Beginners Jam Songs September 2026

Buffalo Gals (Key = G)

Hot Corn, Cold Corn (Key = G)

Keep on the Sunny Side (Key = G)

Nine Pound Hammer (Key = A)

Song lyrics and chord charts to follow.

Buffalo Gals

Key = G → Pos 2

1 As I was walking down the street
5 Down the street **1** down the street
A pretty little gal I chanced to meet
And **5** she was fair to **1** see . . . . .

Chorus:

1 Buffalo gals won't you come out tonight
5 Come out tonight 1 come out tonight
Buffalo gals won't you come out tonight
And 5 dance by the light of the 1 moon . . . . .

Verses:

I stopped her and we had a talk
Had a talk had a talk
Her feet took up the whole sidewalk
And left no room for me . . . . .

I asked her if she'd have a dance
Have a dance have a dance
Thought that I might have a chance
To shake a foot with her . . . . .

I danced with a gal with a hole in her stocking
And her heel kept a knocking and her toes kept a rocking
And I danced with a gal with a hole in her stocking
And we danced by the light of the moon . . . . .

Hot Corn Cold Corn

Key=G
Pos 2

Chorus:

1 Hot corn cold corn bring along a jimmie john,
5 Hot corn cold corn bring along a jimmie john,
1 Hot corn cold corn bring along a jimmie john,
5 Fare thee well Uncle Bill see you in the morning,
Yes 1 sir . . . . . .

Verses:

Upstairs downstairs out in the kitchen (3x)
See Uncle Bill he's a-raring and a-pitching
Yes sir . . . . . .

Old Aunt Peggy won't you fill 'em up again (3x)
Ain't had a drink since I don't know when
Yes sir . . . . . .

Yonder comes the preacher and the children are crying (3x)
Chickens are a-hollering, toenails a-flying
Yes sir . . . . . .

Note: Watch out for the unusual timing of the last line of the verses and chorus. Right after the word "Yes" (a half-measure) comes a full measure starting with "sir".

Keep on the Sunny Side

1 There's a dark and a **4** troubled side of **1** life
There's a bright, there's a sunny side, **5** too
Though we meet with the darkness and **1** strife
The **5** sunny side we also may **1** view

Chorus:

1 Keep on the sunny side,
4 always on the **1** sunny side
Keep on the sunny side of **5** life
It will **1** help us every day, it will **4** brighten all the **1** way
If we'll keep on the sunny **5** side of **1** life

Verses:

The storm and its fury broke today
Crushing hopes that we cherish so dear
Clouds and storms will, in time, pass away
The sun again will shine bright and clear

Let us greet with the song of hope each day
Though the moment be cloudy or fair
Let us trust in our Savior always
Who keeps everyone in His care

Nine Pound Hammer

1 Oh the nine pound hammer . . . . . is a little too **4** heavy . . . . .
For my **1** size . . . **5** . . buddy for my **1** size . . . . .

Chorus:

1 Roll on buddy . . . . . don't you roll so 4 slow . . . . .
How can I 1 roll . . . 5 . . when the wheels won't 1 go . . . . .

Verses:

I'm going on the mountain . . . . . just to see my baby . . . . .
And I ain't coming back . . . . . I ain't coming back . . . . .

There ain't one hammer . . . . . down in this tunnel . . . . .
That can ring like mine . . . . . that can ring like mine . . . . .

This nine pound hammer . . . . . it rings like silver . . . . .
Shines like gold . . . . . shines like gold . . . . .

It's a long way to Harlan . . . . . it's a long way to Hazard . . . . .
Just to get a little brew . . . . . just to get a little brew . . . . .

This nine pound hammer . . . . . it killed John Henry . . . . .
Ain't gonna kill me . . . . . ain't gonna kill me . . . . .

Buddy when I'm long gone . . . . . you can make my tombstone . . . . .
Out of number nine coal . . . . . out of number nine coal . . . . .