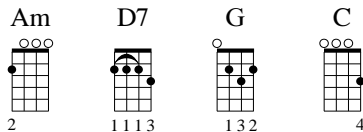


Matthew

Words and Music by
John Denver



Intro-Verse

I had an un-cle, name of **Am** Matthew, **D7**
He was his father's only boy. **D7** **G**
Born just south of Colby, Kansas, **G** **Am** **D7**
He was his mother's pride and joy. **D7** **G**

Chorus

Yes, and joy was just a thing that he was raised on. **G** **C** **G** **Am**
Love was just a way to live and die. **D7** **G**
Gold was just a windy Kan - sas wheat field. **G** **C** **G** **Am**
Blue was just the Kan-sas summer sky. **D7** **G**

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Verse 1

All the sto - ries that he told me **G** **Am** **D7**
 Back when I was just a lad. **D7** **G**
 All the memories that he gave me, **G** **Am** **D7**
 All the good times that he had. **D7** **G**
 Growin' up a Kansas farm boy **G** **Am** **D7**
 Life is mostly havin' fun, **D7** **G**
 Ridin' on his daddy's shoulders **G** **Am** **D7**
 Behind a mule beneath the sun. **D7** **G**

Repeat Chorus

Verse 2

Well, I guess there were some hard times **G** **Am** **D7**
 And I'm told some years were lean. **D7** **G**
 They had a storm in 'forty-seven, **G** **Am** **D7**
 A twister came and stripped 'em clean. **D7** **G**
 He lost the farm and lost his family, **G** **Am** **D7**
 He lost the wheat and lost his home, **D7** **G**
 But he found the family bible, **G** **Am** **D7**
 A faith as solid as a stone. **D7** **G**

Repeat Chorus

Verse 3

And so he came **|G** to live at our house **||Am** **|** **|D7**

And he came to work the land. **|D7** **|G** **|** **|**

He came to ease my daddy's burden **|G** **|Am** **|** **|D7**

And he came to be my friend. **|D7** **|G** **|** **|**

And so I wrote this down for Matthew **|G** **|Am** **|** **|D7**

And it's for him this song is sung, **|D7** **|G** **|** **|**

Ridin' on his daddy's shoulders **|G** **|Am** **|** **|D7**

Behind a mule beneath the sun. **|D7** **|G**

Repeat Chorus (2X)