Build Me Up Buttercup

Mike d'Abo and Tony Macaulay, 1968. Performed by The Foundations.
Ukulele arrangement Austin Ukulele Society, 2015.

Intro: **4 beats per chord**

C   E7   F   G7
C   E7   F   G7 *[stop]*

Chorus

[no strum]   C
Why do you build me up *[build me up]*
E7   **F**
Buttercup, baby, just to let me down *[let me down]*
      G7
And mess me around?
            C
And then worst of all *[worst of all]*
      E7   **F**
You never call, baby, when you say you will *[say you will]*
      G7
But I love you still.
            C
I need you *[I need you]*
                  C7
More than anyone darlin',
      F   **Fm**
You know that I have from the start.
      C
So build me up *[build me up]*
G7   **F   C   G7**
Buttercup, don't break my hea—aart.

Verse 1
            C   G   **Bb**   **F**   **C**
"I'll be over at ten," you told me time and a—gain, but you're late.
            F
I wait a—round and then

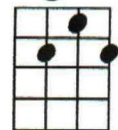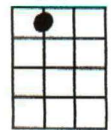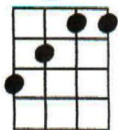Chords in this song

C   C7   D7   Dm   E7   Em   F   Fm   G   G7   A7   Bb

 = Pause or take a breath

[hold] = Strum the chord once and let it ring

[stop] = Strum the chord once and mute the strings

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  C          G          Bb        F          C
I run to the door, I can't take any–more, it's not you.
          F
You let me down again.
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Bridge

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  F    F    Dm                     G7
[ Hey,  hey,  hey! ]   Baby, baby, I'm tryin' to find
  G7   G7   Em                     A7
[ Hey,  hey,  hey! ]   A little time  ♪  and I'll make you happy
F                            D7
I'll be home,   ♪   I'll be be–side the phone
            G           G7 [stop]
Waiting for you–ou–ou, Ooo–oo–oo–ooo [ Ooo–oo–oo–ooo ]
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Repeat Chorus

Verse 2

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  C          G          Bb         F          C
To you I'm a toy, but I could be the boy you a–dore
            F
If you'd just let me know.
  C                G          Bb        F          C
Al–though you're un–true, I'm at–tracted to you all the more.
            F
Why do I need you so?
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Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus

Ending

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              C
I need you  [ I need you ]
              C7
More than anyone darlin',
            F                           Fm
You know that I have from the start.
  C
So build me up  [ build me up ]      hold
G7                               F    C [ho
Buttercup, don't break my hea–aart.
                                 G7 [stop]
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