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MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY SING



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The Coffee House
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Craig Siemsen is a pillar of Milwaukee's acoustic scene. He has performed throughout the Midwest with his wife, Patti Stevenson, and are regular performers at The Coffee House. Siemsen is an acclaimed songwriter, a powerful interpreter and a skilled instrumentalist.

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Julie Anne Lovely Thompson is a versatile vocalist and recording artist who sings folk, blues & jazz. She has performed on the Summerfest stage three times. Her work with children includes the weekly "Miss Julie's Music Fun" co-authored the book "A Pirate's Life For Me!"

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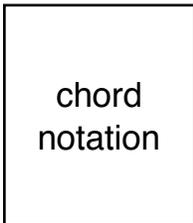


Mark Dvorak is a national touring artist who has twenty albums to his credit. He was part of the founding cast of The Mid-Winter Singing Festival, and led the Thursday Folk Jam at the Old Town School of Folk Music and the Folk Club @The Grafton sessions in Chicago for fifteen years.

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Since 1967 **The Coffee House** has been Milwaukee's gathering space for acoustic music and spoken word performances. The Plymouth Church UCC, 2717 E. Hampshire Street, has partnered with The Coffee House and each performance supports the church's worthy community and social justice causes. www.the-coffee-house.com



Here's what: Chord charts are subjective. People outline a written chord progression in different ways. Here's a way that we hope will work for tonight's gathering.

The arrangement is set where the song leader set it. "play C chords" means the leader is playing in the "C" position on his or her guitar. Then comes the place to clip on a capo.

A "C" in the chord box means you strum four times for that particular measure. If the song is designated to be in 3/4 time, a "C" chord will then mean three strums per measure. A chord in parentheses (C) means to hold that chord for two beats instead of four. Our folk songs are sometimes structured oddly as such. Hang on, hang in and sing loud!

City of New Orleans -

words & music by Steve Goodman

Riding on the City of New Orleans,
Illinois Central Monday morning rail
fifteen cars & fifteen restless riders,
three conductors & twenty-five sacks of mail.

All along the southbound odyssey,
the train pulls out at Kankakee
rolls along past houses, farms and fields.
passin' trains that have no names,
freight yards full of railroad men
and the graveyards of the rusted automobiles.

Chorus: Good morning America how are you?
Don't you know me I'm your native son,
I'm the train they call The City of New Orleans,
I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day is done.

Dealin' card games with the old men in the club car.
penny a point ain't no one keepin' score.
won't you pass the paper bag that holds the bottle
feel the wheels rumblin' 'neath the floor.

And the sons of Pullman porters
and the sons of engineers
ride their father's magic carpets made of steel.
mothers with their babes asleep,
are rockin' to the gentle beat
and the rhythm of the rails is all they feel (chorus)

Nighttime on The City of New Orleans,
changing cars in Memphis, Tennessee.
half way home, we'll be there by morning
through the Mississippi darkness Rolling down to the sea.

And all the towns and people seem
to fade into a bad dream
and the steel rails still ain't heard the news.
The conductor sings his song again,
The passengers will please refrain
This train's got the disappearing railroad blues (chorus)

Good night, America, how are you? ...

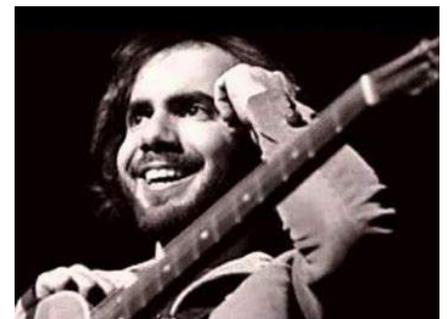


play D chords • key of D

D	A	D	D
Bm	G	D	A
D	A	D	D

Bm	Bm		
F#m	F#m		
A	A	E	E
Bm	Bm		
F#m	F#m		
A	A7	D	D

G	A	D	D
Bm	G	D	A7
D	A	Bm	E7
C	G	A	D



Come Along Home

words & music by Tom Paxton



Last night I heard a sweet voice callin'
come along, won't you come along home
wind on the river and the calves all bawlin'
come along, won't you come along home

Come along, won't you come along home now
night is fallin' and the path is steep
come along, won't you come along home now
water's runnin' and the river is deep

