

Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay

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Difficulty: beginner

Tuning: [E A D G B E](#)

Key: G

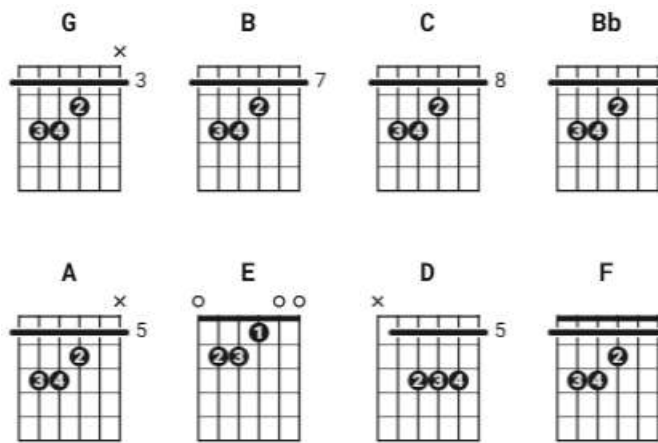
Capo: No capo

Timing: 4/4

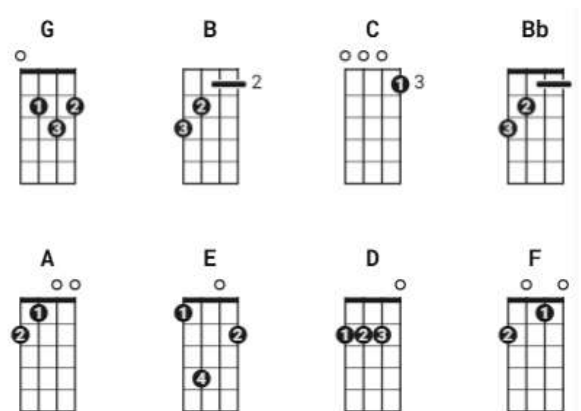
Beat 104

Chords

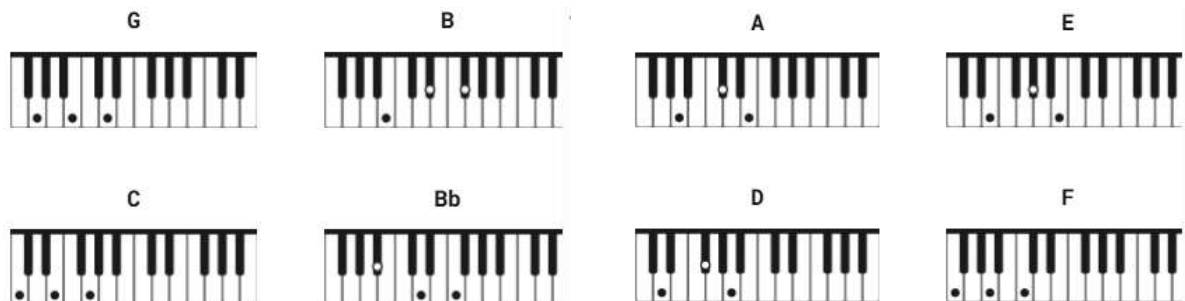
Guitar



Ukulele



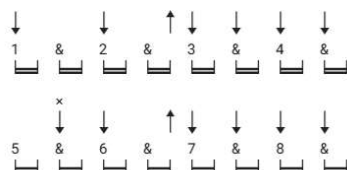
Piano



Strumming

Verse:

● Verse 104 bpm



Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay

[Intro]

G G G G E3

[Verse]

G E3 B E7
Sittin' in the morning sun
C E8 | C B Bb A | A E8, E7, E6, E5, E5
I'll be sittin' when the evening come
G E3 B E7
Watching the ships roll in
C E8 | C B Bb A | A E8, E7, E6, E5, E5
then I'll watch 'em roll away again, yeah

[Chorus]

G E3 E
I'm just sittin' on the dock of the bay
G E3 E
watching the tide roll away
| G G G# A | E3, E3, E4, E5 A E5
ooo I'm sittin' on the dock of the bay
G E3 E
wasting ti---ime

[Verse]

G E3 B E7
I left my home in Georgia and I
C E8 | C B Bb A | A E8, E7, E6, E5, E5
Headed for the Frisco bay
G E3 B E7
'Cause I've got nothing to live for
C E8 | C B Bb A | A E8, E7, E6, E5, E5
Look like nothing's gonna come my way

[Chorus]

G E3 E
I'm just sittin' on the dock of the bay
G E3 E
watching the tide roll away
G E3 A E5
ooo I'm sittin' on the dock of a bay
G E3 E
wasting ti---ime

Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay

[Bridge]

| **G** **D** | ^{E3, A5} **C** ^{E8}

Look like nothing's gonna change

| **G** **D** | ^{E3, A5} **C** ^{E8}

Everything seems to stay the same

| **G** **D** | ^{E3, A5} **C** ^{E8} **G** ^{E3}

I can't do what ten people tell me to do

F ^{E1} **D** ^{A5}

So I guess I'll remain the same

[Verse]

G ^{E3} **B** ^{E7}

Sittin' here resting my bones

C ^{E8} | **C** **B** **Bb** **A** | **A** ^{E8, E7, E6, E5, E5}

and this loneliness won't leave me a--lone

G ^{E3} **B** ^{E7}

These 2000 miles I roamed

C ^{E8} | **C** **B** **Bb** **A** | **A** ^{E8, E7, E6, E5, E5}

just to make this dock my home

[Chorus]

G ^{E3} **E**

I'm sittin' on the dock of the bay

G ^{E3} **E**

Watching the tide roll away. ooo

| **G** **G** **G#** **A** | ^{E3, E3, E4, E5} **A** ^{E5}

Sittin' on the dock of the bay

G ^{E3} **E**

I'm wasting ti---ime

[Outro]

G ^{E3} **E** (whistle over these two chords and fade out)

G ^{E3} **E**