

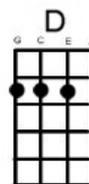
Ode to Billie Joe Bobbie Gentry

Hear this song at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJZ_VIDADOE (play along in this key)

From: Richard G's Ukulele Songbook www.scorpexuke.com

[D F#m7 F#m7 D] x 4

Hammer on with pinky to C4 from D chord to get F#m7. This effect can also be used during the verses, especially at the end of lines



It was the [D] third of June another sleepy dusty delta day
I was out chopping cotton and my [A7sus4] brother was baling [D] hay
And at [G7] dinner time we stopped and walked back to the house to eat
And Momma [D] hollered out the back door y'all remember to wipe your feet
And then she [G7] said I got some news this mornin from Choctaw Ridge
Today [D*] Billie Joe MacAllister jumped [Am7*] off the Tallahatchie [D] bridge
[D] Poppa said to Momma as he [A7sus4] passed around the blackeyed [D] peas
Well Billie Joe never had a lick of [A7sus4] sense pass the biscuits [D] please
There's [G7] five more acres in the lower forty I got to plow
And Momma [D] said it was a shame about Billie Joe anyhow
Seems like [G7] nothing ever comes to no good up on Choctaw Ridge
And now [D*] Billie Joe McAllister jumped [Am7*] off the Tallahatchie [D] bridge
And [D] brother said he recollected when he and Tom and Billie [D] Joe
Put a frog down my back at the [A7sus4] Carroll County picture [D] show
And wasn't [G7] I talkin' to him after church last Sunday night
I'll have a [D]nother piece of apple pie you know it don't seem right
I [G7] saw him at the sawmill yesterday up on Choctaw Ridge
And now you [D*] tell me Billie Joe's jumped
[Am7*] Off the Tallahatchie [D] Bridge
[D] Momma said to me child what's [A7sus4] happened to your appe[D]tite
Why I've been cookin' all morning and you
[A7sus4] Haven't touched a single [D] bite
That [G7] nice young preacher Brother Taylor dropped by today
Said he'd be [D] pleased to have dinner on Sunday oh by the way
He [G7] said he saw a girl that looked a lot like you up on Choctaw Ridge
And she and [D*] Billie Joe was throwing something
[Am7*] off the Tallahatchie [D] bridge
A [D] year has come and gone since we [A7sus4] heard the news bout Billie [D] Joe
Brother married Becky Thompson they [A7sus4] bought a store in Tupe[D]lo
There was a [G7] virus going round Poppa caught it and he died last spring
And now [D] Momma doesn't seem to wanna do much of anything
And [G7] me I spend a lot of time pickin flowers up on Choctaw Ridge
And drop them [D*] into the muddy water [Am7*] off the Tallahatchie [D] bridge

