



Fly Me to the Moon

Composed by Bart Howard

Source: Ozzy Lee, Song February 2005

Ukulele Club of

An easy arrangement

Am7 Dm
Fly me to the moon
G7 C
and let me play among the stars.
F G7 Am7 C
Let me see what spring is like
E7 Am7 Dm C
on Jupiter and Mars.
Dm G7 C
In other words, hold my hand,
Dm G7 C
In other words, darling, kiss me
Am7 Dm C
Fill my heart with song,
G7 C
and let me sing for ever more.
F G7 Am7 C
You are all I long for,
E7 Am7 C
All I worship and adore.
Dm G7 C
In other words, please be true
Dm G7 C (turn E7)
In other words, I love you

Now add a few more chords...

Am7 Dm
Fly me to the moon
G7 CM7 > C7
and let me play among the stars.
F Bm7 Am7 A7
Let me see what spring is like
E7 Am7 A7
on Jupiter and Mars.
Dm G7 Em7-5 > A7
In other words, hold my hand,
Dm G7 Bm7 E7
In other words, darling, kiss me
Am7 Dm
Fill my heart with song,
G7 CM7 > C7
and let me sing for ever more.
F Bm7
You are all I long for,
E7 Am7 A7
All I worship and adore.
Dm G7 Em7-5 > A7
In other words, please be true
Dm G7 C (turn E7)
In other words, I love you (end G7 C)

...and add some more "color" chords

C CM7 Am7 Dm
Fly me to the moon
F Dm Dm7 G7 G7sus2 CM7 > C7
and let me play among the stars.
F Dm Bm7-5
Let me see what spring is like
E7sus4 E7 A+7sus4 E7 Am7 A7
on Jupiter and Mars.
Dm > Dm7 G7sus4 G7 Em7-5 > A7
In other words, hold my hand,
Dm > Dm7 G7 G7sus2 Bm7-5 E7
In other words, darling, kiss me
C CM7 Am7 Dm
Fill my heart with song,
F Dm Dm7 G7 G7sus2 CM7 > C7
and let me sing for ever more.
F Dm Bm7-5
You are all I long for,
E7sus4 E7 A+7sus4 E7 Am7 A7
All I worship and adore.
Dm > Dm7 G7sus4 G7 Em7-5 > A7
In other words, please be true
Dm G7 C (turn Fdim E7)
In other words, I love you (end Fdim C)



Composer and pianist Bart Howard, whose "Fly Me to the Moon" (in Oliver Nelson's hands) was first recorded by Peggy Lee and Guy Lombardo, died on February 23, 2004. He was 88 years old. 96th anniversary of a posting for a learning dance band at the age of 16, backing Sammie Davis, Duke Ellington and Duke Ellington. In 1934 he went to Los Angeles, hoping to become a film composer. Three years later Howard went to New York City where he was encouraged by more established film composers to try his songs himself so he could get a better feel for them. In 1937 he became the 3rd, and youngest, member of the "Big Three" musical trio. The artists he backed there included the young Johnny Mercer, Eubie Blake, Dorothy Lindo, and Freda Stender, who was the first to perform the song Howard had written "In Other Words". The song took off quickly. Nancy Wilson recorded it in 1959 on her Capitol Records debut, and the following year Howard's version of the song was covered by Peggy Lee, who performed the tune on the Ed Sullivan Show for millions of viewers. It was then on the same year that he was called as "Fly Me to the Moon" (in Oliver Nelson's hands), and eventually the original name was all but forgotten. Frank Sinatra guaranteed the song's endurance when he recorded it in 1964 and kept it to his repertoire for the rest of his life. Since then the song has been recorded and over 300 times. Though several of them have other songs in their popularity he remained slightly obscure for "Fly Me to the Moon". Howard had had problems with alcohol, as the time made him usually enough to cut back on his songwriting and playing. In 1999 Bart Howard was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

