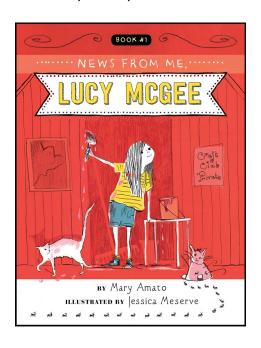
School Band Score and Individual Parts

The Friend Song

From the book *News from Me, Lucy McGee*By Mary Amato



Words and Music by Mary Amato Arranged for Band by Darelynn Fung

Note about this project:

News from Me, Lucy McGee is the first in a series of books about young songwriters in an elementary-school songwriting/ukulele club. Each book in the series includes several songs written especially for ukulele and voice. You can find out more about the books and songs and listen to recordings here: https://www.maryamato.com/lucy-songs/.

This arrangement is for a school band/chorus performance by Maryland-based band teacher Darelynn Fung.

Note to Vocalists: The melody line may be more comfortably sung an octave lower than is written. If you want to add harmony, the easiest is a drone on Bb for the chorus.

Ukulele Players: The song was originally written for ukulele and voice in the key of C, which is the easiest for uke. See the special notes for the revised ukulele part for this band/choral arrangement in the packet.

Posting Your Performance: If your band/chorus performs this song and you'd like to share a video or audio on the Lucy McGee website so that other readers and musicians can enjoy it, please send the link to video or audio to the author. Contact: info@maryamato.com

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In Concert Bb

By Mary Amato Arranged by Darelynn Fung

Ukulele

The key of C is easiest for uke players; Bb is easiest for beginning band. In this version, uke players can still play along, but the Bb chords are difficult for a beginner (Bb Gm Eb F). Most beginning uke players only know the F chord. As easy way to involve uke players is to have them play the notes only on a single G string, which is the first on the left in the diagrams (G string progression would be: fret 3, open, fret 3, fret 2). Another option is to tap the uke to keep the beat and then strum only when it's time to play the F chord.

Вb

You'd rescue me if I lost my way

Gm

You'd write a silly song for me to play

Εk

You'd share your last potato chips and say

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You'll be okay. Hey, hey, hey.

Bb

You're the kind of friend that everybody needs

Gm

You're the kind of friend that everybody needs

Eb

You can bet I won't forget

Bb F

You are the friend for me.

Bb

I make mistakes, a hundred everyday

Gm

I played tricks before, I'm sad to say

Eb

Now I'm here to make you feel okay

F

Okay. Hey, hey, hey.

Bb

You're the kind of friend that everybody needs

Gm

You're the kind of friend that everybody needs

Eb

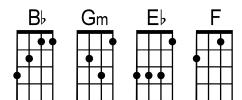
You can bet I won't forget

F

You are the friend, you are the friend, you are the

Bb F Bb

friend—hey, hey— for me.















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The Friend Song in Concert Bb

