

# Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World

(ukulele chords)- Kamakawiwo Ole' Israel (1990), original music by Harold Arlen, Herbert Stothart, George David Weiss, Robert Thiele, original lyrics by E.Y. Harburg, George David Weiss, Robert Thiele) *Chords for a soprano ukulele or guitar with a capo on the fifth fret*

Instrumental intro: G<sup>(½)</sup> D/F#<sup>(½)</sup> Em<sup>(½)</sup> C<sup>(½)</sup> G<sup>(½)</sup> D<sup>(½)</sup> Em<sup>(½)</sup> Em<sup>(½)</sup> C<sup>(½)</sup> Cadd9<sup>(½)</sup>  
 Vocal intro  
 G Bm C G C B7 Em C  
 0o-----oo oo-oo oo oo-oo oo-oo oo-oo oo-oo oo-oo oo-oo

G Bm C G  
 Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high  
 C G D Em C  
 And the dreams that you dream of once in a lullaby...  
 G Bm C G  
 Somewhere over the rainbow, blue birds fly, a  
 C G D Em C  
 And the dreams that you dream of dreams really do come true

G D Em C  
 Someday I wish upon a star, wake up where the clouds are far behind me  
 G D Em C  
 Where trouble melts like lemon drops, high above the chimney top that's where you'll find me, oh

G Bm C G  
 Somewhere over the rainbow, blue birds fly  
 C G D Em C  
 And the dreams that you dare to, oh why, oh why can't I? I?

G<sup>(½)</sup> D<sup>(½)</sup> C<sup>(½)</sup> G<sup>(½)</sup>  
 Well I see trees of green and red roses too,  
 C<sup>(½)</sup> G<sup>(½)</sup> B7<sup>(½)</sup> Em<sup>(½)</sup>  
 I'll watch them bloom for me and you  
 C D Em C  
 And I think to myself, What a wonderful world

G<sup>(½)</sup> D<sup>(½)</sup> C<sup>(½)</sup> G<sup>(½)</sup>  
 Well I see skies of blue and I see clouds of white  
 C<sup>(½)</sup> G<sup>(½)</sup> B7<sup>(½)</sup> Em<sup>(½)</sup>  
 And the brightness of day, I like the dark  
 C D G<sup>(½)</sup> C<sup>(½)</sup> G  
 and I think to myself, What a wonderful world

D G  
 The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky,  
 D G  
 Are also in the faces of people passing by. I see  
 C<sup>(½)</sup> G<sup>(½)</sup> C<sup>(½)</sup> G<sup>(½)</sup>  
 friends shaking hands, saying; "How do you do?"  
 C<sup>(½)</sup> G<sup>(½)</sup> Am<sup>(½)</sup> Am7<sup>(½)</sup> D  
 They're really saying; "I ... I love you." I hear

$G(\frac{1}{2})$   $D(\frac{1}{2})$   $C(\frac{1}{2})$   $G(\frac{1}{2})$   
 babies cry and I watch them grow.  
 $C(\frac{1}{2})$   $G(\frac{1}{2})$   $B7(\frac{1}{2})$   $Em(\frac{1}{2})$   
 They'll learn much more than we'll know and I  
 $C$   $D$   $Em$   $C$   
 think to myself, What a wonderful world world

$G$   $D$   $Em$   $C$   
 Someday I wish upon a star, wake up where the clouds are far behind me  
 $G$   $D$   $Em$   $C$   
 Where trouble melts like lemon drops, high above the chimney top that's where you'll find me, oh

$G$   $Bm$   $C$   $G$   
 Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high  
 $C$   $G$   $D$   $Em$   $C$   
 And the dreams that you dare to, oh why, oh why can't I I?

$G(\frac{1}{2})$   $Bm(\frac{1}{2})$   $D$   $C$   $G$   $C$   $B7$   $Em$   $C$   
 Oo-----oo oo-oo oo oo-oo oo-oo oo-oo oo-oo oo-oo

Open position ukulele chord	$C$ 	$E7$ 	$Em$ 	$E7$ 	$G$ 	$Am$ 	Chords of a soprano ukulele
Open position guitar chord	$C$ 	$E7$ 	$Em$ 	$E7$ 	$G$ 	$Am$ 	Chords of an open position guitar
Fifth fret guitar chords (same shape as open ukulele)	$G$ 	$B7$ 	$Bm$ 	$C$ 	$D$ 	$Em$ 	Chords of a fifth fret capo guitar

Ukuleles have four strings (GCEA) and are tuned a fourth higher than a guitar (DGBE). Ukuleles have the same chord shapes as a guitar but different names that are a fourth higher. The shape for an open position guitar 'G' chord is the same for an open position 'C' chord on a ukulele. Playing "ukulele" style chords by using a capo or just playing chords high on the neck does not make a guitar sound like a ukulele. The distinctive ukulele sound comes from the fourth string (G) being tuned an octave higher, just one interval below the top ukulele string (A).

