

Livin' On A Prayer

Bon Jovi, 1986. Ukulele arrangement: Bob Guz, Austin Ukulele Society, 2023

INTRO: *4 beats per box. You can strum these chords OR play the tabbed riff!*

[Em]	[Em]	[Em]	[Em]
[C]	[D]	[Em]	[Em]
[C]	[D]	[Em]	[Em]

CHORDS

Em

C

D

G

VERSE 1

[Em] Tommy used to work on the [Em] docks
 [Em] Union's been on strike, he's [Em] down on his luck
 It's [C] tough... [D] ♪ ♪ ♪ so [Em] tough [Em]

VERSE 2

[Em] Gina works the diner all [Em] day
 [Em] Working for her man, she [Em] brings home her pay
 For [C] love... [D] ♪ ♪ ♪ for [Em] love [Em]

PRE-CHORUS 1:

She says, we gotta [C] hold [D] on to what we've [Em] got It
 [C] doesn't make a [D] diff'rence if we make it or [Em] not
 We [C] got each [D] other and that's a [Em] lot
 For [C] love... we'll [D] give [D] it [D] a [*stop: D*] shot! ← *1 down-strum per chord*

CHORUS 1:

[*strum: Em*] Ooo- [C] ooh, we're [D] halfway there
 [G] Ooo- [C] ooh, [D] livin' on a prayer
 [Em] Take my [C] hand, we'll [D] make it I swear
 [G] Ooo- [C] ooh, [D] livin' on a prayer

INTERLUDE: *4 beats per box*

[Em]	[Em]
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VERSE 3

[Em] Tommy's got his four-string in [Em] hock
Now [Em] he's holding in what he [Em] used to make it talk
So [C] tough... [D] ♫ ♫ ♫ it's [Em] tough [Em]

VERSE 4

[Em] Gina dreams of running a— [Em]way
When she [Em] cries in the night, Tommy [Em] whispers,
"Baby, it's o— [C]kay... [D] ♫ ♫ ♫ some [Em] day" [Em]

PRE-CHORUS 2

We gotta [C] hold [D] on to what we've [Em] got
It [C] doesn't make a [D] diff'rence if we make it or [Em] not
We [C] got each [D] other and that's a [Em] lot
For [C] love... we'll [D] give [D] it [D] a [*stop: D*] shot! ← *1 down-strum per chord*

CHORUS 2

[*strum: Em*] Ooo— [C]ooh, we're [D] halfway there
[G] Ooo— [C]ooh, [D] livin' on a prayer
[Em] Take my [C] hand, we'll [D] make it I swear
[G] Ooo— [C]ooh, [D] livin' on a prayer
[C] Livin' [C] on a [*hold: C*] prayer! ← *1 down-strum per chord*

CHORUS 3

[*strum: Em*] Ooo— [C]ooh, we're [D] halfway there
[G] Ooo— [C]ooh, [D] livin' on a prayer
[Em] Take my [C] hand, we'll [D] make it I swear
[G] Ooo— [C]ooh, [D] livin' on a prayer
[G] Ooo— [C]ooh, [D] livin' on a prayer
[C] Livin' [C] on a [*hold: G*] prayer! [*stop: G*] ← *1 down-strum per chord*

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