

You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch

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Key: Em • Time: 4/4

INTRO

[Em] [A7] [D] [G] [C7] [B7] [Em] (x2 – slow swing, sneaky feel)

VERSE 1

[Em] You're a mean one, **[A7]** Mr. Grinch

[D] You really are a **[G]** heel

[C7] You're as cuddly as a cactus

You're as **[B7]** charming as an eel

[Em] Mr. **[A7]** Grinch...

[D] You're a bad banana

With a **[C7]** greasy black **[B7]** peel **[Em]**

VERSE 2

[Em] You're a monster, **[A7]** Mr. Grinch

[D] Your heart's an empty **[G]** hole

[C7] Your brain is full of spiders

You've got **[B7]** garlic in your soul

[Em] Mr. **[A7]** Grinch...

[D] I wouldn't touch you

With a **[C7]** thirty-nine and a **[B7]** half foot **[Em]** pole

INSTRUMENTAL

[Em] [A7] [D] [G] [C7] [B7] [Em] (x1 – muted swing strum)

VERSE 3

[Em] You're a vile one, **[A7]** Mr. Grinch

[D] You have termites in your **[G]** smile

[C7] You have all the tender sweetness

Of a **[B7]** seasick crocodile

[Em] Mr. **[A7]** Grinch...

[D] Given the choice between the two of you

I'd take the **[C7]** seasick crocodile **[B7] [Em]**

VERSE 4

[Em] You're a foul one, **[A7]** Mr. Grinch

[D] You're a nasty, wasty **[G]** skunk
[C7] Your heart is full of unwashed socks
Your **[B7]** soul is full of gunk
[Em] Mr. **[A7]** Grinch...
[D] The three words that best describe you are, and I **[C7]** quote,
"Stink, **[B7]** stank, **[Em]** stunk!"

OUTRO

[Em] [A7] [D] [G] [C7] [B7] [Em] (fade out – sinister chuckle optional)

Ukulele Tips: Chords: ****Em, A7, D, G, C7, B7**** — jazzy and minor, perfect for that sneaky swing.

Strumming: **down-chuck-up-up-chuck** or soft swing **down-down-up-up-down-up** around 90 bpm.

Mute beats 1 and 3 for that "sneaky villain shuffle."

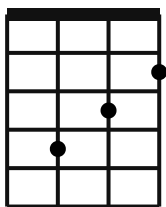
Add chromatic slides or quick walk-downs (Em → D# → D) for cartoon flair.

Vocals: go low, gravelly, and theatrical — half-sung, half-spoken.

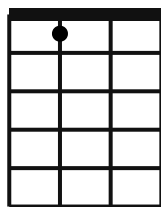
Pause dramatically before every insult for maximum comedy.

End with a smug smile and a final **Grinchy** chuckle.

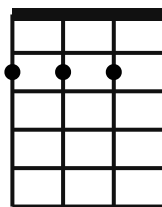
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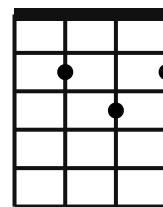
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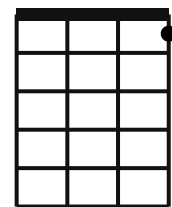
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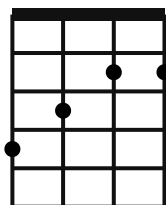
D



G



C7



B7