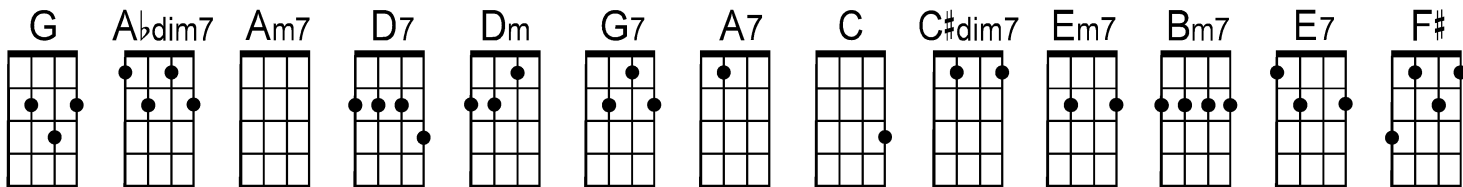


# It's Only a Paper Moon

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G . Abdim . | Am7 . D7 . | Am7 . D7 . | G . . . |  
 Say, it's only a pa--per moon, ----- sailing over a card-board sea

G . Dm . | C . A7 . | D7 . . . | G . D7 . |  
 But it wouldn't be make be-lieve if you be-lieved in me.

G . Abdim . | Am7 . D7 . | Am7 . D7 . | G . . . |  
 Yes, it's only a can-vas sky, ----- hanging over a mus-lin tree

G . Dm . | C . A7 . | D7 . . . | G . G7  
 But it wouldn't be make be-lieve if you be-lieved in me.

**Chorus:** . | C . C#dim . | G . Em7 . | Am7 . D7 . | G . . .  
 With-out your love, it's a hon--ky tonk par-ade  
 . | C . C#dim . | G . Em7 . | Bm7 . E7 . | Am7 . D7 . |  
 With-out your love, it's a melo-dy played in a penny ar-cade.

G . Abdim . | Am7 . D7 . | Am7 . D7 . | G . . . |  
 It's a Barnum and Bai-ley world, just as phony as it can be.

G . Dm . | C . A7 . | D7 . . . | G . D7 . |  
 But it wouldn't be make-be-lieve if you be-lieved in me.

**Instrumental:** (with kazoo, or silly scatting)

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