

George Duke

"They Laughed When I Started To Play"

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Now when I learned to play the ukulele,
I used to practice day and night.
My pals all roared as I fumbled at a chord,
But I couldn't get the darned thing right.

They laughed when I started to play, they laughed so
hearty.
Only two lessons I had, I went up the scale and down
the scale,
It wasn't so bad
But one chap, he said "Oh what a mug, why you can't
learn that way"
He took the uke off me and said "Now I'll have a try"
Just then the 'G' string bust and flew right into his eye.
He laughed when I started to play, but he didn't laugh
again all day

Oh they laughed when I started to play, oh they
laughed so hearty
Strip poker that's a good game,
Once I lost my trousers to a gambling dame
But when, I started shuffling the cards, then the luck
came my way.
I won a frock and undies, she was left I declare
As bare as any savage and as savages are bear
She laughed when I started to play,
But she didn't laugh again that day.

Now once I watched a game of water polo,
With players from a ladies school.
The girls all cried "Won't you make up a side?"
So I dashed into the bathing pool.
They laughed when I started to play, oh how they
laughed so hearty.
In goal, I paddled about, a big ball in the water soon I
started to clout.
Each time, that it came bobbing back, well I smacked it
away.
Just then the ball turned over and a girl said "No larks",
"Seven times you've hit me where I can't show the
marks."

She laughed when I started to play,
But she didn't laugh again that day.

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