

Tablature. Hold a ukulele as if to play.

Roll the instrument toward you, so that you are looking at a fretboard from above.

The 4 strings are G C E A.

The A string is at the top and is called string 1. Next is the E string or string 2, etc.

Roll the uke back to playing position.

String 1 or "A" is closest to the floor. String 4 or "G" is closest to the ceiling.

An example tab sheet is below.

On a tablature sheet, numbers are placed on the strings to indicate which string to pick.

Number 0 means pick or strum the open string.

Pick the open "G" string for "you" in You Are My Sunshine.

Moving left to right, pick the open "C" string for "are".

Next, we see a number 2 on string 3, the C string.

Number 2 means hold down the 2<sup>nd</sup> fret, and pick the string with the number 2.

Repeating, pick the open G string, then the open C string, then holding down the 2<sup>nd</sup> fret on the C string, pick the C string.

You should recognize 3 notes for "You are my" in You Are My Sunshine.

There is no indication of how long to hold a note. Your familiarity with a song tells you when to strum the notes.

## You Are My Sunshine - Melody

The image shows a ukulele tablature for the melody of "You Are My Sunshine". It consists of four systems, each with a four-line staff representing strings A, E, C, G from top to bottom. Chord names are written above the staffs, and fret numbers are written on the lines. Lyrics are written below the staffs.

**System 1:**  
A: C  
E: 0 0 2 | 0 0 | 0 3 0 | 0 0  
C: 0 0 2 | 0 0 | 0 3 0 | 0 0  
G: You are my sunshine my only sunshine

**System 2:**  
A: C > C7 F C  
E: 0 2 0 | 1 0 | 0 3 1 | 0  
C: 0 2 0 | 1 0 | 0 3 1 | 0  
G: You make me happy when skies are gray

**System 3:**  
A: C > C7 F C  
E: 0 2 0 | 1 0 | 0 3 1 | 0 0  
C: 0 2 0 | 1 0 | 0 3 1 | 0 0  
G: You'll never know dear, how much I love you

**System 4:**  
A: G7 C  
E: 0 2 | 0 1 | 2 2 | 0 0  
C: 0 2 | 0 1 | 2 2 | 0 0  
G: Please don't take my sunshine away