Build Me Up Buttercup

Mike d'Abo and Tony Macaulay, 1968

Intro (4 beats per chord)

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C   E7   F   G7

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Chorus

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G7            C
Why do you build me up (build me up)
E7
Buttercup, baby,
          F
Just to let me down (let me down)
     G7
And mess me around?
            C
And then worst of all (worst of all)
     E7
You never call, baby
           F
When you say you will (say you will)
     G7
But I love you still.
         C
I need you (I need you)
           C7
More than anyone darlin',
     F                           Fm
You know that I have from the start.
    C
So build me up (build me up)
G7                         F       C   G7
Buttercup, don't break my heart.
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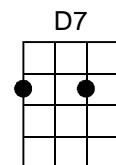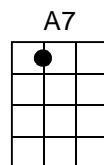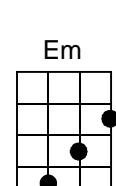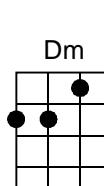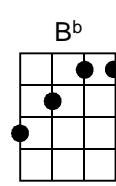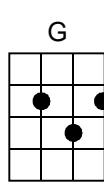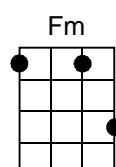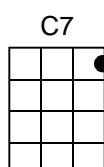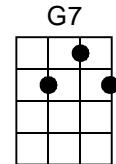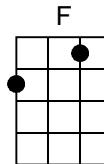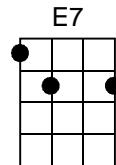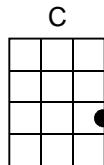
Verse 1

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        C        G                    Bb        F
"I'll be over at ten", you told me time and a-gain
          C            F
But you're late, I wait around and then
  C        G            Bb      F
I run to the door, I can't take any more,
          C                F
It's not you, you let me down again.
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Bridge

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F      F    Dm                      G7
(Hey, hey, hey!) Baby, baby, I'm tryin' to find
G7     G7   Em                      A7
(Hey, hey, hey!) A little time and I'll make you happy
F                          D7
I'll be home, I'll be be-side the phone
            G      G7 [stop]
Waiting for you, Ooo-oo-ooo, Ooo-oo-ooo
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Repeat Chorus

Verse2

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   C        G          Bb            F
To you I'm a toy but I could be the boy
      C              F
You a-dore, if you'd just let me know
  C              G          Bb          F
Al-though you're un-true, I'm at-tracted to you
        C              F
All the more. Why do I need you so?
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Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus