

Build Me Up Buttercup

Mike d'Abo and Tony Macaulay, 1968. Performed by The Foundations.
Ukulele arrangement Austin Ukulele Society, 2015.

Intro: 4 beats per chord

C E7 F G7
C E7 F G7 [stop]

Chorus

[no strum] C

Why do you build me up [build me up]

E7 F

Buttercup, baby, just to let me down [let me down]

G7

And mess me around?

C

And then worst of all [worst of all]

E7

F

You never call, baby, when you say you will [say you will]

G7

But I love you still.

C

I need you [I need you]

C7

More than anyone darlin',

F

Fm

You know that I have from the start.

C

So build me up [build me up]

G7 F C G7

Buttercup, don't break my heart.

Verse 1

C

G

B^b

F

C

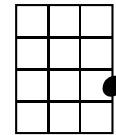
"I'll be over at ten," you told me time and a-gain, but you're late.

F

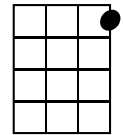
I wait a-round and then

Chords in this song

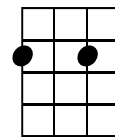
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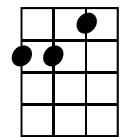
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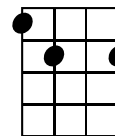
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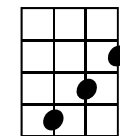
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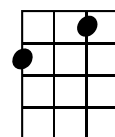
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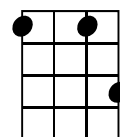
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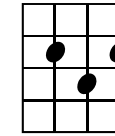
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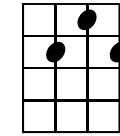
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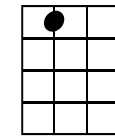
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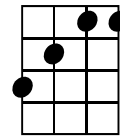
G7



A7



B^b



☞ = Pause or take a breath

[hold] = Strum the chord once and let it ring

[stop] = Strum the chord once and mute the strings

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C G B^b F C

I run to the door, I can't take any-more, it's not you.

F

You let me down again.

Bridge

F F Dm G7

[Hey, hey, hey!] Baby, baby, I'm tryin' to find

G7 G7 Em A7

[Hey, hey, hey!] A little time ♪ and I'll make you happy

F D7

I'll be home, ♪ I'll be be-side the phone

G G7 [stop] G7 [stop]

Waiting for you-ou-ou, Ooo-oo-oo-ooo [Ooo-oo-oo-ooo]

Repeat Chorus

Verse 2

C G B^b F C

To you I'm a toy, but I could be the boy you a-dore

F

If you'd just let me know.

C G B^b F C

Al-though you're un-true, I'm at-tracted to you all the more.

F

Why do I need you so?

Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus

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Ending

C

I need you [*I need you*]

C7

More than anyone darlin',

F

Fm

You know that I have from the start.

C

So build me up [*build me up*]

G7

F C [hold]

Buttercup, don't break my hea—art.