Ripple

Robert Hunter 1970, performed by the Grateful Dead. Ukulele arrangement Austin Ukulele Society, 2015.

Intro: 4 beats per chord

D G C D G C G C F G C F
G C F G C F G C F D G C
D G C D G C G C F G C F
D G C A D G G C F D G C

Verse 1

    D G C

If my words did glow

    G C F

With the gold of sunshine

    G C F   D G C

And my tunes ♪ were played ♪ on a uke ♪ un–strung,

    D G C

Would you hear my voice

    G C F

Come through the music?

D G C   A D G

Would you hold it near

G C F   D G C

As it were your own?

Verse 2

    D G C

It's a hand-me-down,

    G C F

The thoughts are broken

    G C F   D G C

Per–haps ♪ they're better ♪ left ♪ un–sung.

    D G C

I don't know,

    G C F

Don't really care.

D G C   A D G

Let there be songs

G C F   D G C D G C

  ♪ To fill the air.

Chorus

Em Am Dm A D G

Ripple in still water,

            D G C   G C F

When there is no pebble tossed,

E7 A7 D7 A7 D7 G7

Nor wind to blow.

Verse 3

D G C
Reach out your hand
      G C F
If your cup be empty.
    G C F   D G C
If your cup ♪ is full ♪ may it be ♪ a–gain.
      D G C
Let it be known
       G C F
There is a fountain
D G C   A D G
That was not made
G C F   D G C
By the hands of men.

Verse 4

    D G C
There is a road,
     G C F
No simple highway,
G C F   D G C
Be–tween ♪ the dawn ♪ and the dark ♪ of night.
     D G C
And if you go
      G C F
No one may follow,
D G C   A D G
That path is for
G C F   D G C D G C
  ♪ Your steps a–lone.

Chorus

Verse 5

    D G C
You, who choose
       G C F
To lead, must follow.
   G C F   D G C
But if ♪ you fall ♪ you fall ♪ a–lone.
       D G C
If you should stand
      G C F
Then who's to guide you?
D G C   A D G
If I knew the way
G C F   D G C
I would take you home.

Verse 6

    D G C
La da da da
      G C F
La da–ah da da–ah da
    G C F   D G C
Da da da ♪ da da ♪ da da da ♪ da da da
     D G C
La da da da
      G C F
La da–ah da da–ah da
D G C A D G
La da da da
G C F   D G [hold] C
La–da, da da da–ah