Wind goes "whoosh" and the trees are sighin'
come along, won't you come along home
somebody's born and somebody's dyin'
come along, won't you come along home

Every night the voice gets bolder
come along, won't you come along home
song gets sweeter as I grow older
come along, won't you come along home

play G chords • key of G			
G	G	G	G
C	C	G	G
G	G	G	G
D7	D7	G	G
G	G	G	G
C	C	G	G
G	G	G	G
D7	D7	G	G
G	G	G	G
C	C	G	G
G	G	G	G
C	C	D7	D7
G	G	G	G
C	C	G	G
G	G	G	G
C	C	D7	D7



When the Stars Begin to Fall

African-American Spiritual



Chorus:

My Lord what a morning
my Lord what a morning
my Lord what a morning
when the stars begin to fall

Kind friends what will we do
kind friends what will we do
kind friends what will we do
when the stars begin to fall (chorus)

We will pray for peace and justice
we will pray for peace and justice
we will pray for peace and justice
when the stars begin to fall (chorus)

We will sound the call for unity
we will sound the call for unity
we will sound the call for unity
when the stars begin to fall (chorus)

We will hear the shout of victory
we will hear the shout of victory
we will hear the shout of victory
when the stars begin to fall (chorus)

play C chords • capo 1 • actual key is C#				
C	C	C	C	
C	C	(C) (G)	(D7)	G
C	C	(C) (F)	(F)	F
C	G	C	C	



Peace Will Come

words & music by Tom Paxton

Peace,
peace will,
peace will come,
and let it begin with me

We,
we need,
we need peace,
and let it begin with me

Oh, my own life
is all I can hope to control.
oh, let my life,
be lived for the good,
good of my soul

Let it bring ...
peace,
sweet peace,
peace will come,
and let it begin with me

play G chords

G
C
G
G D G

C
C G
C
C G
G D



Grateful

by Nancy Silber

To the ones who came before us,
we sing a grateful chorus,
thank you.



there ain't no chords to this one
you just sing it
key of G



I Don't Wanna Be That Man

Words & music by Mark Dvorak



Refrain:

I don't wanna be that man
I don't wanna be that man
tonight I take a stand
I don't wanna be that man

I can't live with all this hate
that's not who I am
and I hope it's not too late
I don't wanna be that man (refrain)

I have no use for greed
I get by as best as I can
I know what it is that I need
I don't wanna be that man (refrain)

Violence goes on without end
some just don't give a damn
I choose peace instead
'cause I don't wanna be that man (refrain)

I don't wanna turn my head
I wanna reach out with both of my hands
this time I won't be misled
I don't wanna be that man (refrain)

The hour is getting late
there's so much I don't understand
I wanna help make America great
but I don't wanna be that man (refrain)



play Em chords • capo 3
actual key is Gm

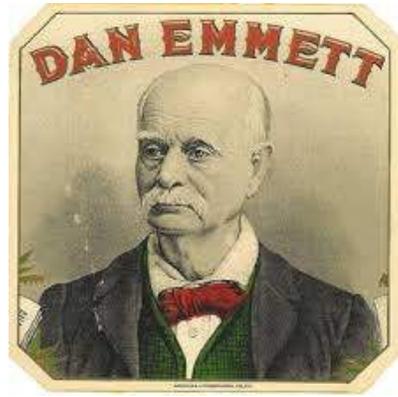
Em	B7		
B7	Em		
(Em) (D)	B7		
B7	Em	Em	

(Em) (D)	B7		
B7	Em		
(Em) (D)	B7		
B7	Em	Em	

Polly Wolly Doodle

traditional

Oh, I went down South for to see my Sal,
singing Polly Wolly Doodle all the day
my Sal she was a spunky gal,
singing Polly Wolly Doodle all the day



Chorus: Fare thee well, fare thee well
fare thee well my fairy fay
I'm off to Louisiana for to see my Susi-anna
singing Polly Wolly Doodle all the day

play C chords • key of C

C	C	C	G
G	G	G	C

Oh, my Sal, she is, a maiden fair, singing Polly Wolly Doodle...
with curly eyes and laughing hair, singing Polly Wolly Doodle... (chorus)

Oh a grasshopper sitting on a railroad track, singing Polly Wolly Doodle...
just picking his teeth with a carpet tack, singing Polly Wolly...(chorus)

Oh, I went to bed, but it weren't no use, singing Polly Wolly Doodle...
my feet stuck out like a chicken roost, singing Polly Wolly... (chorus)

Behind the barn, down on my knees, Singing Polly Wolly Doodle...
I thought I heard a chicken sneeze, Singing Polly Wolly... (chorus)

And he sneezed so hard, with a whoopin' cough, Singing Polly Wolly...
He sneezed his head and his tail right off, Singing Polly Wolly... (chorus)

Let Justice Roll

by Aileen Vance



There is no freedom, the wise man said
let justice roll down, roll down
when the poor cry out for shelter & bread
let justice roll down like a mighty stream!

