Day 3 – The Power of the G String #ChordMelodyChallenge



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Key: G Tempo: Medium Chords needed: G, C, D Video Tutorial: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPrduL2My4A Chord Shapes - 0:52 D G 000 0 The melody - As always, this is where we start 1:08 G D G -2 -0 -3 -0 С G G D G -2 0 3

Harmonizing the Melody - The first four measures $\frac{2:59}{2:59}$



Warning! Theory Talk!

The following information is not necessary to know to play this piece, so if theory confuses you, overwhelms you, or frustrates you, come back to this information AFTER the challenge, if you are ready for it, we are about to talk about some intervals.

The first half is pretty straight forward, with the exception of now we are harmonizing a lot of tones that are in our chord. If we look at the 2^{nd} measure we have an E note playing over a G chord, that technically makes the G a G6, the E is the 6^{th} interval relative to a G chord and we have the E note playing over our D chord, as we play it in the 4^{th} measure it is a Dsus2, as we remove the F#, which is the 3^{rd} interval, and replace it with an E note, which is the 2^{nd} interval. Internalizing these ideas for your own playing is very important because you are able to know how to use suspended chords and 6 chords in your own playing. For example this piece taught as that in the key of G, the I chord, the G chord, can be a G6 and we can use the V chord, the D chord, as a sus2 chord. All of this comes back to the value of understanding intervals.

Harmonizing the Melody - The Second Half - where we use the G string. Option 1 - 6:51



Notice the first measure we have a melody that is D, B, G notes descending, this is a G arpeggio, and if we were to use a full chord with the 5th fret of the A string freted, we need to use a 4 finger barre chord with our pinky stretched out, enter the power of the G string. I am able to play the G string against the 5th fret with no problems, and it implies a G chord, I use the same trick with the B note and the G note. If I have a G chord I can simply play the open G string and the melody across the fretboard and I have harmonized it. A great way to harmonize the G chord all across the fretboard.

We also use it on the 2^{nd} beat of the 3^{rd} measure as the melody instead of the 3^{rd} fret of the E string. It is really easy to just to pluck that open string and because it is the same note s the 3^{rd} fret of the E, we can exchange these notes with zero problems, they are completely interchangeable.

Harmonizing the Melody - Option 2 - 8:44



Here we have made two adjustments. The first happens on the 2^{nd} measure on the first and 2^{nd} beats. Instead of a thumb strum we use a pull off, and the F# becomes the open E, this is especially cool because the open C and G strings are still resonating so the discord and the resolution are extra gratifying.

The second adjustment happens at the end of the 3^{rd} and start of the 4^{th} measures. Here we really lean into the power of this G string and how fun and easy it is to play it open. The melody is a B note, G, note, A note, G note, and the two G notes we could have very easily played on the 3^{rd} fret of the E string, but look how easy it is to just alternate from the open G to the open A to the open G, not only is it extremely easy, but it captures more of the personality of the ukulele, which is something that we want to do when we are doing this chord melody arrangement, getting the personality of the ukulele is important.



Glory of Love - Full performance from the intro https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eW2xklfJZN8