

In 2020 we received funding to buy 25 ukuleles to teach academic staff about enquiry based learning (Kahn & O'Rourke, 2005) and a workshop by Laura Ritchie (*Yes I Can?*, 2020). Then COVID-19 happened and we had to rethink what we were going to do. We advertised for volunteers to learn to play the ukulele online, and waited...

Summer of Ukuleles: Fostering community and having fun

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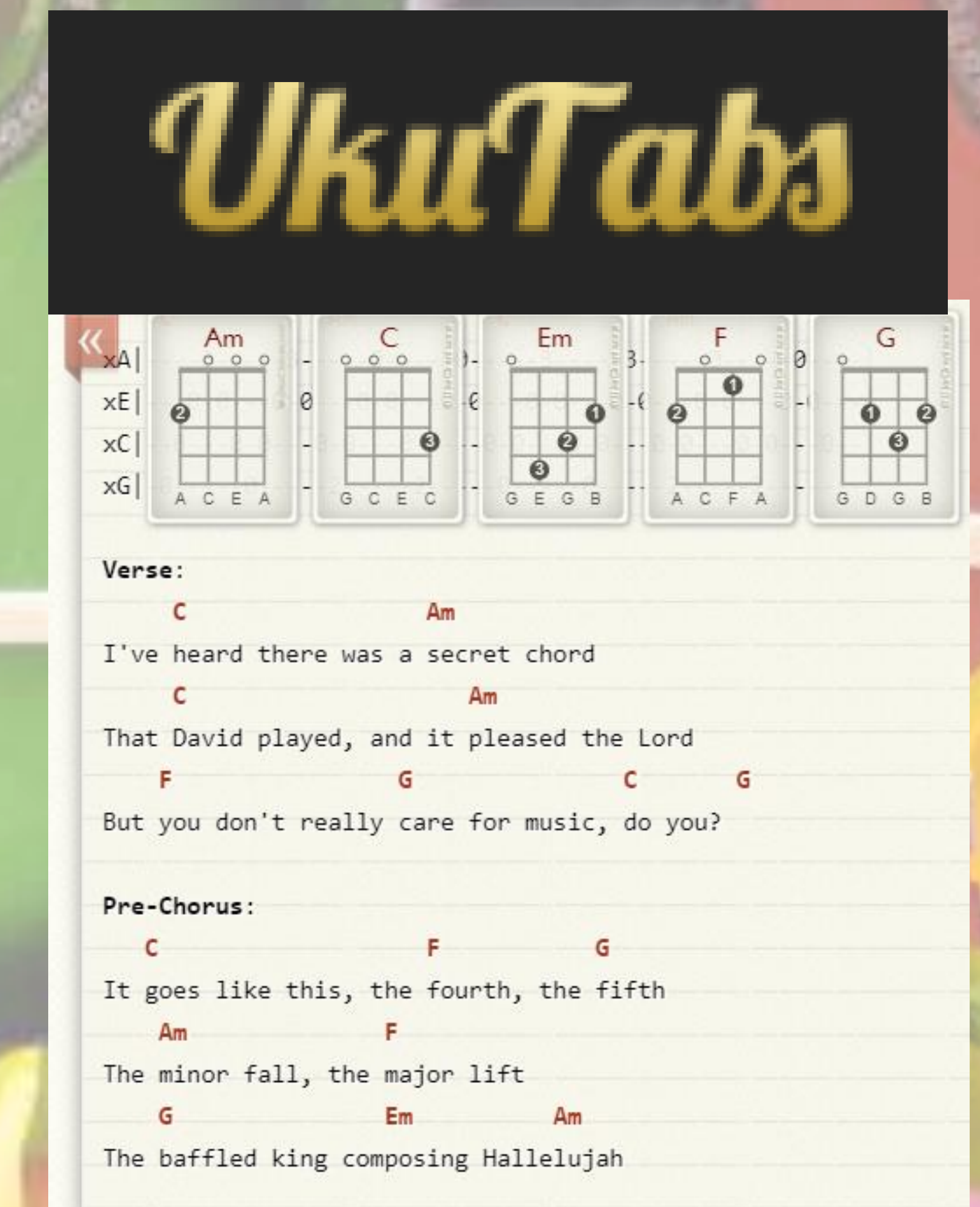
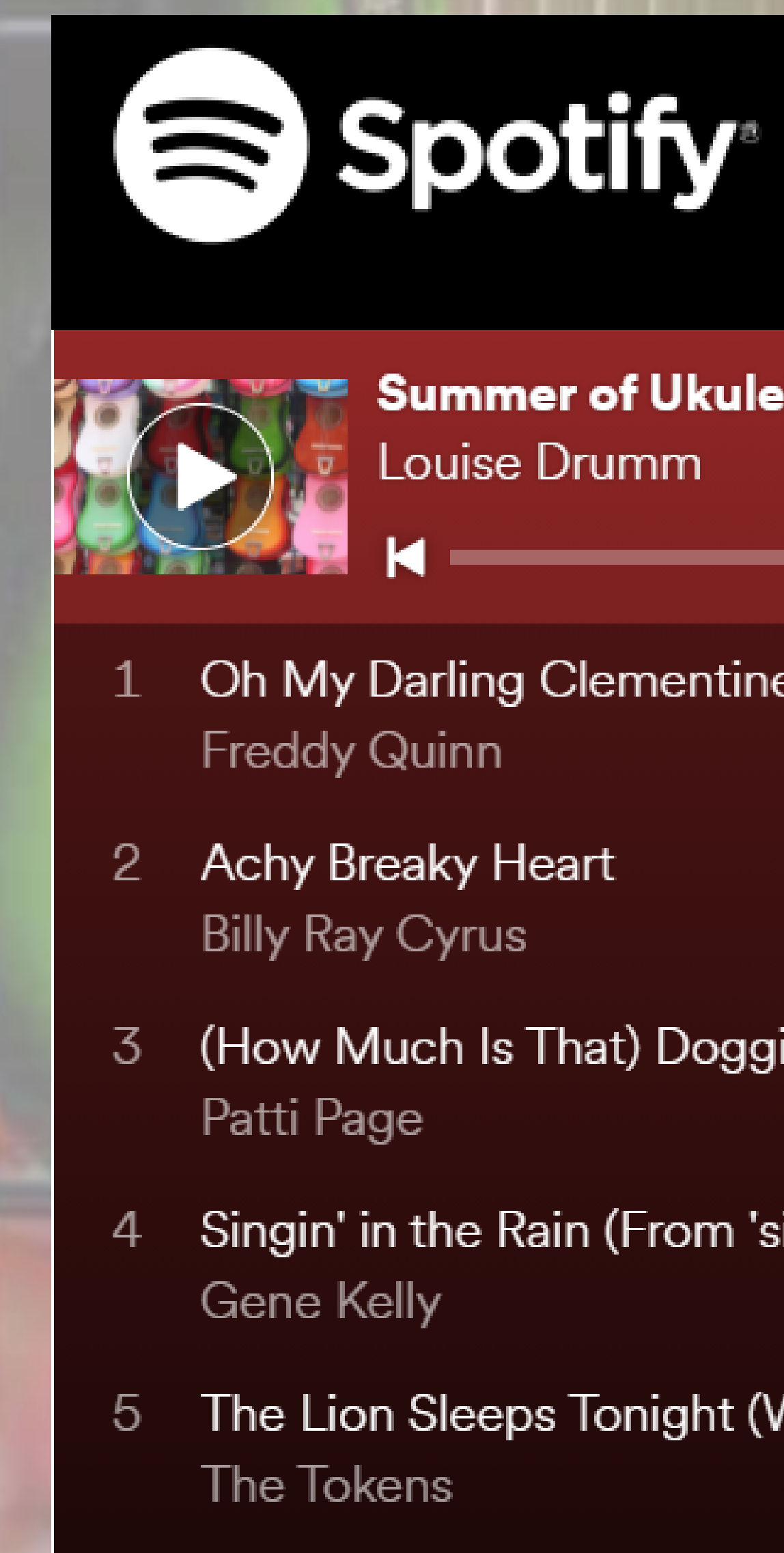
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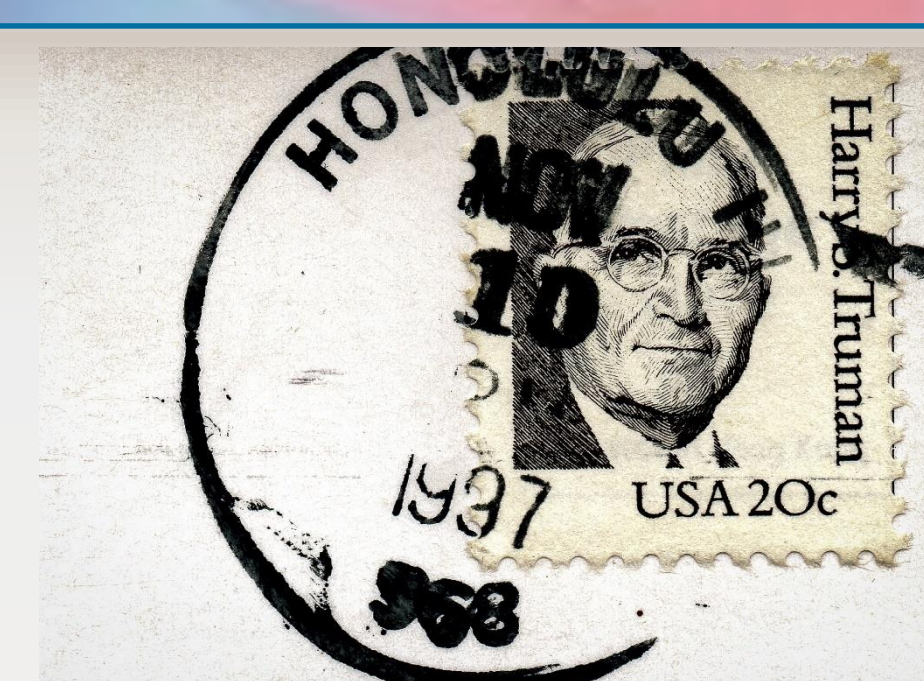
We created weekly lessons from material available on the internet, starting with getting to know the instrument, tuning, and simple chords.

We had a discussion board to swap tips and tricks, and post progress.



We got:

- 16 Volunteers
- Ukuleles sent through the mail
- No previous experience
- Necessary



What's next?

You can join in. The Summer of Ukuleles is now open to everyone at

<https://t.co/bdGDa2smhj?amp=1>

We achieved:

- 6 learning units
- 7 chords (plus a few others thrown in)
- 34 songs
- 2 sing-a-longs
 - Christmas (13 songs)
 - St Patrick's Day (5 songs)
- 2 student practice videos
- 1 ukulele community of practice (Wenger, 1998)

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