Oh, children don't you get weary
walk together believe in that dream
when the way gets rough, we'll make a new way
let justice (LOVE / PEACE / SONGS)
roll down like a mighty stream

Hatred will never drive out hate
Let LOVE... remember our hearts can make us great

When brutality threatens our daughters & sons
Let PEACE... may-our-voices ring out above the guns...

When fists rise up to strike a blow
let SONGS... may -the-poets remind us of what we know...

Step by step & one by one /
let JUSTICE... they can kill the prophet but the dream lives on...

play C chords • key of C				
C	C	F	G	3x
C	Am	G	C	
F	F	C	G	
C	Am	F	G	
F	F	C	G	G
C	Am	G	C	



Smile

Music by Charlie Chaplin, lyric by John Turner & Geoffrey Parsons



Smile though your heart is aching
smile even though it's breaking
when there are clouds
in the sky you'll get by

If you smile through your fear and sorrow
smile and maybe tomorrow
you'll see the sun come shining through
for you

Light up your face with gladness
hide every trace of sadness
although a tear may be
ever so near

That's the time you must keep on trying
smile what's the use of crying
you'll find that life is still worthwhile
if you'll just smile

play C chords
capo 4 • actual key is E

C	C
Cma7	Cma7
(Am) (Am7)	C°
Dm	A
Dm	Dm
Fm	Fm
C	Am
Dm7	G7



Ring of Fire

June Carter Cash and Merle Kilgore



Love is a burning thing
and it makes a fiery ring
bound by wild desire
I fell into a ring of fire

I fell into a burning ring of fire
I went down, down, down and the flames went higher
and it burns, burns, burns
the ring of fire, the ring of fire

The taste of love is sweet
when hearts like ours meet
I fell for you like a child
oh, but the fire went wild

I fell into a burning ring of fire
I went down, down, down and the flames went higher
and it burns, burns, burns
the ring of fire, the ring of fire

play G chords • key of G				
G	G	C	G	C/G
G	D	G	G	
G	G	C	G	C/G
G	G	D	G	
D	D	C	G	
D	D	C	G	
G	G	C	G	
D	G	G	G	



Peace Train

words & music by Cat Stevens



Now I've been happy lately, thinking about the good things to come
And I believe it could be, something good has begun

Oh I've been smiling lately, dreaming about the world as one
And I believe it could be, some day it's going to come

Cause out on the edge of darkness, there rides a peace train
Oh peace train take this country, come take me home again

Now I've been smiling lately, thinking about the good things to come
And I believe it could be, something good has begun

Oh peace train sounding louder
Glide on the peace train
Ooh, ah, ee, ah, ooh, wah

peace train holy roller
Everyone jump upon the peace train
Ooh, ah, ee, ah, ooh, wah
Come on the peace train

play G chords							
G	D	G	G	C	G	C	C
C	D	Em	Em	C	D	C	C

Get your bags together, go bring your good friends too
Cause it's getting nearer, it soon will be with you

Now come and join the living, it's not so far from you
And it's getting nearer, soon it will all be true

chorus

Now I've been crying lately, thinking about the world as it is
Why must we go on hating, why can't we live in bliss

Cause out on the edge of darkness, there rides a peace train
Oh peace train take this country, come take me home again

chorus



This Little Light of Mine

African-American Spiritual



Chorus:

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
this little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
this little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
let it shine, let it shine
let it shine



Monday gave me the gift of love
Tuesday peace came from above
Wednesday gave me a little more faith
Thursday I learned a little more grace
Friday taught me how to watch and pray
Saturday I knew what to say
Sunday gave me the power divine
to let my little light shine (chorus)

