The Lonesome Death of Ukulele Ike

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[D]/**[D]**/**[Bb7]**/**[Bb7]**/**[G]**/**[G]**/**[A]**/**[A7]**
[D]/**[D]**/**[Bb7]**/**[Bb7]**/**[G]**/**[G]**/**[A]**/**[A7]**

[D] I was born in **[Ddim]** Hannibal, Missouri
[G] A funny little **[A]** frog-faced **[D]** man
I **[D]** made my livin' **[Ddim]** singin' in the movies
[G] The back lots of **[A]** Fantasy **[D]** Land

[G] Mark Twain **[D]** come from **[A7]** Hannibal Mis-**[D]**souri
And **[G]** various **[D]** other **[A7]** drunks like **[D]** me
[G] I learned to **[D]** play the **[A7]** ukulele **[D]**
By **[Bm]** reinventing my **[E7]** desti-**[A7]**ny **[A7]**

CHORUS:
'Cause **[G]** no one **[D]** dies **[A]** do they? **[A]**
Not if they **[G]** play the **[D]** uku-**[A]**lele **[A]**
And **[G]** no one **[D]** cries **[A]** baby **[A]**
Not if they're **[G]** wishin' on a **[D]** star, well **[A]** maybe **[A]**

Yes **[D]** I kept singin' **[Ddim]** in the rain **[Ddim]**
[G] Dancin' in the Kleig light **[A]** sunshine **[D]** too
[D] I was the voice of **[Ddim]** Jiminy Cricket
[G] A-wishin' on a **[A]** star for **[D]** you

But **[G]** I died **[D]** penniless **[A7]** and for-**[D]**gotten
In the **[G]** motion **[D]** picture **[A7]** old folks' **[D]** home
[G] In never-**[D]**land I was **[A7]** in high **[D]** cotton
My **[Bm]** voice warbled out of the **[E7]** gramo-**[A7]**phone **[A7]**

CHORUS:
But **[G]** no one really **[D]** dies **[A]** do they? **[A]**
Not if they **[G]** play the **[D]** uku-**[A]**lele **[A]**
And **[G]** no one **[D]** cries **[A]** baby **[A]**
Not if they're **[G]** wishin' on a **[D]** star, well **[A]** maybe **[A]**

[D]/[D]/[Ddim]/[Ddim]/[G]/[G]/[A]/[D]/
[D]/[D]/[Ddim]/[Ddim]/[G]/[G]/[A]/[D]/

[D] Now hand me down my [Ddim] walkin' cane [Ddim]
My [G] old vaudevillian [A] croonin' [D] pipes
[D] I got one more [Ddim] song for you, Charley
[G] "The Lonesome Death of Uku-[A]lele [D] Ike"

CHORUS:
But [G] no one really [D] dies [A] do they? [A]
Not if they [G] play the [D] uku-[A]lele [A]
And [G] no one really [D] hurts [A] baby [A]
Not if they're [G] wishin' on a [D] star, well [A] maybe [A]

[D] 'Cause it's only a [Em7] paper [A7] moon
[A7] Hanging over a [D] cardboard sea
[D] But it [D7] wouldn't be [G] make-be-[Em7]lieve
If [A] you be-[A7]lieve in [D] me [D]
[Ddim]/[Ddim]/[G]/[G]/[A]/[D]↓

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