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### Notes

"Frog Went A-Courtin'" (Roud 16) is an English language folk song. Its first known appearance is in Wedderburn's *Complaynt of Scotland* (1548) under the name "The Frog cam to the Myl dur", though this is in Scots rather than English. There is a reference in the London Company of Stationers' Register of 1580 to "A Moste Strange Weddinge of the Frogge and the Mouse." There are many texts of the ballad; however the oldest known musical version is in Thomas Ravenscroft's *Melismata* in 1611.

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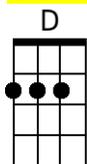
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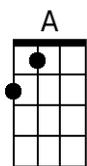
### Key of D

**GCEA**



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Froggie went a courtin' and he did ride uh huh

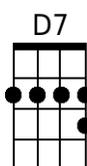
A  
Froggie went a courtin' and he did ride uh huh



D D7  
Froggie went a courtin' and he did ride

G A#7  
A ring and a bouquet by his side

D A G  
Uh huh uh huh uh huh



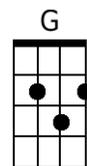
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Rode up to Miss Mousey's door uh huh

A  
Rode up to Miss Mousey's door uh huh

D D7  
Got down on his froggie knee

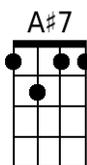
G A#7  
Miss Mousey will you marry me

D A G  
Uh huh uh huh uh huh



D  
Where will the wild wedding be uh huh

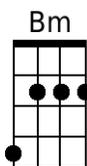
A  
Way down yonder in a hollow tree uh huh



D D7  
What should the wedding supper be

G A#7  
A fiddlehead fry and a black-eye pea

D A G  
Uh huh uh huh uh huh



D  
First to come was a flappy moth uh huh

A  
She laid out the table cloth uh huh

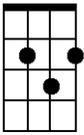
D D7  
Second to come was a juney bug

G A#7  
She brought the wine in a tiny jug

D A Bm G  
Uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh

**Bari**

D



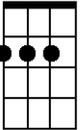
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Third to come was a bumbley bee uh huh  
His buzzin' shook that hollow tree uh huh

D D7  
He was arm in arm with a chubby tick

G A#7  
Who ate all the peas and got real sick

D A Bm G  
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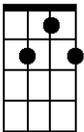
A



D  
Fourth to come was Beatle John uh huh

A  
A banjo and some Beatle songs uh huh

D7

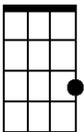


D D7  
Fifth to come was a garden snake

G A#7  
He ate his way through the wedding cake

D A Bm G D A G  
Uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh

G



D  
Sixth to come was a dragonfly uh huh

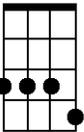
A  
A monicle on his purpley eye uh huh

D D7  
He came on the back of an old grey cat

G A#7  
Who fell asleep on the welcome mat

D A Bm G D A G  
Uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh

A#7



D  
They all danced till the morning light uh huh

A  
Then off to bed as the sun shone bright uh huh

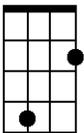
D D7  
A little piece of cornbread layin' on a shelf

G A#7  
And If you want anymore you can sing it yourself

D A Bm G  
Uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh (x3)

D A D  
Uh huh uh huh

Bm

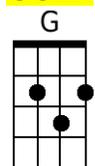


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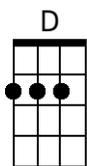
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D  
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G G7  
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C D#7  
A ring and a bouquet by his side

G D C  
Uh huh uh huh uh huh



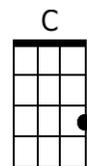
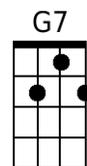
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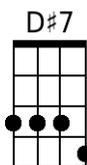
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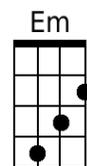
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She laid out the table cloth uh huh

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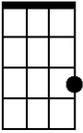
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**Bari**

G



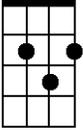
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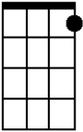
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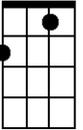
C D#7  
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G7



C



G  
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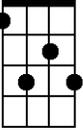
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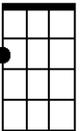
C D#7  
Who fell asleep on the welcome mat

G D Em C G D C  
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D#7



Em



G  
They all danced till the morning light uh huh

D  
Then off to bed as the sun shone bright uh huh

G G7  
A little piece of cornbread layin' on a shelf

C D#7  
And If you want anymore you can sing it yourself

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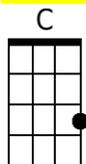
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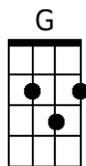
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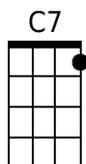
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F G#7



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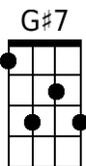
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C G

