
[Bb] No mystery, no riddle
[C7] Shlepping that thing, you look like a **[F7]** kook, gotta' believe me!

[Bb] Four strings made of nylon **[C]** always put a smile on
[F7] Anybody's face who's feeling **[Bb]** blue **[F7]** yeah
[Bb] When your mind starts slumming **[C]** start a little strumming
[F7] On your uke and your gonna feel brand **[Bb]** new **[F7]** you gotta' believe me

Scat singing solo (kazoos invited):
[Bb] Got a ukulele, **[C]** now I'm not afraidee
[F7] Cat in case I get a bout of **[Bb]** blues **[F7]**
[Bb] In the event I get 'em, **[C]** there's no way that I'll let 'em
[F7] Bring me down, no way, I'll just **[Bb]** refuse, **[F7]** believe me

[Bb] Even though it's raining [C] quit all your complaining
[F7] your roof's not leaking, nothings getting [Bb] in [F7]
[Bb] Yeah this axe is a hatchet, [C] there's magic you can catch it
[F7] on your uke you can't lose you just [Bb] win

Life [Eb6] could [Ebmaj7] be [Eb] bright [Ebmaj7] and [Eb6] breezy
[Bb] when it should be light and easy
[F7] there's nothing hard or heavy about a [Bb] uke [Bb7]
[Eb6] I [Ebmaj7] don't [Eb] play [Ebmaj7] the [Eb6] tuba
[Bb] tubas do it to ya'
[C7] just the thought of tubas makes me [F7] puke

Kind [Bb] sirs and gentle ladies, [C] grab your ukuleles
[F7] I suspect by now you know my [Bb] song [F7]
[Bb] And the next time that I do it [C] get down and get into it
[F7] I trust you all will sing and strum a [Bb] long [F7] you gotta' believe me

I [Bb] Got a ukulele, [C] now I'm not afraidee
[F7] Cat in case I get a bout of [Bb] blues [F7]
[Bb] In the event I get 'em, [C] there's no way I'll let 'em
[F7](1 strum and stop) Bring me down, no way, I'll just refuse.

[Bb] Be [C7] lee [F7] eeve [Bb7] me.