

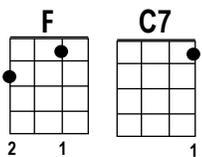
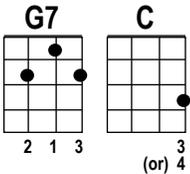
# MARDI GRAS MAMBO

By Frankie Adams,  
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& Lou Welsch in 1953

Additional Lyrics by  
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**KEY: C**  
**4/4 TIME**  
**LATIN GROOVE**  
**TEMPO: 120-130**

## Starting Note



**TACET: NO UKE**

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**DOWN UP STRUMS**

## Ellen B's California Lyrics:

Out in California where  
the sun is bright, we  
play oo-koo-lay-lay  
day and night. We  
love to sing and  
dance all day from  
San Diego to Monterey.

Mardi Gras Mambo,  
Mambo Mambo.  
Party Gras Mambo,  
Mambo, Mambo.  
Mardi Gras Mambo,  
Down in New Orleans.

**INTRO:** G7//// // C//// C# Uuh! TACET

**STANZA 1:** C//// G7//// // Down in New Orleans where the blues was born, it takes a cool cat to  
C//// G7//// C//// // blow a horn. On LaSalle and Rampart Street, combos play with a mambo beat.

F//// C//// // Mardi Gras Mambo, Mambo, Mambo. Mardi Gras Mambo, Mambo, Mambo.

G7//// G7# TACET C//// G7//// // Mardi Gras Mambo. Down in New Or-leans.

**STANZA 2:** C//// G7//// // In Gert Town where the cats all meet, there's a Mardi Gras Mambo  
C//// G7//// C//// // with a beat. They shout and cheer for the Zulu king and truck on down where the Mambos swing.

F//// C//// // Mardi Gras Mambo, Mambo, Mambo. Mardi Gras Mambo, Mambo, Mambo.

G7//// G7# TACET C//// G7//// // Mardi Gras Mambo. Down in New Or-leans.

**STANZA 3: SOLO** (options: kazoo/hum/strum/fingerpick/improvisation/chord melody)

C//// G7//// // C//// G7//// C////

F//// C//// // Mardi Gras Mambo, Mambo, Mambo. Mardi Gras Mambo, Mambo, Mambo.

G7//// G7# TACET C//// G7//// // Mardi Gras Mambo. Down in New Or-leans. No matter

**STANZA 4:** C//// G7//// // where you live, join the fun. Dance and sing 'til the  
C//// G7//// C//// // day is done, and if you got the blues, tap your feet and play oo-koo-lay-lay to the mambo beat.

F//// C//// // Mardi Gras Mambo, Mambo, Mambo. Mardi Gras Mambo, Mambo, Mambo.

G7//// G7# TACET C//// C7//// // Mardi Gras Mambo. Down in New Or-leans.

**END:** F//// C//// // Mardi Gras Mambo, Mambo, Mambo. Mardi Gras Mambo, Mambo, Mambo.

G7//// G7# TACET C//// // Mardi Gras Mambo. Cha-Cha-Cha

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