

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...



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>

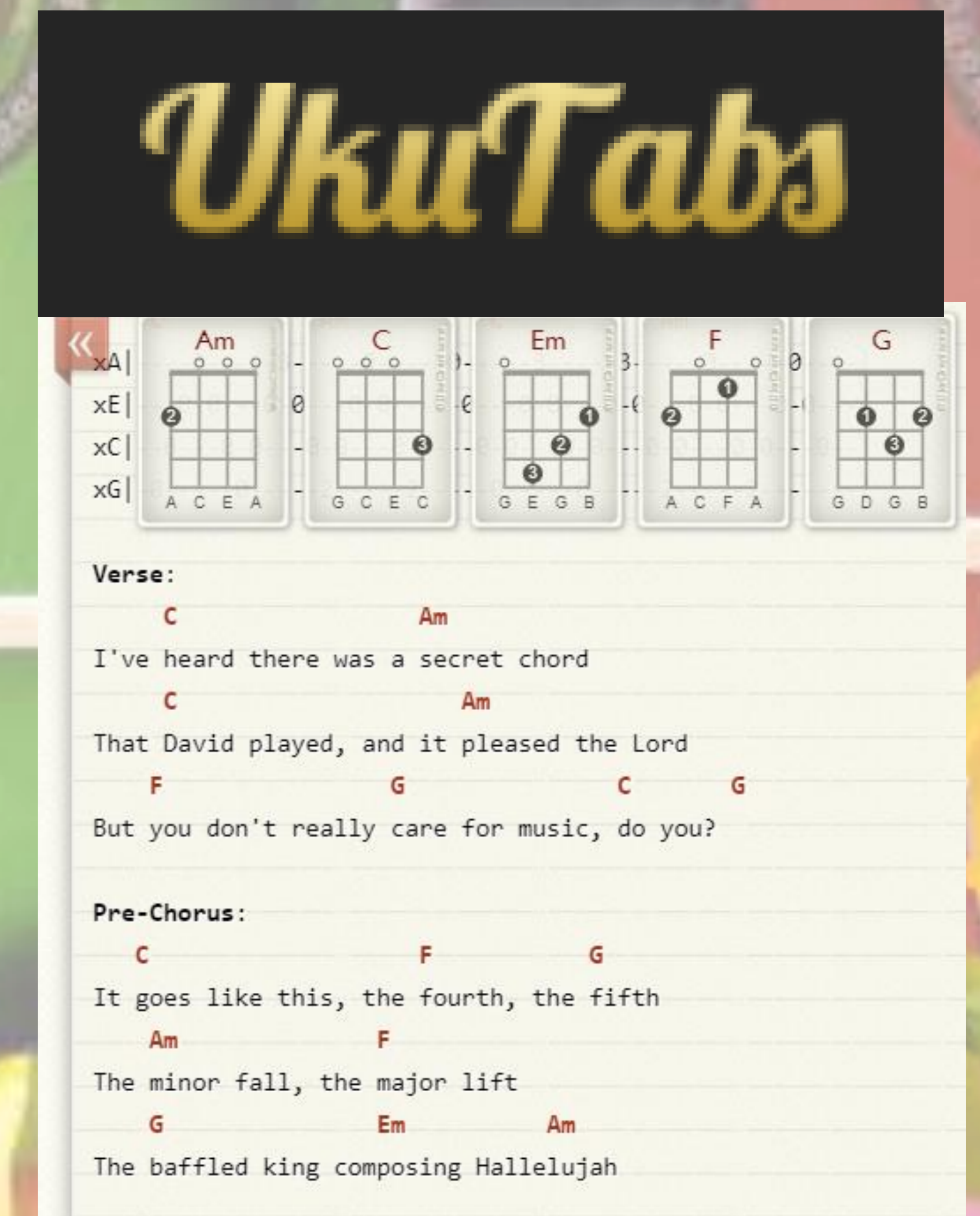
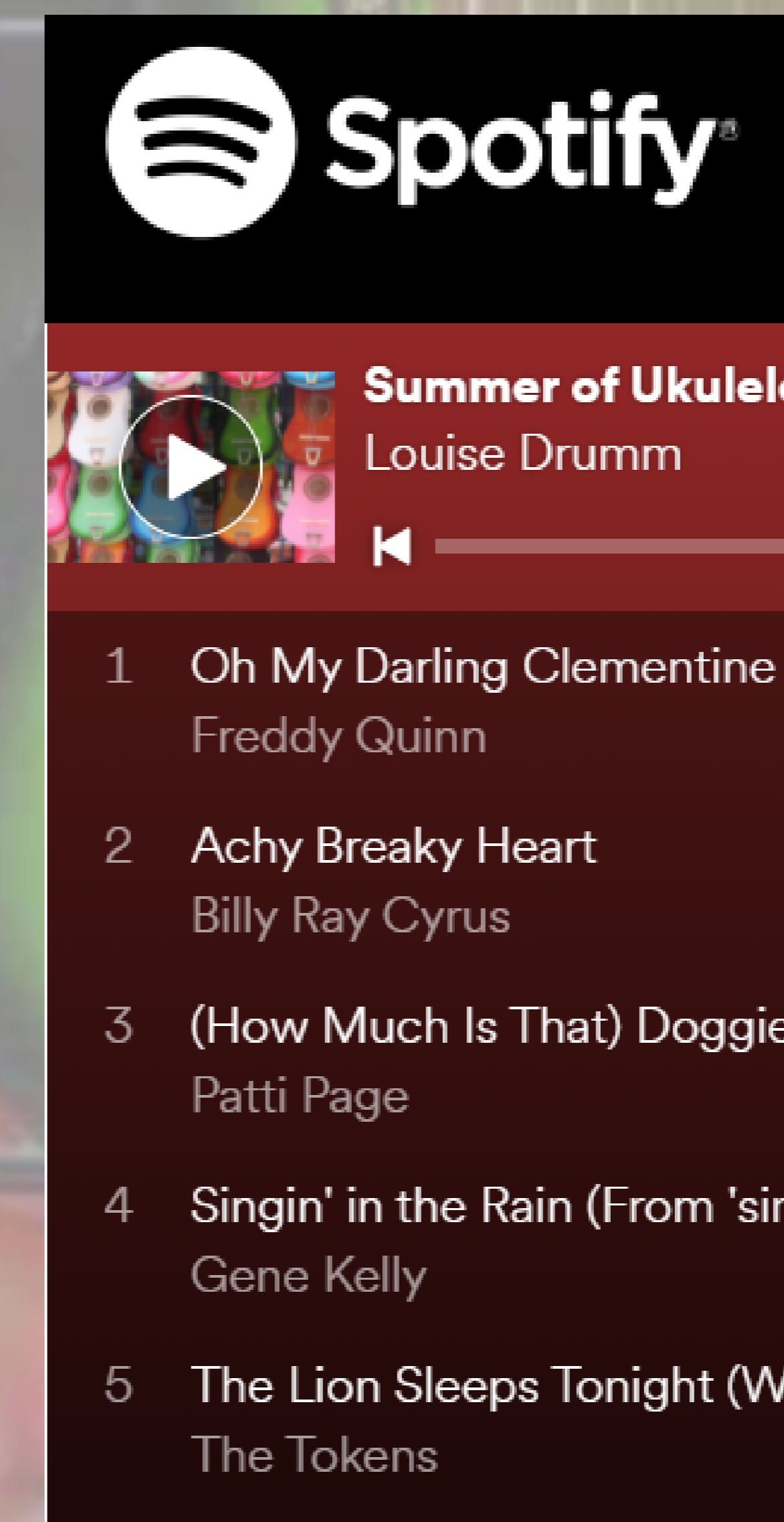
Summer of Ukuleles: Fostering community and having fun

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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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