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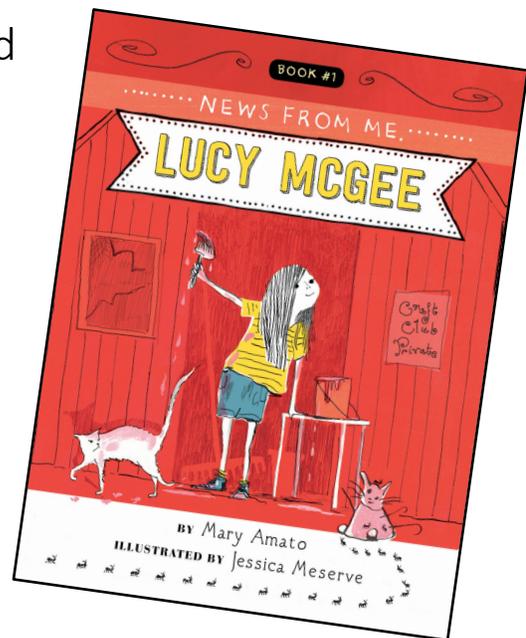
# THE SONGWRITING CLUB SONGS

## LYRICS AND UKE CHORDS

### BOOK ONE

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It's time to sing with your friends and family! Tips for playing are included are on the last page. You can listen to the recordings (and the karaoke tracks) and find some instructional videos on this link:



<http://www.maryamato.com/lucy-songs/>

# THE PIGGY SONG

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Words and Music by Mary Amato

Key of C: Chords are C and F.



We are the piggies.



We love our cuddly blanket.



We play so much upon it



We actually should thank it.



We wag our tails,



and we wiggle them some more.



We say, "Oink oink."



Then we sleep and snore.



Wrap a little piggy



in a blanky...so snug!



Come on little Piggies



have a Big Pig Hug.



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Come on little Piggies



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# THE COOKIE SONG

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Words and Music by Mary Amato

Key of G: Chords are G6, C, and D7.

If you don't see a chord above a line that means you keep playing the chord you are on. This song is fun to sing with a friend as a call-and-response song. One person sings the main part and the other sings the echoes in parentheses.



Gimme chocolate chip cookies (chocolate chip cookies).

And peanut butter, too (peanut butter, too)!

Gimme dulce de leche (dulce de leche)

cookies from Peru (cookies from Peru).



Gimme ginger snaps and oatmeal (ginger snaps and oatmeal)

and snickerdoodle-doos (snickerdoodle-doos)

and all the coconut cookies (coconut cookies)

they got in Honolulu (they got in Honolulu)!



Just don't give me cookies (just don't give me cookies)

with bugs cuz it's true (with bugs cuz it's true)...

dead bug bodies (dead bug bodies)

are very hard to, (very hard to,) very hard to, (very hard to,)



very hard to, (very hard to,) very hard to chew.

# THE CLEANING SONG

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Words and Music by Mary Amato

Key of C: Chords are C, G7, F.

The G7 chord is hard. With practice, your fingers will learn where to go. If it's too hard, skip the G7 chords and don't play any chord on "droopy" and the song will still sound great.



Oh...I got a bucket and a brand new sponge



and I went to a dirty old shed.



I scrubbed the walls and the ceiling and the floor



until my arms were dead.



There were beetles and bugs and ants and slugs



and spider webs all droopy.



And hiding in the corner were some little brown bits



where I think a mouse went... oopsy.

Note: At home, Lucy sings "poopy". If you're singing this in school or in front of grown-ups who faint easily, you can change "poopy" to "oopsy." Also, make sure to make your voice sound droopy when you sing the word droopy! To play the ukulele slide on the word droopy, play the G7 shape and then slide the same shape up one fret and then back down.

# THE FRIEND SONG

Words and Music by Mary Amato

Key of C: Chords are C, Am, F, G7.



You'd rescue me if I lost my way.



You'd write a funny song for me to play.



You'd share your last potato chips and say, "You'll be okay. Hey hey hey!"



You're the kind of friend that everybody needs. You're the kind of friend that everybody needs.



You can bet I won't forget. You are the friend for me.



I make mistakes a hundred everyday.



I played tricks before I'm sad to say.



Now I want to make you feel okay. Okay...hey hey hey!



You're the kind of friend that everybody needs. You're the kind of friend that everybody needs.



You can bet I won't forget. You are the friend. You are the friend. You are the friend—hey

hey— for me. 

# NEED HELP?

## HOW CAN I PLAY AND SING AT THE SAME TIME?

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Try this four-step plan.

1. Sing the whole song without playing.
2. Play the whole song strumming with your right hand to get the rhythm. Don't worry about making a chord with your left hand.
3. Play the whole song all the way through just strumming the first chord. Don't worry about changing chords. It will sound funny, but that's okay.
4. Finally, play the whole song changing chords.

Go slowly. Remember, it may not sound great when you're just learning, but that's okay.

## WHICH FINGERS SHOULD I USE?

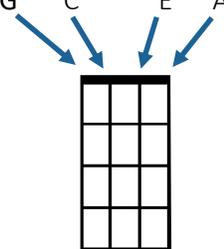
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There is no rule, but getting in the habit of using certain fingers on certain chords can make it easier. Experiment and see what feels right for you.

## WHAT IF I'M PLAYING THE RIGHT CHORDS ON THE UKULELE, BUT THEY DON'T SOUND RIGHT?

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Make sure you are in tune. Your ukulele strings should be tuned to G C E A



## WHAT IF I PLAY THE PIANO OR GUITAR?

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If you play beginning piano or guitar, substitute the G chord for the G6 and the G7 and substitute the D for the D7. Don't worry about playing the melody, just play the chords on the piano or guitar.

Sing your heart out!