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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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.







- 1 Oh My Darling Clementine Freddy Quinn
- 2 Achy Breaky Heart Billy Ray Cyrus
- 3 (How Much Is That) Doggie Patti Page
- 4 Singin' in the Rain (From 'sin Gene Kelly
- 5 The Lion Sleeps Tonight (W The Tokens

### UkulTabs



### I've heard there was a secret chord C Am That David played, and it pleased the Lord F G C But you don't really care for music, do you?

#### Pre-Chorus:

C F G

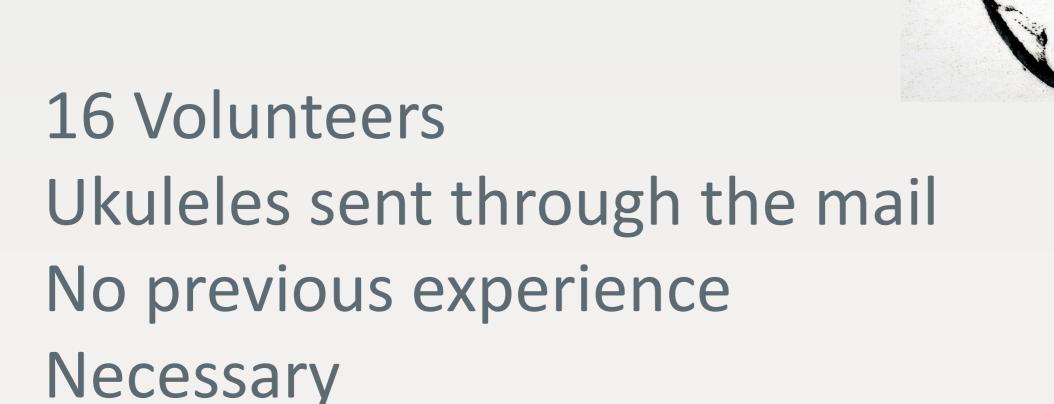
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth

Am F

The minor fall, the major lift

The baffled king composing Hallelujah

### We got:



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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