

Jambalaya (On The Bayou) (Hank Williams)

Ukulele arrangement by Clive Harvey

Verse 1:

Goodbye, Joe, me gotta go, me oh my oh
 Me gotta go pole the pirogue down the bayou
 My Yvonne, sweetest one, me oh my oh
 Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou

Chorus:

Jambalaya, crawfish pie, filé gumbo
 'Cause tonight I'm gonna see my ma chere amie-o
 Pick guitar, fill fruit jar and be gay-o
 Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou

— **Instrumental:** play chords or tab (see below)

Verse 2:

Thibodaux, Fontaineaux, the place is buzzin'
 Kinfolk come to see Yvonne by the dozen
 Dress in style, go hog wild, me oh my oh
 Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou

— **repeat Chorus**

— **repeat Instrumental**

— **repeat Verse 1**

— **repeat Chorus x2**

Verse 1

Chorus

Instr.

Verse 2

Chorus

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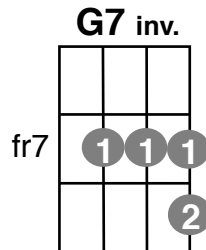
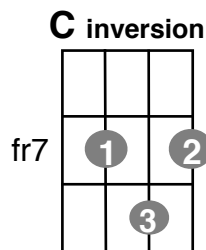
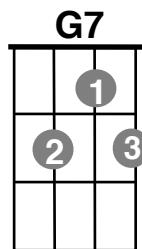
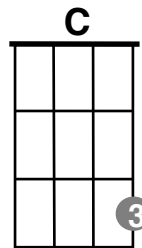
Chorus x2

Chord sequence throughout:

C		G7	
G7		C	



This country music standard was written by Hank Williams based on the traditional Louisiana Cajun song 'Grand Texas' ('Big Texas'). The arrangement works best with 2 or more ukes so the chords can continue under the tune. Some players could also try the inversions. Hank's original was surprisingly slow but here I recommend medium tempo. My favourite version is from the 1950s by Fats Domino. The Carpenters had a 70s hit version, but the less said about that the better, in my opinion! Swing strum:
 / / ^ / / ^ / / ^ / / ^
 1 2 & 3 4 & 1 2 & 3 4 &
 / = down strum ^ = up strum
 ~ = sustain/hold fr = fret position



Tab:

Ukulele tablature for the song, showing fret numbers and strumming patterns for C and G7 chords.

Chord sequence: C G7 C

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