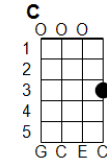


There [C] once was a musical [C7] troupe a [F] picking singing [C] folk group  
 they [F] sang the mountain [C] ballads and the [Bb] folk songs of our [G7] land  
 They were [C] long on musical [C7] ability folks [F] thought they'd go [C] far  
 but [F] political incompatibility [C] [G7] led to their down [C] fall

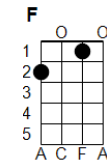
well the [F] one on the right was [C] on the left  
 and the [G7] one in the middle was [C] on the right  
 and the [F] one on the left was [C] in the middle  
 and the [G7] guy in the rear was a [C] Methodist



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This [C] musical [C7] aggregation [F] toured the entire [C] nation  
 [F] singing the traditional [C] ballads and the [Bb] folk songs of our [G7] land  
 they performed [C] with great [C7] virtuosity and [F] soon they were the [C] rage  
 but [F] political ani[C]mosity [G7] prevailed upon the [C] stage

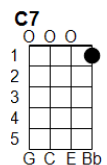
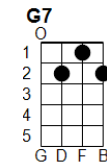
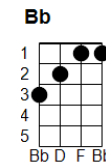
well the [F] one on the right was [C] on the left  
 and the [G7] one in the middle was [C] on the right  
 and the [F] one on the left was [C] in the middle  
 and the [G7] guy in the rear burned his [C] driver's license



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Well [C] the curtain had [C7] ascended a [F] hush fell [C] on the crowd  
 as [F] thousands there were [C] gathered to hear the [Bb] folk songs of our [G7] land  
 but they took [C] their politics [C7] seriously and that [F] night at the concert [C] hall  
 as the [F] audience watched de[C]liriously [G7] they had a free-for-[C] all

well the [F] one on the right was [C] on the bottom  
 and the [G7] one in the middle was [C] on the top  
 and the [F] one on the left got [C] a broken arm  
 and the [G7] guy in the rear, said, "oh [C] dear"



Now [C] this should be a [C7] lesson, If you [F] plan to start [C] a folk group  
 Don't [F] go mixing [C] politics with the [Bb] folk songs of our [G7] land  
 just [C] work on harmony and [C7] diction [F] play your banjo [C] well  
 and if you [F] have political con[C]victions [G7] keep 'em to your[C]self

now the [F] one on the left works [C] in a bank  
 and the [G7] one in the middle [C] drives a truck  
 the one [F] on the right's an [C] all-night deejay  
 and the [G7] guy in the rear got [C] drafted