

Fairytale of New York

The Pogues feat. Kirsty MacColl

Key: C • Time: 3/4

INTRO

[C] [F] [C] [G] (x2 – slow waltz, gentle sway)

VERSE 1

[C] It was Christmas Eve, babe
[F] In the drunk tank
[C] An old man said to me,
[G] "Won't see another one."
[C] And then he sang a song,
[F] The Rare Old Mountain Dew
[C] I turned my face away
[G] And dreamed about you

VERSE 2

[C] Got on a lucky one,
[F] Came in eighteen to one
[C] I've got a feeling,
[G] This year's for me and you
[C] So happy Christmas,
[F] I love you, baby
[C] I can see a better time
[G] When all our dreams come true

CHORUS 1

[F] They've got cars big as bars, they've got **[C]** rivers of gold
But the **[G]** wind goes right through you, it's no place for the old
[F] When you first took my hand on a **[C]** cold Christmas Eve
You **[G]** promised me Broadway was waiting for **[C]** me

VERSE 3

[C] You were handsome, you were pretty,
[F] Queen of New York City
[C] When the band finished playing,
[G] They howled out for more
[C] Sinatra was swinging,
[F] All the drunks they were singing
[C] We kissed on a corner,

[G] Then danced through the night

CHORUS 2

[F] The boys of the NYPD choir
Were **[C]** singing "Galway Bay"
And the **[G]** bells were ringing out
For **[C]** Christmas Day

VERSE 4

[C] You're a bum, you're a punk,
[F] You're an old slut on junk
[C] Lying there almost dead
[G] On a drip in that bed
[C] You scumbag, you maggot,
[F] You cheap lousy faggot
[C] Happy Christmas your arse,
[G] I pray God it's our last

CHORUS 3

[F] The boys of the NYPD choir
Still **[C]** singing "Galway Bay"
And the **[G]** bells are ringing out
For **[C]** Christmas Day

BRIDGE

[Am] I could have been someone
[F] Well so could **[C]** anyone
[Am] You took my dreams from me
[F] When I first found **[C]** you
[Am] I kept them with me, babe
[F] I put them with my **[C]** own
[Am] Can't make it all alone
[F] I built my dreams a**[G]**round you

FINAL CHORUS

[F] The boys of the NYPD choir
Were **[C]** singing "Galway Bay"
And the **[G]** bells were ringing out
For **[C]** Christmas Day

OUTRO

[C] [F] [C] [G] [C] (repeat and fade, slow waltz feel)

Ukulele Tips: Chords: **C, F, G, Am** — easy, familiar, and rich for strumming or picking.

Strumming: use a 3/4 pattern — *down-down-up / down-down-up* — accent the first beat.

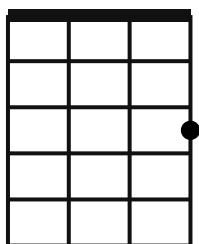
Keep tempo around 78 bpm; let it sway like a pub waltz.

Add dynamics — soft verses, fuller choruses.

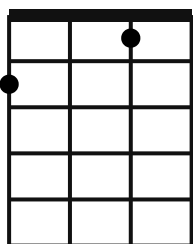
If playing as a duet, swap vocals for verses 2–4 (Shane/Kirsty).

Let your voice crack — this song's about heartbreak and hope colliding in the snow.

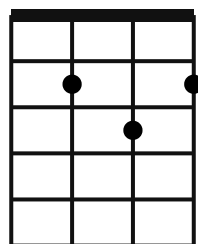
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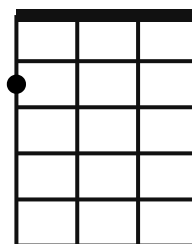
C



F



G



Am