

Baby It's Cold Outside

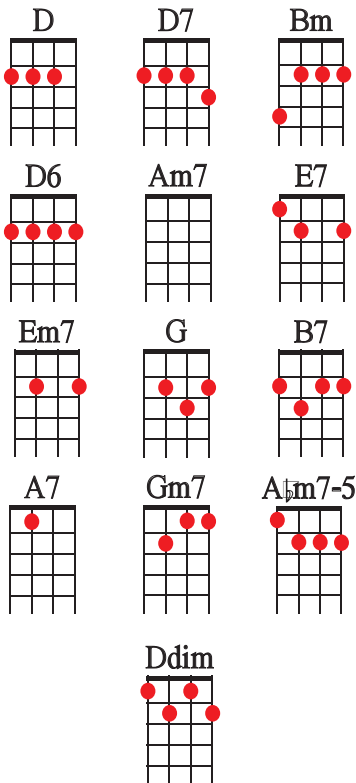
"Baby, It's Cold Outside" is a pop standard with words and music by Frank Loesser. Loesser wrote the duet in 1944 and premiered the song with his wife at their Navarro Hotel housewarming party. In at least one published version the tempo of the song is given as "Loesserando," a humorous reference to the composer's name.

In 1948, after years of informally performing the song at various parties, Loesser sold its rights to MGM, which inserted the song into its 1949 motion picture, Neptune's Daughter. The film featured two performances of the song: one by Ricardo Montalban and Esther Williams and the other by Red Skelton and Betty Garrett. These performances earned Loesser an Academy Award for Best Original Song.

The following duo versions were also released in 1949

- * By Dinah Shore and Buddy Clark
- * By Margaret Whiting and Johnny Mercer
- * By Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Jordan
- * By Pearl Bailey and "Hot Lips" Page
- * By Don Cornell and Laura Leslie
- * By Louis Armstrong and Velma Middleton.

"Baby, It's Cold Outside" has been recorded by numerous other artists over the years, including Sammy Davis, Jr. and Carmen McRae (1957); Ray Charles and Betty Carter (1961); Barry Manilow and K. T. Oslin (1990); Bobby Caldwell and Vanessa Williams (1998); Tom Jones and Cerys Matthews (1999); Ann-Margret and Brian Setzer (2002); Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey (2004); Rod Stewart and Dolly Parton (2004); James Taylor and Natalie Cole (2004); Wheat (band) and Liz Phair (2004); and Alan Cumming and Liza Minnelli. On Saturday Night Live NBC on 10/11/1986, the song was featured as a duet sung by Sigourney Weaver and Buster Poindexter. It was also featured in the 1991 movie "For the Boys" sung by Bette Midler and James Caan. In 2003, it was featured in the holiday-themed film "Elf" sung by Zoey Deschanel and Leon Redbone. In 2006, the song was reissued on the album Christmas with Dino, this time as a duet by Dean Martin (posthumously) with Martina McBride, whose portion was recorded and mixed at the Los Angeles Capitol studio used by Martin for his 1959 version. Also in 2006, Sandor and Celina performed it at the Ukulele Club of Santa Cruz.



Ukulele Club of Santa Cruz
Fire and Ice Night
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I really can't stay... Baby it's cold outside
 I've got to go 'way... Baby it's cold outside
 This evening has been... Been hoping that you'd drop in
 So very nice... I'll hold your hands, they're just like ice
 My mother will start to worry... Beautiful, what's your hurry
 And father will be pacing the floor... Listen to the fireplace roar
 So really I'd better scurry... Beautiful, please don't hurry
 Well, maybe just a half a drink more... Put some records on while I pour
 The neighbors might think... Baby, it's bad out there
 Say, what's in this drink... No cabs to be had out there
 I wish I knew how... Your eyes are like starlight now
 To break this spell... I'll take your hat, your hair looks swell
 I ought to say no, no, no, sir... Mind if I move in closer
 At least I'm gonna say that I tried... What's the sense in hurting my pride
 I really can't stay... Baby don't hold out
 Ahh, but it's cold out-side
 I simply must go... Baby, it's cold outside
 The answer is no... Ooh baby, it's cold outside
 This welcome has been... I'm lucky that you dropped in
 So nice and warm... Look out the window at that storm
 My sister will be suspicious... Gosh, your lips look delicious
 My brother will be there at the door... Waves upon a tropical shore
 My maiden aunt's mind is vicious... My your lips are delicious
 Well, maybe just a half a drink more... Never such a blizzard before
 I've got to go home... Oh baby, you'll freeze out there
 Say, lend me your comb... It's up to your knees out there
 You've really been grand... I thrill when you touch my hand
 But don't you see... How can you do this thing to me?
 There's bound to be talk tomorrow... Think of my life long sorrow
 At least there will be plenty implied... If you caught pneumonia and died
 I really can't stay... Get over that old doubt
 Ahh, but it's cold.... out.... side
 Where will you be goin'
 When the wind is blowin'
 And it's cold outside
 Baby it's cold.... so cold... out... side