

SPA STRUMMERS

SONGS OF WW2

FOR 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY
8TH MAY 2025

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Bless Em All SPA STRUMMERS DJ 12/11/19

(George Formby, 1940)

Intro: [D] cheer up my [D7] lads, bless 'em [G] all

They [G] say there's a troopship just leaving Bombay,
bound for old Blighty's [D] shore,
heavily laden with time expired men,
[D7] bound for the land they [G] adore.

There's [G] many an airman just finishing his time,
there's many a twerp signing [D] on,
you'll [D] get no pro [D7] motion this [D] side of the [D7] ocean,
so [D] cheer up my [D7] lads, bless 'em [G] all.

CHORUS:

Bless 'em [G] all, bless 'em all,
the long and the short and the [C] tall !
[D] Bless all the sergeants and W. O. Ones,
[A] bless all the corp'rals and [D] their blinkin' sons !
'Cause we're [G] saying goodbye to them all,
as back to their billets they [C] crawl,
you'll [D] get no pro [D7] motion this [D] side of the [D7] ocean,
so [D] cheer up my [D7] lads, bless 'em [G] all !

They [G] say if you work hard you'll get better pay,
we've heard all that be [D] fore,
clean up your buttons and polish your boots,
scrub [D7] out the barrack room [G] floor.

There's [G] many an airman has blighted his life
thru' writing rude words on the [D] wall,
you'll [D] get no pro [D7] motion this [D] side of the [D7] ocean,
so [D] cheer up, my [D7] lads, bless 'em [G] all.

CHORUS

No [G] body knows what a [C] twirp you have [Cm] been,
so [D] cheer up, my [D7] lads, bless 'em [G] all !

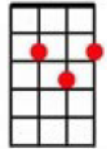
WE'RE GONNA HANG OUT THE WASHING ON THE SIEGFRIED LINE

SPA STRUMMERS DJ 12/11/19

intro -Don't Sing

We're gonna **[G]** hang out the washing on the **[E7]** Siegfried Line,
If the **[Am]** Siegfried **[D]** Line's still **[G]** there.

Gmaj



Chorus

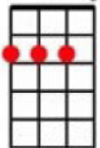
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Have you any dirty washing, mother, **[D]** dear?

We're gonna **[D]** hang out the washing on the **[D7]** Siegfried Line,
'Cause the **[D]** washing day is **[G]** here.

[G7] Whether the weather may be **[C]** wet or fine,
We'll just **[A]** rub along without a **[D]** care.

We're gonna **[G]** hang out the washing on the **[E7]** Siegfried Line,
If the **[Am]** Siegfried **[D]** Line's still **[G]** there.

Dmaj



Verse 1

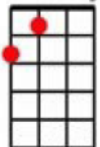
[G] Mother, dear, I'm writing you from somewhere in France

[D] hoping this finds you **[G]** well. **[D]**

[G] Sergeant says I'm doing fine - a soldier and a half,

[A] Here's a song that **[A7]** we all sing, **[D]** this'll make you **[D7]** laugh:

Amaj



Chorus

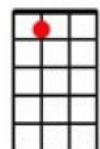
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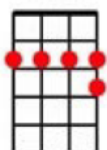
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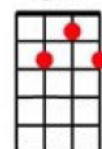
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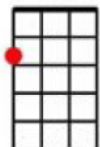
D7



G7



Amin



Instrumental chorus + kazoos

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We'll just **[A]** rub along without a **[D]** care.

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If the **[Am]** Siegfried **[D]** Line's still **[G]** there.

Run, Rabbit, Run (1939)

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[C] On the farm [G7] every Friday

[C] On the farm it's [G7] rabbit pie day

So [Am] every [Em] Friday that [F] ever comes [C7] along

I [F] get up [C] early and [Am7] sing this little [G7] song.

Chorus

[C] Run, rabbit, run, rabbit, [G7] Run, run, run.

Run, rabbit, run, rabbit [C] run, run, run.

