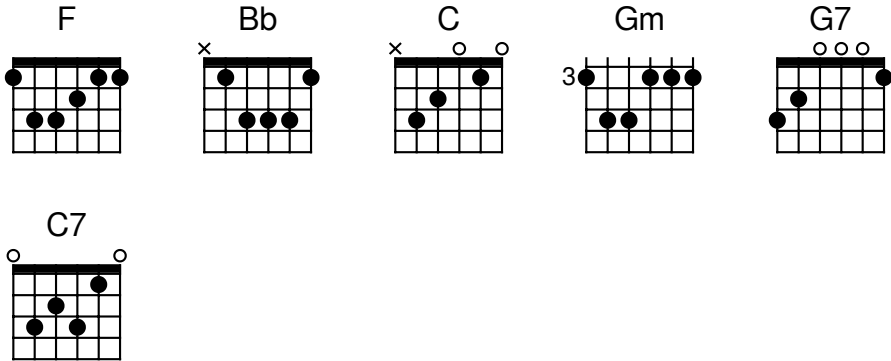


# Ripple

Robert Hunter 1970 (recorded by Grateful Dead)



Intro: Instrumental Verse

[F] If my words did glow with the gold of [Bb] sunshine  
And my [Bb] tunes were played on the harp un-[F]-strung  
Would you hear my [F] voice come through the [Bb] music?  
Would you [F] hold it [C] near [Bb] as it were your [F] own?

Verse 1:

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And my [Bb] tunes were played on the harp un-[F]-strung  
Would you hear my [F] voice come through the [Bb] music?  
Would you [F] hold it [C] near [Bb] as it were your [F] own?

Verse 2:

[F] It's a hand-me-down, the thoughts are [Bb] broken  
Per-[Bb]-haps they're better left un-[F]-sung  
I don't [F] know, don't really [Bb] care  
[F] Let there be [C] songs [Bb] to fill the [F] air

Chorus:

[Gm] Ripple in still [C] water  
When there [F] is no pebble [Bb] tossed  
Nor [G7] wind to [C7] blow

Instrumental Chorus:

[Gm] Ripple in still [C] water  
When there [F] is no pebble [Bb] tossed

Nor [G7] wind to [C7] blow

Verse 3:

[F] Reach out your hand if your cup be [Bb] empty  
If your [Bb] cup is full, may it be a-[F]-gain  
Let it be [F] known there is a [Bb] fountain  
[F] That was not [C] made [Bb] by the hands of [F] men

Verse 4:

[F] There is a road, no simple [Bb] highway  
Be-[Bb]-tween the dawn and the dark of [F] night  
And if you [F] go, no one may [Bb] follow  
[F] That path is [C] for [Bb] your steps a-[F]-lone

Chorus:

[Gm] Ripple in still [C] water  
When there [F] is no pebble [Bb] tossed  
Nor [G7] wind to [C7] blow

Instrumental Chorus:

[Gm] Ripple in still [C] water  
When there [F] is no pebble [Bb] tossed  
Nor [G7] wind to [C7] blow

Verse 5:

[F] You who choose to lead must [Bb] follow  
But [Bb] if you fall, you fall a-[F]-lone  
If you should [F] stand, then who's to [Bb] guide you?  
[F] If I knew the [C] way [Bb] I would take you [F] home

La da da [F] da; La da-ah da [Bb] da-ah da...  
Da da [Bb] da da da da da da da [F] da  
La da da [F] da; La da-ah da [Bb] da-ah da...  
[F] La da da [C] da [Bb] La da-ah [F] da (Hold)