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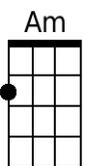
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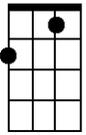
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**Bari**

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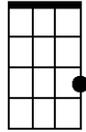
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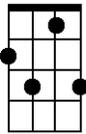
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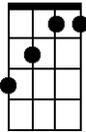


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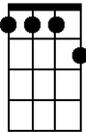
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G#7



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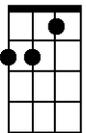
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C G Am F  
Uh huh uh huh uh huh uh huh (x3)

C G C  
Uh huh uh huh

Am



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### Arrangement by Bob Dylan

1. Frog went a-courtin', and he did ride, Uh-huh,  
Frog went a-courtin', and he did ride, Uh-huh,  
Frog went a-courtin', and he did ride.  
With a sword and a pistol by his side, Uh-huh.
2. Well he rode up to Miss Mousey's door, Uh-huh,  
Well he rode up to Miss Mousey's door, Uh-huh,  
Well he rode up to Miss Mousey's door.  
Gave three loud raps and a very big roar, Uh-huh.
3. Said, "Miss Mouse, are you within?" Uh-huh,  
Said he, "Miss Mouse, are you within?" Uh-huh,  
Said, "Miss Mouse, are you within?"  
"Yes, kind sir, I sit and spin," Uh-huh.
4. He took Miss Mousey on his knee, Uh-huh,  
Took Miss Mousey on his knee, Uh-huh,  
Took Miss Mousey on his knee.  
Said, "Miss Mousey, will you marry me?" Uh-huh.
5. "Without my uncle Rat's consent, Uh-huh  
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"Without my uncle Rat's consent.  
I wouldn't marry the president, Uh-huh
6. Uncle Rat laughed and he shook his fat sides, Uh-huh,  
Uncle Rat laughed and he shook his fat sides, Uh-huh,  
Uncle Rat laughed and he shook his fat sides,.  
To think his niece would be a bride, Uh-huh.
7. Uncle Rat went runnin' downtown, Uh-huh,  
Uncle Rat went runnin' downtown, Uh-huh,  
Uncle Rat went runnin' downtown.  
To buy his niece a wedding gown, Uh-huh
8. Where shall the wedding supper be? Uh-huh,  
Where shall the wedding supper be? Uh-huh,  
Where shall the wedding supper be?  
Way down yonder in a hollow tree, Uh-huh
9. What should the wedding supper be? Uh-huh,  
What should the wedding supper be? Uh-huh,  
What should the wedding supper be?  
Fried mosquito in a black-eye pea, Uh-huh.
10. Well, first to come in was a flyin' moth, Uh-huh,  
First to come in was a flyin' moth, Uh-huh,  
First to come in was a flyin' moth.  
She laid out the table cloth, Uh-huh.

11. Next to come in was a junebug, Uh-huh,  
Next to come in was a junebug, Uh-huh,  
Next to come in was a junebug.  
She brought the water jug, Uh-huh.

12. Next to come in was a bumblebee, Uh-huh  
Next to come in was a bumblebee, Uh-huh  
Next to come in was a bumblebee.  
Sat mosquito on his knee, Uh-huh.

13. Next to come in was a broken black flea, Uh-huh,  
Next to come in was a broken black flea, Uh-huh,  
Next to come in was a broken black flea.  
Danced a jig with the bumblebee, Uh-huh.

14. Next to come in was Mrs. Cow, Uh-huh,  
Next to come in was Mrs. Cow, Uh-huh,  
Next to come in was Mrs. Cow.  
She tried to dance but she didn't know how, Uh-huh.

15. Next to come in was a little black tick, Uh-huh,  
Next to come in was a little black tick, Uh-huh,  
Next to come in was a little black tick.  
She ate so much she made us sick, Uh-huh.

16. Next to come in was a big black snake, Uh-huh,  
Next to come in was a big black snake, Uh-huh,  
Next to come in was a big black snake.  
Ate up all of the wedding cake, Uh-huh.

17. Next to come was the old gray cat, Uh-huh,  
Next to come was the old gray cat, Uh-huh,  
Next to come was the old gray cat.  
Swallowed the mouse and ate up the rat, Uh-huh.

18. Mr. Frog went a-hoppin' up over the brook, Uh-huh,  
Mr. Frog went a-hoppin' up over the brook, Uh-huh,  
Mr. Frog went a-hoppin' up over the brook.  
A lily-white duck come and swallowed him up, Uh-huh.

19. A little piece of cornbread layin' on a shelf, Uh-huh,  
A little piece of cornbread layin' on a shelf, Uh-huh,  
A little piece of cornbread layin' on a shelf.  
If you want anymore, you can sing it yourself, Uh-huh.