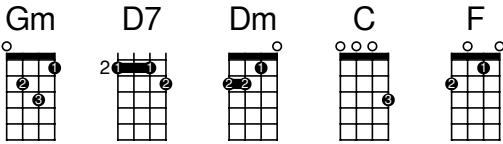


Charlie's Ring

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Intro: [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]

Verse 1: [Gm] Charlie and Clarice were wed in [D7] nineteen forty six.
She [Dm] gave her groom a golden ring the [C] day that they got hitched.
A [Gm] fourteen karat wedding band; she [C] paid for all it cost.
He [Gm] wore it off to work and six days [F] later it was [Gm] lost.

Interlude: [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]

Verse 2: Well, [Gm] Charlie had a plumbing job, a'[D7]crawlin' through the crud.
The [Dm] ring slipped off his finger and was [C] buried in the mud.
He [Gm] searched in vain; the ring had vanished, [C] gone without a trace.
He [Gm] slowly headed home to view Cla[F]rice's woeful [Gm] face.

Interlude: [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]

Verse 3: But [Gm] Charlie was a lucky man, for [D7]sweet Clarice forgave him.
He [Dm] learned to be more careful and ex[C]emplary behavior'.
He [Gm] thrived in Hutto, Texas as the [C] "water system king".
They [Gm] had three kids, six grandkids and he [F] never bought a [Gm] ring.

Interlude: [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]

Verse 4: Then [Gm] fifty-nine years later, a [D7] metal hunt was planned.
The [Dm] Austin Metal Detecting Club would [C] search for the golden band.
With [Gm] sixteen probing metal detectors [C] scouring the ground,
In [Gm] two short hours, sure enough, the [F] wedding ring was [Gm] found.

Interlude: [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]

Verse 5: Well, [Gm] Charlie's eyes were weepy and Cla[D7]rice's, surely too.
He [Dm] never had another ring; [C] only this would do.
The [Gm] ring was well preserved and so they [C] knew that this was it.

He [Gm] tried to put the ring on but, his [F] finger didn't [Gm] fit.

Interlude: [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]

Verse 6: Now [Gm] Charlie goes barehanded as his [D7] former habits linger.

He's [Dm] much afraid to lose the ring from [C] off his little finger.

[Gm] He could take it to a jeweler's [C] shop to get it sized,

Or [Gm] he may keep it as it is, a [F] gift of love, so [Gm] prized.

Interlude: [D7] [Gm] [D7]

Or [Gm] he may keep it as it is, love's [F] miracle, [Gm] prized.

Outro: [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm] [D7] [Gm]