Bang, bang, bang, bang [Dm] Goes the farmer's gun.

[D7] Run, rabbit, run, rabbit [G7] run, run, run.

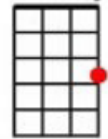
[C] Run, rabbit, run, rabbit, [G7] Run, run, run.

Don't give the farmer his [C] fun, fun, fun.

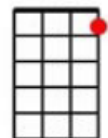
He'll get by with [Dm] out his rabbit pie.

So [G7] Run, rabbit, run, rabbit [C] run, [Fm] run, [C] run.

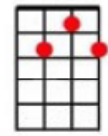
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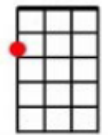
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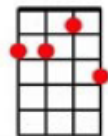
G7



Amin



Dm7



[C] On the farm [G7] no poor rabbit

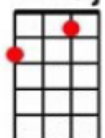
[C] comes to harm be- [G7] -cause I grab it.

They [Am] jump and [Em] Frolic when [F] -ever I go [C7] by

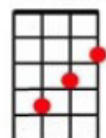
They [F] know I [C] help 'em [Am7] to dodge the rabbit [G7] pie

Chorus.

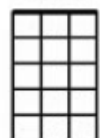
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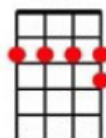
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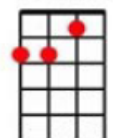
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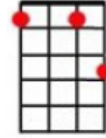
D7



Dmin



Fm



White Cliffs Of Dover - Vera Lynn

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|Dm ///|G7 ///|C ///|G7 //

[G7] There'll be [C] bluebirds [Em] over
the [F] White Cliffs of [C] Dover
[Dm] Tomorrow [G7] just you wait and
|C /Am /|Dm /G7 /|
See.

There'll be [C] love and [Em] laughter
and [F] peace ever [C] after
[Dm] Tomorrow [G7] when the world is [C] free [C7]

The [F] shepherd will tend his sheep.
The [C] valley will bloom [C7] again
And my [F] Jimmy will go to [Am] sleep
In his [D7] own little room a [G7] gain

There'll be [C] peace and [Em] laughter
and [F] joy ever [C] after
To [Dm] morrow [G7] when the world is
|C /Am /|Dm /G7 /|
Free.

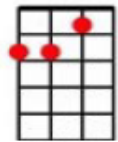
|C ///|Em ///|F ///|C ///|
|Dm ///|G7 ///|C ///|C7 ///

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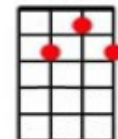
(Slower)

[G7] There'll be [C] Blue Birds [Em] Over
the [F] White Cliffs of [C] Dover
To [Dm] morrow [G7] just you wait and [Am] see [A7]
To [Dm] morrow [G7] when the world is [Fm] free [C]

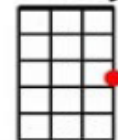
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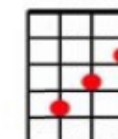
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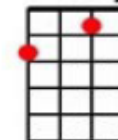
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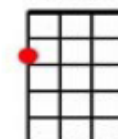
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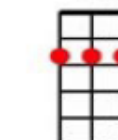
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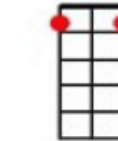
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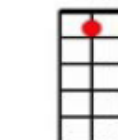
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Fm



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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE KIDDING MR HITLER? SPA STRUMMERS 12/11/19
DJ

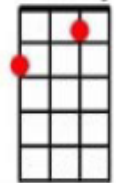
[F] Who do you think you are [G7] kidding Mr. Hitler?

[C7] If you think we're on the [F] run [C7]

[F] We are the boys who will [C7] stop your little game

[G7] We are the boys who will [C7] make you think again

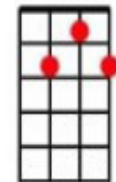
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'Cos [F] who do you think you are [G7] kidding Mr. Hitler?

[C7] If you think old England's [F] done.