Some say that it's much too late
this old world's in a sorry state
but we know another story
we say this world is bound for glory
shine for me, shine for you
I'll show you what the power of light can do
if there's a dark corner in this world
we're gonna let our little lights shine (chorus)

play 1 chords • capo 1
actual key is G#

G	G
G	G
C	C
C	G
G	G
B7	Em
G	D7
(G) (C)	(G) (D7)
G	G
C	C
G	G
A7	D7
G	G
C	C
G	Em
(C) (D7)	G

Bridge Over Troubled Water

words & music by Paul Simon



When you're weary, feeling small,
when tears are in your eyes, I will dry them all
I'm on your side, when times get rough
and friends just can't be found,
like a bridge over troubled wa-ter
I will lay me down.
like a bridge over troubled wa-ter
I will lay me down.

When you're down and out,
when you're on the street,
When evening falls so hard, I will comfort you.
I'll take your part, when darkness comes
And pain is all a-round,
like a bridge over troubled wa-ter
I will lay me down.
like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down.

Sail on silvergirl, sail on by.
your time has come to shine
all your dreams are on their way.
see how they shines, If you need a friend
I'm sailing right be-hind.
like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind.
your mind
like a bridge over troubled wa-ter
I will ease your mind

play G chords • capo 3

actual key is Bb

G	C	G	C	
C	F	C	G	C
G	C	G	C	
G	D	Em	D	
D7	G	Em		
G	C	A	D	
G7	C	C#°	G	E7 C
C	B7	Em		
G	C	C#°	G	E7 C
C	D7	G		
G7	C	C#°	G	Em
C	B7	Em		
G	C	C#°	G	Em
C	B7	Em	A7	
G	C	Em	C	Cm G



Only Love

words & music by John Prine



You may live alone and close your eyes
some folks do.
you may dream a dream that's twice your size
all night through
When the morning comes who's to tell your dreams to
Only you

Only love, love only, only love
will Do
only love, love only, only love.
comes true
nothing else, you see, there nothing else
only love, only love

I have known a love within my heart
one or two
where one love would end and one would start
I never knew
if love should come your way you'll learn to say
I love you,
I love you

play A chords
capo with Julie

A	A	A	A
D	D	D	D
A	A	A	A repeat
E	E	E	E
D	D	D	D
A	A	G	A
A	A	A	A
D	D	D	D
A	A	A	A repeat
E	E	E	E
D	D	D	D
A	G	D	A



Little Boxes

Words & music by Malvina Reynolds. New words by Mark Dvorak



Little boxes on my laptop,
little boxes in the gallery
little boxes, little boxes,
little boxes all the day

where the doctors and the lawyers,
hold meetings during quarantine
in their boxes, little boxes,
they all can have a say

Oh the students at the grade school,
and also the university
are in boxes, little boxes,
where they study everyday

and the teacher mutes the students,
so she can keep her sanity
oh the boxes, little boxes,
thank God it's Friday

Now the flustered folk singer,
thinks the sound is horrible
in the boxes, little boxes,
little boxes where he plays

And the spotlight doesn't work right,
'cuz Zoom needs more megabytes
now the boxes, little boxes,
are frozen or delayed

Little boxes on my laptop, little boxes in the gallery
little boxes, little boxes, little boxes all the day

play C chords
3/4 time

C	C
C	C
C	F
C	G
C	C
C	C
C	F
G	C



This Land Is Your Land

Words & music by Woody Guthrie



As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway
I saw below me that golden valley
this land was made for you and me

I roamed and I rambled and followed my footsteps
to the sparkling sands of her diamond desert
while all around me a voice was sounding
this land was made for you and me

One bright Sunday morning in the shadow of the steeple
by the relief office I saw the people
as they stood there hungry I stood there wondering
if this land was made for you and me

There was a big high wall there that tried to stop me
and on the sign it said 'private property'
but on the other side it didn't say nothin'
that side was made for you and me

Now the sun came shining while I was strolling
the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
as the fog was lifting a voice was chanting
this land was made for you and me

Nobody living can every stop me
as I go walking my freedom highway
nobody living can make me turn back
this land was made for you and me

Chorus:

This land is your land this land is my land
from California to the New York island
from the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters
this land was made for you and me

play C chords

F	F	C	C
G7	G7	C	C
F	F	C	C
G7	G7	C	C

