

# Making friends with your Ear Worm

(-How to take that song in your head and put it on paper-)

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## How do you start to look for a song you want to play?

### Sheet Music

**\*Buy it at:** music shops, antique shops, on-line stores

**\*For free:** Internet archives, friends, the library



*Ukulele Arr. by*  
**MAY SINGHI BREEN**  
"The Ukulele Lady"

Many vintage sheet musics have 'ukulele arrangement! Many new sheet musics have guitar charting. Guitar chords may not look the same as an 'ukulele chord, but the chord name is the same. A "C" is a "C".

### THE WINDOW CLEANER)

Tune Uke in D

A	D	F	B
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\* ACCORDEON

KEY G } s, :s,

You may find vintage music with alternate tunings. How do you play it? If you want to play with the piano you must play the same chords as the sheet music tells you. If you want to play the song by yourself it doesn't matter if you play the Key or the chord

shape. Here what looks like an "F" shape chord is a "G" chord because of the tuning. If playing unaccompanied you can play an "F" or a "G". If playing with the accompaniment you must play it in G regardless how you tune it.

### Can't find the sheet music?

**\*GOOGLE!** : use as many words as possible in your description

i.e. song title, section of lyrics you remember, movie it was in

**\*Headphones and Scratch:** Listen to the CD (or music source) and write them down yourself.

### So you have lyrics, but no chords- now what?

**Ears:** Take a chord shape while listening to the song and see if it fits. Many songs are 3 chord songs and here are a couple of Ukester Brown tricks.

A: If it's a guitar song try it out in "G" first.

B: If it's a horn song try "Eb" or "Bb" first.

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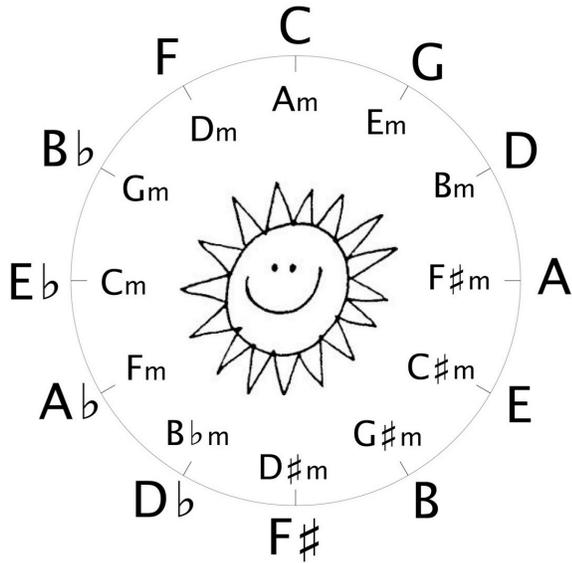
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So you find what key it's in, but who wants to play a song in Eb?

Time to (cue scary music....) Transpose!

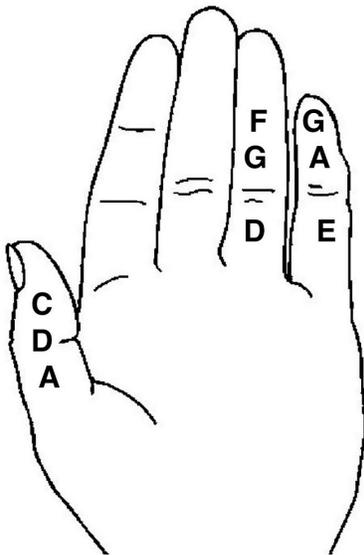


Let me introduce you to the  
"Circle of Smiley Sunshine!"

(much less scary than the Circle of 5ths)

A good YouTube video is "How to pick up hot women using the circle of fifths"

Searching to discover a chord? Use one finger then recall chord shapes that include that note.



Give a High-5 to the 5 finger transposer!

A full octave C scale is CDEFGABC