

The Presidents

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C G C C
 Washington came first and he was perfect
 C C C G G
 John Adams kept us out of war with France
 F F Am Am
 Jefferson made a Louisiana Purchase
 D7 D7 G G7
 In 1812 James Madison kicked the British in the pants
 C G C C
 James Monroe told Europe they could suck it
 C C F F
 John Quincy Adams looked just like his Dad
 F F C A
 Andrew Jackson got rid of all the indians
 D7 G C C
 Van Buren served one term but he wasn't bad

William Henry Harrison died early
 Tyler annexed Texas from Mexico
 James K. Polk fought Mexico to keep it
 Taylor was a Mexican War hero
 Fillmore gave a boat to Commodore Perry
 Pierce repealed the Missouri Compromise
 Buchanan saw the Civil War's beginnings
 Lincoln saved the Union, then he died

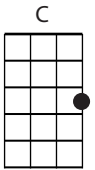
Andrew Johnson just survived impeachment
 General Grant enjoyed a drink or two
 Rutherford B. Hayes ended reconstruction
 Garfield never made it into 1882
 Arthur suspended Chinese immigration
 Cleveland made the railroad people squirm
 Harrison signed the Sherman Anti-Trust Act
 Grover Cleveland served another term

McKinley kept the Spanish out of Cuba
 Roosevelt was handy with a gun
 Taft was big and fat and had a mustache
 Wilson kicked some ass in World War I
 Harding said let's laissez faire with business
 Coolidge made the roaring '20s roar
 Hoover screwed the pooch in the Great Depression
 Roosevelt beat the Nazis in a war

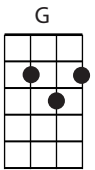
Truman dropped the bomb on Hiroshima
 Eisenhower kept the Commies well in hand
 Kennedy was killed by a magic bullet
 Johnson murdered kids in Vietnam
 Nixon was a sweating filthy liar
 Ford gave Nixon pardon for his crimes
 Carter lusted in his heart for peanuts
 Reagan won the Cold War, lost his mind

George Bush senior poked at Saddam Hussein
 Clinton gave an intern a cigar
 W's legacy's a work in progress
 That is all the presidents so far
 In the year 2006 we're out of money
 Somewhere surely freedom's on the march
 I don't like to make political statements

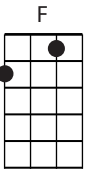
Each verse is eight lines long, and each chord listed is played for two beats, as follows:



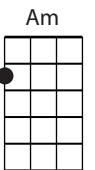
C G C C
 C C G G
 F F Am Am
 D7 D7 G G7
 C G C C
 C C F F
 F F C A
 D7 G C C



The original has an incorrect date for Garfield's assassination, so I changed it.



That's a Hawaiian D7, by the way.



Capo 1 to match the recording.

