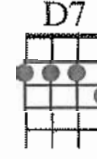
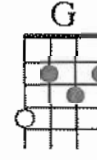
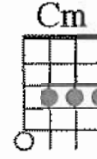
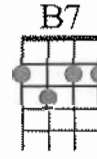
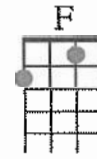
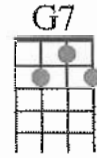
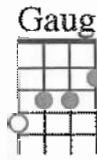
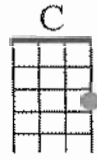


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## CHANGE

In 1929, as part of their score for an early "talkie" called *Chasing Rainbows*, Jack Yellen and Milton Ager wrote "Happy Days Are Here Again" to be sung by a group of American doughboys upon receiving news of the armistice. On the night of the Wall Street crash, before the film was released, the writers took the music to George Olsen, then leading his dance orchestra at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York. As the vocalist sang, the dispirited diners, according to Yellen, stopped what they were doing and "joined in sardonically, hysterically, like doomed prisoners on their way to the firing squad." The song was quickly picked up as a genuine rallying cry of the Depression years and, in 1932, became the official theme of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's victorious campaign for the Presidency.



C [G+] C  
Happy days are here again!

G7 C [G+] C  
The skies above are clear again.

[Ebdim] G7  
Let us sing a song of cheer again,

C F C  
Happy days are here again!

C [G+] C  
All together shout it now!

G7 C [G+] C  
There's no one who can doubt it now,

G7  
So let's tell the world about it now,

C F C  
Happy days are here again!

Emaj7 B7 Emaj7  
Your cares and troubles are gone;

Cm G Am D7 G7  
There'll be no more from now on

C [G+] C  
Happy days are here again!

G7 C [G+] C  
The skies above are clear again,

[Ebdim] G7  
Let us sing a song of cheer again,

C F C  
Happy days are here again!