

## UKE BOX

Sometimes

### Activities in this pack:



Information



Activity 1 **Perform**

## UKE BOX - Sometimes

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 Sometimes

*"I wrote this song to specifically cater for absolute beginners to get used to chord changes, using the 1-finger C and F chords. The song lyrics remind us that music can also be 'play' and encourages players to have a go at relaxed improvising,"*  
*Eleanor Tucker 2021*

A score excerpt of "Sometimes" for classroom instruments are provided below. Score and parts are available for purchase through TSO Publishing.

Follow the links below to access the resources and instructional videos:

Watch ["Sometimes"](#) with ukulele chords and demonstration

Watch ["Sometimes"](#) with lyrics

["Sometimes"](#) Lead Sheet

["Sometimes"](#) Lyric Sheet

["Sometimes"](#) Notes for Teachers

["Sometimes"](#) Score excerpt from classroom arrangement



# "Sometimes"

E. Tucker

♩ = 95

Ukulele

5

V.

9

V.

13

V.1.

V.2.

17

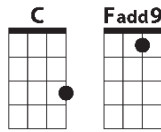
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# “Sometimes”

Music and Lyrics by E. Tucker



Playing pattern: gentle strumming DDU – UDU.  
(May also be played as straight down strokes).

## Verse 1

**C**

Sometimes it's just nice to play.

**Fadd9**

**C**

Not worry 'bout what others think or say, it's just nice to play.

## Verse 2

**C**

Sometimes it's just nice to groove.

**Fadd9**

**C**

Feel the way the music makes you want to move, it's just nice to groove.

## Chorus

**Fadd9**

**C**

**Fadd9**

**C**

Listen carefully and you will find the notes will play themselves, you're doing fine.

## Verse 3

**C**

Sometimes it's just nice to sing.

**Fadd9**

**C**

Make up a song about anything at all, just take a step you won't fall.

## Chorus

**Fadd9**

**C**

**Fadd9**

**C**

Listen carefully and you will find the words will sing themselves, you're doing fine.

# “Sometimes”

## Notes for Teachers by Eleanor Tucker

<p><b>Chords</b></p> <p><b>Playing pattern:</b> Gentle DDU, UDU (Can also be played as straight down strokes)</p>	<p><b>Notes</b></p> <p>C A E – (strings)</p> <p><b>Instruments featured in recording:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Violins</li> <li>• Cello</li> <li>• Harp</li> <li>• Ukulele</li> <li>• Vocals 1 &amp; 2</li> </ul>	<p><i>Try improvising by using:</i></p> <p><b>C Major pentatonic</b> See <i>practise exercise below.</i></p> <p><b>C D E G A</b></p> <p><i>(Then add F Major pentatonic for more advanced students)</i></p> <p><b>F G A C D</b></p>	<p><b>Levels 1-4</b></p> <p>This piece can be approached from many levels: absolute beginner to early and more advanced improviser.</p> <p><b>The main challenge of this piece is to master the gentle DDU, UDU strum pattern.</b></p>
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### C Major Pentatonic Exercise for Ukulele

Note - this exercise is not heard in the piece but is a good way to start playing the C Major pentatonic scale on the ukulele.

### “Sometimes” Classroom Percussion Part (possible drum part)

### Composer’s notes

I wrote this song to cater specifically for absolute beginners to get used to chord changes, using the 1-finger C and F chords (F+9).  
4 bars of C, followed by 2 of F, followed by another 2 of C. When players are used to simply playing on the first beat of each bar, they might like to learn the rhythm pattern (DDU, UDU).  
The song lyrics remind us that music is ‘play’ and encourages players to have a go at relaxed improvising.

### Example of how a pentatonic scale is used in “Sometimes”

The violin part transcribed below (featured after the 2<sup>nd</sup> chorus), begins with an ascending line of the C Major pentatonic, repeats this with a slight variation, and then plays a short melodic bridge to the next chorus (played by the violins).

### “Sometimes” (easy piano)

E. Tucker



# "Sometimes"

classroom score

E. Tucker

♩ = 95

Score for the first four measures of the piece. The score includes staves for Voice 1, Voice 2, Piano, Ukulele, Bass (two staves), and Drum Set. The piano part includes chord markings: C, G/C, C<sup>6</sup>(omit3), G/C, C, G/C, C<sup>6</sup>(omit3), G/C. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 95.

## Verse 1 and Verse 2:

Score for the verses, starting at measure 5. It includes staves for Voice 1 (1st time), Voice 2 (2nd time), Piano, Ukulele (C \* downstrokes using thumb), Bass (2nd time only), and Drum Set (2nd time only). The lyrics are: "Some - times\_ it's just nice to play\_ Not wor - ry 'bout what oth - ers think\_ or" and "Some - times\_ it's just nice to groove\_ Feel the way the mu - sic makes you want\_ to". The piano part includes chord markings: C, G/C, C<sup>6</sup>, G/C, C, G/C, C<sup>6</sup>, G/C. The drum set part includes hi-hats and bass drum notation.