

UKE BOX

I Dream Of An Island

Activities in this pack:



Information



Activity 1 **Perform**

UKE BOX - I Dream Of An Island

UKE BOX features video performances of original songs, written and arranged by Tasmanian songwriter Eleanor Tucker. Each arrangement showcases orchestral instruments as well as encouraging ukulele players of all levels to have a go and play-along.

Chord and tab charts are displayed on screen, and each song is followed by an up-close demonstration of ukulele technique. Duplicate videos displaying song lyrics are available as well as support materials for free download, including lead sheets and notes for teachers.

“Each song has been written with the ukulele in mind. I have tried to keep these parts as simple and accessible as possible (mainly 1 & 2 finger chords/ some pentatonic melodies) while simultaneously providing enough variety to retain interest, and extend playing technique.”

Eleanor Tucker 2021



Learning I Dream Of An Island

“No collection of ukulele songs would be complete without an archetypal island song, and my favourite Island is Flinders Island, where the kunzea (a special, sweet-scented bush of the myrtle family) grows. One day after swimming, I was lying on the beach listening to nothing but the waves, feeling incredibly fortunate and thinking to myself, “life doesn’t get any better than this!”

The rhythmic pattern I have chosen for this piece (DDU, UDU) is the same as is used in Sometimes. It is commonly used in a lot of Hawaiian-style ukulele playing and can be adjusted to also play some calypso music.”
Eleanor Tucker 2021

Watch [“I Dream of an Island”](#) with ukulele chords and demonstration

Watch [“I Dream of an Island”](#) with lyrics

[“I Dream of an Island”](#) Lead Sheet

[“I Dream of an Island”](#) Lyric Sheet

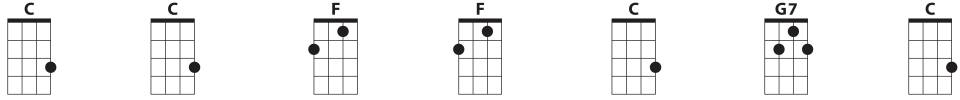
[“I Dream of an Island”](#) Notes for Teachers



"I Dream of an Island"

E. Tucker

♩. = 90



Voice

9

I dream of an is - land far a - cross the sea_____.

13

A - way from the mad - ness of life in the ci - ty_____.

17

I'm there on my is - land with - out a - ny care_____.

21

_____, and if you close your eyes you can meet me there_____.

25

There may not be palm trees, but the kun - ze - a grows_____.

29

It's fresh scen - ted per - fume just drifts up your nose_____.

33

And while the wild west winds, they might catch you by sur - prise_____.

2 37

F C G7 C

V.

to be on this is - land _____, you know you're a - live _____.

C7 F F

41

V.

rush get town.

There's no rush to get to town. No rush, rush, rush - ing a -

C C7 F

44

V.

round _____ beach to lie

Just a beach to lie on, and a

D7 D7 G7

47

V.

towel to dry waves are on - ly sound.

towel dry on, where the waves are the on - ly sound. I dream of an

C C7 F

50

V.

is - land far a - cross the sea _____.

F C G7 C

53

V.

And this beau - ti - ful is - land, she keeps call - ing me _____.

G7 C G7 C

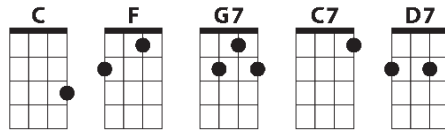
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V.

She keeps call - ing me _____ rit. She keeps call - ing me _____.

“I Dream of an Island”

Music and Lyrics by E. Tucker



Strumming pattern – gentle DDU, UDU

Verse 1

C **F**
I dream of an island far across the sea.

G⁷ **C**
Away from the madness of life in the city.

G⁷ **C** **C⁷** **F**
I'm there on my island without any care,

C **G⁷** **C**
and if you close your eyes you can meet me there.

Verse 2

G⁷ **C** **F**
There may not be palm trees, but the kunzea grows.

F **G⁷** **C**
It's fresh scented perfume just drifts up your nose

G⁷ **C** **C⁷** **F**
And while the wild west winds, they might catch you by surprise

C **G⁷** **C**
To be on this island, you know you're alive.

Chorus

C⁷ **F**
There's no rush to get to town,

C **C⁷**
No rush, rush, rushing around.

F **D⁷**
Just a beach to lie on, and a towel to dry on,

G⁷
where the waves are the only sound.

Verse 3

C **C⁷** **F**
I dream of an island far across the sea.

C **G⁷** **C**
And this beautiful island, she keeps calling me.

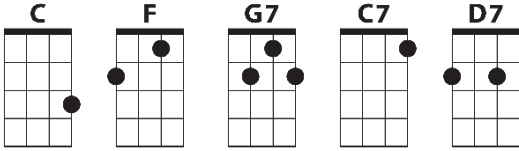
G⁷ **C**
She keeps calling me.

G⁷ **C**
She keeps calling me.

"I Dream of an Island"

Notes for Teachers by Eleanor Tucker

Chords



Strumming pattern: gentle DDU, UDU

(can also be played as straight down beats)

Instruments featured in recording

- Trombone
- Bass trombone
- Marimba
- Snare & brushes ("stirring the pot")
- Ukulele
- Vocals (2- part harmony)

Level/s

1
2
3

Challenge:

Strumming pattern
DDU, UDU

2- part singing

Suggested percussion for accompanying classroom arrangement

(xylophones/ marimbas can also try playing tremolo on the name note (tonic) of each chord with the changes)

BRUSHES (stir the pot throughout and add touches of flourish if inspired)

Snare or Shakers Congas

Chord changes in "I Dream of an Island"

1 G7 C C F F G7 G7 C

9 G7 C C7 F F C G7 C

17 C7 F F C C7 F D7 D7

25 G7 C C7 F F C G7 C