# **Chord Sheet Legend v002**

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Ukulele "Strum Pattern"

If you are unfamiliar with any of the terms used in this document, please do a Google search to understand the technique.

#### Strum Pattern

d = weak Down strum

D = strong Down strum

(D) or (d) or (u) = Mute strum after playing

R = Roll

t =Touch strum (touch only top 1 or 2 strings lightly)

tap = Tap ukulele

u = weak Up strum

U = strong Up strum (rare)

X = Chunk strum

- = no Up or Down strum is played

\ = Slide between chords or notes

h = Hammer on between notes

## **Chords in Lyrics**

= repeat playing of previous chord

 $\triangle$  = play a 'A' chord using the specified strum pattern

**C**↓ = single Down strum of 'C' chord (multiple arrows may be added for multiple strums)

 $\mathbf{D}\uparrow$  = single Up strum of 'D' chord (multiple arrows may be added for multiple strums)

 $| \mathbf{F} \downarrow \uparrow |$  = a Down strum followed by an Up strum of the 'F' chord

 $\frac{1}{2}G = play \text{ half a 'G' chord (if your strum is "d-Du-udu", play "d-Du")}$ 

NC or nc = No chord played (just sing the lyrics)

**Z** = Muted strum

**clap** = Clap hands

**Snap** = Snap fingers

tacet = singing only, no instrument is played

**tap** = Tap ukulele

## Special Strums in Lyrics

Occasionally special strum patterns are identified in the lyrics. Example:

C:d-Xu

First the chord is defined followed by the strum pattern. In the above case a 'C' chord is played with a "d-Xu" strum pattern.

### **Instrumentals**

Instrumental sections sometimes have lyrics displayed in a yellow color. These lyrics are used for tempo purposes and are not sung.

#### Tabs & Riffs

Tabs & Riffs are shown by identifying the strings that are used for picking and the fret that is held down. A '0' indicates that no fret is held down while picking.

In the above example only the 'E' and 'A' strings are used for a Riff. Four notes are played followed by 2 muted strums (Z chord).

NOTE: Other unique strums or techniques used for a song are normally explained on the Chord Sheet.

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