G7

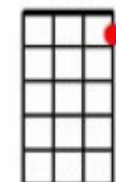


[F] Mr. Brown goes off to town on the 8:21

But [G7] he comes home each evening

and he's ready with his [C] gun

C7



[F] So watch out Mr Hitler

you have [D7] met your match in [D] us

If [G7] you think you can crush us

we're afraid you've missed the [C7] Bus

Cmaj



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[C7] If you think old England's [F] done [C7] \\\\ [F] \\\\ [C7] [F]

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Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye

[C] // [G] // [C] ///

[C] Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye,
cheerio, here I [G] go, on my [C] way.[C] Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye,
not a tear, but a [G] cheer, make it [C] gay.[E7] Give me a smile I can [Am] keep all the while,
in my [G] heart while [D] I'm a [G] way [G7]

Till we [C] meet once again, you and I

wish me [C] luck as you [G] wave me good [C] bye.

[C] // [G] // [C] ////

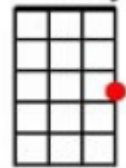
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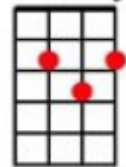
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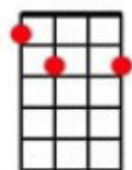
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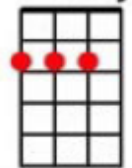
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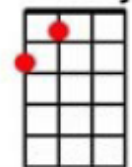
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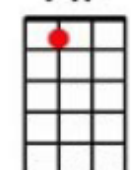
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Amaj



A7



WE'LL MEET AGAIN SPA STRUMMERS DJ 12/11/19

Ross Parker & Hughie - 1939

INTRO: [F] /// [C7] /// [F] /// [C7] ///

[F] We'll meet a-[A7]gain, don't know [D] where don't know [D7#5] when
But I [G7]know we'll meet again some sunny [C7] day [C7#5]
[F] Keep smiling [A7] through just like [D] you always [D7#5] do
Till the[G7]blue skies drive the [Gm7] dark clouds [C7] far a- [F] way.

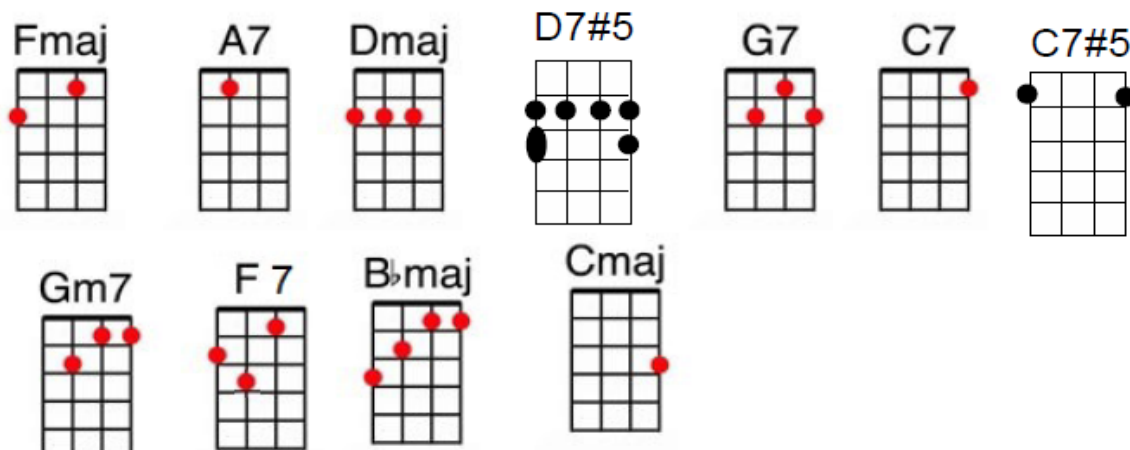
So will you [F7] please say hello, to the folks that I know
Tell them [Bb] I won't be long
They'll be [G7] happy to know, that as you saw me go
I was [C] singing this [C7] song

[F] We'll meet a-[A7] gain, don't know [D] where don't know [D7#5] when
But I [G7] know we'll meet a [Bb] gain some [C7] sunny [F] day [C7]

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But I [G7] know we'll meet again some sunny [C7] day [C7#5]
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Singalong Medley SPA STRUMMERS DJ 12/11/2019
Tipperary / Kit Bag / Sergeant Major

INTRO (but [A] my [D] heart's right [G] there.)

