

"Jingle Bells"

Arranged for Solo Ukulele by Brian Johns

Here's a kooky little arrangement of the perennial classic featuring more jazz-like chord changes in a chord-melody style. Most of the chords could be strummed using thumb or index finger of the right hand. The "Bb minor" dyad (interval or two-note chord) in bars 19 and 27 could be played with either a thumb sweep or plucked by two fingers. It's a quick one so be sure to practice the unfamiliar chords slowly and carefully. Otherwise, it just sounds weird and totally loses the meaning.

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Ukulele - High "G" Tuning
8th's Swing; Ca. 200 BPM

James Lord Pierpont
(1857)

System 1: Chords: F, Gm. Fretting: 0, 1, 0, 2, 2, 2, 0, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 0, 0.

System 2: Chords: C7, F, C7. Fretting: 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2, 0.

System 3: Chords: F, Gm. Fretting: 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 0, 0.

System 4: Chords: Am, D7, Gm, C7, F, C7. Fretting: 1, 0, 3, 3, 3, 3, 5, 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 3.

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F Am Dm F7 B♭Maj7 B♭m F F7

B♭ B♭m6 Gm7 F D7 G7 Gm C

F Am Dm F7 B♭Maj7 B♭m F F7

B♭ B♭m6 Gm7 F D7 Gm11 C7 F