F656 - I started Early - Took my Dog - (1863)
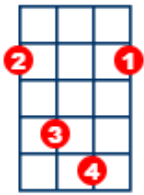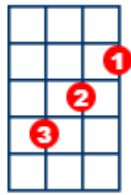
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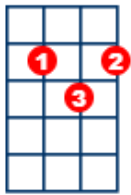

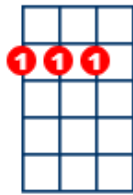Set to the tune of "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" by Gordon Lightfoot.

Stanza 1

Asus2   Em
I started Early – Took my Dog –
  G D   Asus2
And visited the Sea –
                Em
The Mermaids in the Basement
     G   D   Asus2
Came out to look at me –

Stanza 2

               Em
And Frigates – in the Upper Floor
  G   D   Asus2
Extended Hempen Hands –
            Em
Presuming Me to be a Mouse –
  G   D   Asus2
Aground – opon the Sands –

Stanza 3

             Em
But no Man moved Me – till the Tide
    G   D   Asus2
Went past my simple Shoe –
           Em
And past my Apron – and my Belt
   G   D   Asus2
And past my Boddice – too –

Stanza 4

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                                Em
And made as He would eat me up –

     G   D   Asus2
As wholly as a Dew

                           Em
Opon a Dandelion's Sleeve –

       G   D   Asus2
And then – I started – too –
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▌   *Stanza 5*
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                              Em
And He – He followed – close behind –

   G   D   Asus2
I felt His Silver Heel

                         Em
Opon my Ancle – Then My Shoes

       G   D   Asus2
Would overflow with Pearl –
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▌   *Stanza 6*
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                       Em
Until We met the Solid Town –

    G   D   Asus2
No One He seemed to know –

                           Em
And bowing – with a Mighty look –

    G   D   Asus2
At me – The Sea withdrew –
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