It's a [G] long way to Tipperary, it's a [C] long way to [G] go,

It's a long way to Tipperary to the [A] sweetest [A7] girl I [D] know!

Good [G] bye Piccadilly, [C] farewell Leicester [B7] Square!

It's a [G] long, long way to Tippe [C] ra [G] ry,

but [A] my [D] heart's right [G] there. (3-4)

[G] Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag,
 And [Em] smile, [C] smile, [G] smile,

[G] While you've a lucifer to light [B7] your [Em] fag,

[A7] Smile, boys, that's the [D7] style.
 [G] What's the use of [C7] worrying?

[G] It [C] nev-[D7]-er [G] was [A7] worth-[D7]-while, so

[G] Pack up your troubles in [C] your old kit-bag, and
 [G] smile, [D] smile, [G] smile. .(G7)..

[C] Kiss me goodnight, Sergeant-Ma[F] jor
 [G7] Tuck me in my little wooden [C] bed
 We all love you, Sergeant-Ma[F]jor,
 [G7] When we hear you bawling, "Show a [C] leg!" [C7]
 [F] Don't forget to wake me in the morn[C]ing
 [D7] And bring me 'round a nice hot cup of [G7] tea
 [C] Kiss me goodnight Sergeant-Ma[F]jor
 Sergeant-[G7] Major, be a mother to [C] me [G7] [C]

Where Have All SPA STRUMMERS DJ 12/11/19
The Flowers Gone
(Pete Seeger)

Intro: [C] [Am] [C] [Am]

[C] Where have all the [Am] flowers gone [F] long time [G7] passing
[C] Where have all the [Am] flowers gone [Dm] long time a[G7]go
[C] Where have all the [Am] flowers gone
[F] Young girls picked them [G7] ev'ry one
[F] When will they [C] ever learn [F] oh when will they [G7] ever [C] learn
[Am] [C] [Am]

[
C] Where have all the [Am] young girls gone [F] long time [G] passing
[C] Where have all the [Am] young girls gone [Dm] long time a[G7]go
[C] Where have all the [Am] young girls gone
[F] Gone to the young men [G7] ev'ry one
[F] When will they [C] ever learn [F] oh when will they [G7] ever [C] learn
[Am] [C] [Am]

[C] Where have all the [Am] young men gone [F] long time [G] passing
[C] Where have all the [Am] young men gone [Dm] long time a[G]go
[C] Where have all the [Am] young men gone
[F] Gone for soldiers [G7] ev'ry one
[F] When will they [C] ever learn [F] oh when will they [G7] ever [C] learn
[Am] [C] [Am]

[C] Where have all the [Am] soldiers gone [F] long time [G] passing
[C] Where have all the [Am] soldiers gone [Dm] long time a[G7]go
[C] Where have all the [Am] soldiers gone
[F] Gone to grave yards [G7] ev'ry one
[F] When will they [C] ever learn [F] oh when will they [G7] ever [C] learn
[Am] [C] [Am]

[C] Where have all the [Am] grave yards gone [F] long time [G] passing
[C] Where have all the [Am] grave yards gone [Dm] long time a[G7]go
[C] Where have all the [Am] grave yards gone
[F] Gone to flowers [G7] ev'ry one
[F] When will they [C] ever learn [F] oh when will they [G7] ever [C] learn

Mademoiselle from Armentieres SPA STRUMMERS 12/11/19

(F/ F/ F/ F/)

[F] Mademoiselle from Armentieres [C7] parley vous

Mademoiselle from Armentieres [F] parley vous

Mademoiselle from [C7] Arm [F] en [C] tieres,

She hasn't been kissed in [F] forty [C] years,

Inky Pinky [G7] par[C7] lez-[F] vous [C7]

[F] The officers get the pie and cake, [C7] Parley-voov.

