Beginner Ukulele, Week 1

How to buy an uke:
1. Size – concert vs tenor. Hold in your arms, left hand at neck, right hand can strum above the sound hole. Sopranos are harder to learn on because they are so small.
2. Sound – strum several and see what’s pleasing to you. Try tuning it with a clip-on tuner or tuner app on your smartphone.
3. Cost – entry level with decent sound = $80. entry level with great sound = $130.

String order for tuning: G C E A (top to bottom)
HOMEWORK: strum each string clearly, and say its name

Tab (chord chart) notation:
1 is index finger
2 is middle finger
3 is ring finger

THREE LITTLE BIRDS, by Bob Marley
practice chord transition and basic downbeat strum – 4 strums per chord

C          C
Don’t worry about a thing
F          C
cause every little thing is gonna be alright

C          C
Singin’ don’t worry about a thing
F          C
cause every little thing is gonna be alright

C          G
Rise up this morning, smiled with the rising sun
C          F
Three little birds pitch by my doorstep
C          G
Singing sweet songs of melodies pure and true
F          C
sayin’ “this is my message to you”