

The Lonesome Death of Ukulele Ike

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INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 /

[G]/[G]/[D#7]/[D#7]/[C]/[C]/[D]/[D7]
[G]/[G]/[D#7]/[D#7]/[C]/[C]/[D]/[D7]

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

[C] Mark Twain [G] come from [D7] Hannibal Mis-[G]souri
And [C] various [G] other [D7] drunks like [G] me
[C] I learned to [G] play the [D7] ukulele [G]
By [Em] reinventing my [A7] desti-[D7]ny [D7]

CHORUS:

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

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

But [C] I died [G] penniless [D7] and for-[G]gotten
In the [C] motion [G] picture [D7] old folks' [G] home
[C] In never-[G]land I was [D7] in high [G] cotton
My [Em] voice warbled out of the [A7] gramo-[D7]phone [D7]

CHORUS:

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

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[G]/[G]/[Gdim]/[Gdim]/[C]/[C]/[D]/[G]/**

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

CHORUS:

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

[G] 'Cause it's only a **[Am7]** paper **[D7]** moon
[D7] Hanging over a **[G]** cardboard sea
[G] But it **[G7]** wouldn't be **[C]** make-be-**[Am7]**lieve
If **[D]** you be-**[D7]**lieve in **[G]** me **[G]**
[Gdim]/[Gdim]/[C]/[C]/[D]/[G]↓