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The officers get the [C7] pie [F] and [C] cake,

And all we get is the [F] belly [C] ache,

Inky Pinky [G7] par[C7] lez-[F] vous [C7]

[F] Mademoiselle from Armentieres [C7] parley vous

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She's the hardest working [C7] girl [F] in [C] town,

But she makes her living [F] upside [C]down!

Inky Pinky [G7] par[C7] lez-[F] vous (STOP)

Those Magnificent Men SPA STRUMMERS DJ 12/11/19
Ron Goodwin

[D7] Those mag**[G]**nificent men in their **[A7]** flying machines
They go **[D7]** up tiddly up up,
they go **[G]** down tiddly down down
They enchant all the ladies, and **[A7]** steal all the scenes
With their **[D7]** up tiddly up up,
and their **[G]** down tiddly down down

[G] Up down **[A7]** flying around (*swanee whistle ?*)
[D7] Looping the loop and de **[G]** fying the ground
They're all **[A7]** frightfully keen
Those mag**[D7]**nificent men in their **[G]** flying machines

[G7] They can **[C]** fly upside down with their **[G]** feet in the air
They **[D]** don't think of danger, they **[G]** really don't care
[C] Newton would think, he had **[G]** made a mistake
to **[A7]** see those young men, and the **[D]** chances they take

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[A7] Those mag**[D7]**nificent men

SLOWER

in their **[G]** fly..... **[C]** ing..... ma **[G]** chines **[C]** **[G]**

Everything Stops For Tea SPA STRUMMERS DJ 12/11/19
Goodhart Hoffman Sigler

Long John Baldrey: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0imNb7ZkwaQ>

*Intro But there [C] isn't any [C7] roar when the [F] clock strikes [C] four,
Everything [G7] stops for [C] tea.*

[G] Oh the [C] factories may be [G7] roaring,
With a [C] booma lacka, [Bb] zooma lacka [G7] wee.
But there [C] isn't any [C7] roar when the [F] clock strikes [C] four,
Everything [G7] stops for [C] tea.

Oh a [C] lawyer [G7] in the [C] courtroom,
In the [C] middle of [Bb] an alimony [G7] plea.
Has to [C] stop and help 'em [C7] pour, when the [F] clock strikes [C] four.
Everything [G7] stops for [C] tea.

It's a [Am] very good [E7] English [Am] custom,
Though [Am] the weather be [E7] cold or [Am] hot.
When you [D7] need a little pickup, you'll [G] find a little teacup,
Will [D7] always hit the [G] spot.

[C] You remember [G7] Cleo[C]patra
Had a [C] date to meet [Bb] Mark Anthony at [G7] 3.
When he [C] came an hour [C7] late , she said you'll [F] have to [C] wait.
Everything [G7] stops for [C] tea.

Oh they [C] may be [G7] playing [C] football,
And the [C] crowd is yelling, [Bb] Kill the [G7] referee!
But no [C] matter what the [C7] score, when the [F] clock strikes [C] four.
Everything [G7] stops for [C] tea.

It's a [Am] very good [E7] English [Am] custom,
And a [Am] stimulant [E7] for the [Am] brain.
When you [D7] feel a little weary, a [G] cup will make you cheery
And it's [D7] cheaper than [G] champagne.

Now I [C] know just [G7] why Franz [C] Schubert
Didn't [C] finish his un[Bb]finished [G7] symphony.
He [C] might have written [C7] more, but the [F] clock struck [C] four.
And everything [G7] stops for [C] tea!

[G] Oh the [C] factories may be [G7] roaring,
With a [C] booma lacka, [Bb] zooma lacka [G7] wee.
(SLOWER)
But there [C] isn't any [C7] roar when the [F] clock strikes [C] four, ///
Everything [G7] stops for [C] tea. [G7]/ [C]/