

Words & Guitar Chords for Book I Songs

Most Book 1 songs use only two or three chords that are friendly to guitarists. The one exception is Musette, the last piece in Book 1. These are the words that I sometimes use for the Book 1 songs paired with guitar chords that will work with the piano music.

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

(Chords will work for all Twinkles)

C F C
Twinkle, twinkle little star,
G C G C
How I wonder what you are.
C F C G
Up above the world so high,
C F C G
Like a diamond in the sky.
C F C
Twinkle, twinkle little star,
G C G C
How I wonder what you are.

Honey Bee

C (F) C G C
Honey Bee, don't you dare sting me.
C G
Sting my father, sting my mother,
C G
Sting my sister, sting my brother.
C (F) C G C
Honey Bee, don't you dare sting me.

Cuckoo

C G C
Cuckoo, cuckoo, sweet little birdie,
C G C
Cuckoo, cuckoo, singing for me.
G C
We like to hear you and to be near you.
C G C
Cuckoo, cuckoo, springtime is near.

Lightly Row

C G
Lightly row, quick and slow.
C
Up the river we will go.
C G
Arizona, Arizona,
C
That's the place to go and row.
G
On our piano we will play,
C
Eating hot dogs all the day.
C G
Arizona, Arizona,
C
That's the place to go and row.

French Children's Song

C
French children's song,
C G C
A song they sing in Paris.

C
French children's song,
C G C
A song they sing in France.

G C G C
If I were French, I would sing in the morning.

G C G C
If I were French, I would sing in the night.

(repeat first part)

London Bridge

C
London Bridge is falling down,
G C
Falling down, falling down.

C
London Bridge is falling down,
G C
My fair lady.

Mary Had a Little Lamb

C
Mary had a little lamb,
G C
Little lamb, little lamb.

C
Mary had a little lamb,
G C
Fleece was as white as snow.

Go Tell Aunt Rhody

C G C
Go tell Aunt Rhody, John is very sick;
C G C
Please tell the Doctor, John is sick in bed.

C F C
He had some popcorn, then some chocolate,
C F C
Then peanut butter on his bread.

C G C
Go tell Aunt Rhody, John is very sick;
C G C
Please tell the Doctor, John is sick in bed.

Chant Arabe

These chords do not work exactly right with the piano part.

Am (G)
In far-off desert lands, where the oasis stands,
Am Em Am
Camels in caravans trail across burning sands.

Em
Riders in flowing turbans sit

Am
high atop the swaying camel backs.

Em
Bells tinkling, jingling, sweetly ring

Am Em
out across the desert air, and gently tell us,

Am (G)
In far-off desert lands, where the oasis stands,
Am Em Am
Camels in caravans trail across burning sands.

Allegretto I

C
Rumbly, tummy, rumbly tummy,
G C
I am hungry mummy.

C
Rumbly tummy, rumbly tummy,
G C
I want pizza for lunch today.
(repeat)

G C
Pizza smells so good when it cooks.

G C
Pizza tastes as good as it looks.

C
Rumbly tummy, rumbly tummy,
G C
I want pizza for supper as well.
(repeat)

Goodbye to Winter

G (D) G G (D) G
Winter is gone, winter is gone.

G D
Snow now is melting away;

D G
Soon there will be a warm day.

G (D) G
Springtime is near!

G (D) G
Soon will be here,

G
Warm days, warm days in the sun.

Aleggretto II

C
Listen to the raindrops pitter, patter
C G
On the windowpane today.
C
Listen to the raindrops pitter, patter
C G C
As the rain comes falling down this way.
(repeat)

G
How I like to hear the rain come down;
C
Now it's raining hard all over town.
C
Listen to the raindrops pitter, patter
C G C
As the wind and rain go blowing all around.
(repeat)

Christmas Day Secrets

C G C
Hush, hush, keep a little secret,
G C G C
keep a little secret 'til Christmas Day.
(repeat)

G D G D
Little presents, wrapped in pretty paper,
G D G D
underneath the Christmas tree, there's
G D G D
Little presents, wrapped in pretty paper,
G D G
all for you and me

C G C
Hush, hush, keep a little secret,
G C G C
keep a little secret 'til Christmas Day.
(repeat)

Allegro

G C G
Hear the band come marching round the corner,
D G D G
Hear the drummer lead the big parade.
(repeat)

C G C G
Clowns will dance and horses prance, and
C G D
I will see them when they pass.

G C G
See the drummer march around the corner.
D G D G
Here they come! I see the big parade!

Musette

These chords do not work exactly right with the piano part.

Dm
This is the hour when twilight falls,
Gm Dm
Turning the skies to gray.

Dm
This is the hour when twilight falls,
Gm Dm
This is the close of day.

A Dm A
Silently creeping, the shadows
Dm A Dm A
Cover the sunlight patches.
Dm
This is the hour when twilight falls,
Gm Dm
This is the close of day.
(repeat)