

Up on the Roof

Carole King and Gerry Goffin, as recorded by The Drifters, 1962. Ukulele arrangement Bob Guz, 2023

INTRO: 4 *beats per box.*

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| [G] | [Em] | [C] | [D] |
| [G] | [G] | | |

VERSE 1

When [G] this old world starts [Em] getting me down,
And [C] people are just too [D] much for me to [G] face [G]

I [G] climb way up to the [Em] top of the stairs,
And [C] all my cares just [D] drift right into [G] space [G]

CHORUS 1

[C] On the roof, it's [Cmaj7] peaceful as can [C6] be [Cmaj7]
And [G] there the world be— [Em] low can't bother [Am] me.
[stop: D] ♪ Let me tell you now...

CHORDS

The image shows seven ukulele chord diagrams arranged in a grid. Each diagram is a 4x4 grid representing the four strings and four frets. Frets are numbered 1 to 4 from top to bottom. A dot indicates a finger placement on a string and fret. The chords are: C (fret 3, 4th string), Cmaj7 (fret 3, 4th string; fret 2, 3rd string; fret 1, 2nd string; fret 0, 1st string), C6 (fret 3, 4th string; fret 2, 3rd string; fret 1, 2nd string; fret 0, 1st string), D (fret 2, 4th string; fret 3, 3rd string; fret 2, 2nd string; fret 1, 1st string), Em (fret 2, 4th string; fret 1, 3rd string; fret 0, 2nd string; fret 0, 1st string), G (fret 2, 4th string; fret 3, 3rd string; fret 2, 2nd string; fret 0, 1st string), and Am (fret 0, 4th string; fret 1, 3rd string; fret 0, 2nd string; fret 0, 1st string).

VERSE 2

When [*strum*: G] I come home feelin' [Em] tired and beat,
I [C] go up where the [D] air is fresh and [G] sweet [*Up on the [G] roof...*]

I [G] get away from the [Em] hustlin' crowd,
And [C] all that rat-race [D] noise down in the [G] street [*Up on the [G] roof...*]

CHORUS 2

[C] On the roof's, the [Cmaj7] only place I [C6] know, [Cmaj7]
Where [G] you just have to [Em] wish to make it [Am] so
Let' s [*stop*: D] go...
Up on the [*strum*: G] roof. [*Up on the [G] roof...*]

SOLO: 4 beats per box.

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| [G] | [Em] | [C] | [D] |
| [G] | [G] | | |

CHORUS 3

At [C] night the stars put [Cmaj7] on a show for [C6] free, [Cmaj7]
And, [G] darling, you can [Em] share it all with [Am] me
[stop: D] ♪ I keep a-tellin' you...

VERSE 3

[strum: G] Right smack dab in the [Em] middle of town,
I [C] found a para- [D]dise that's trouble- [G]proof [Up on the [G] roof...]

And [G] if this world starts [Em] gettin' you down,
There's [C] room enough for [D] two, up on the [G] roof [Up on the [G] roof...]

CHORUS 4

At [C] night the stars put [Cmaj7] on a show for [C6] free, [Cmaj7]
And, [G] darling, you can [Em] share it all with [Am] me
[stop: D] ♪ I keep a-tellin' you...

VERSE 4

[strum: G] Right smack dab in the [Em] middle of town,
I [C] found a para- [D]dise that's trouble- [G]proof [Up on the [G] roof...]

And [G] if this world starts [Em] gettin' you down,
There's [C] room enough for [D] two, up on the [G] roof [Up on the [G] roof...]

ENDING

Up on the [Em] roof... [Up on the [Em] roof...]
Come on [G] baby... [Up on the [G] roof...]
Come on [Em] honey... [Up on the [Em] roof...] [hold: G]

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