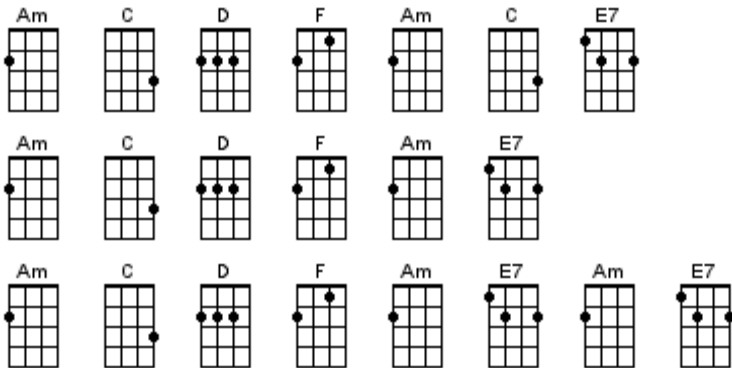


# House of the Rising Sun

(Traditional. Recorded by Clarence "Tom" Ashley with Gwen Foster 1934, Pete Seeger 1958, Joan Baez 1960, Bob Dylan 1962, Conway Twitty 1970, Sinéad O'Connor 1994.)



There is a house down in New Orleans they call the rising sun  
And it's been the ruin of many a poor girl and me, oh God, I'm one.

My mother was a tailor, she sewed these new blue jeans  
My sweetheart was a gambler, Lord, down in New Orleans.

Now the only thing a gambler needs is a suitcase and a trunk  
And the only time when he's satisfied is when he's on a drunk.

He fills his glasses up to the brim and he'll pass the cards around  
And the only pleasure he gets out of life is rambling from town to town

Oh tell my baby sister not to do what I have done  
But shun that house in New Orleans they call the rising sun.

Well with one foot on the platform and the other foot on the train  
I'm going back to New Orleans to wear that ball and chain.

I'm going back to New Orleans, my race is almost run  
I'm going back to end my life down in the rising sun.

There is a house in New Orleans they call the rising sun  
And it's been the ruin of many a poor girl and me, oh God, I'm one.

