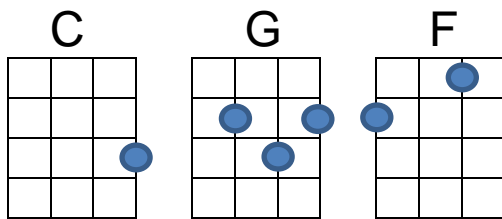


## Engelbert the Elephant

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(C) When the King and Queen decided they would have a formal dance,  
Invi(G)tations were delivered and it happened quite by chance,  
Through an (F) oversight of someone's whose it (C) was I can't recall,  
But (G) Engelbert the elephant was invited to the (C) ball.

(C) What excitement in the jungle what a holy hullabaloo,  
What a (G) race to find a costume and to learn a step or two,  
You could (F) feel the jungle shaking and I (C) guess it's shaking yet,  
Since (G) Engelbert the elephant learnt to dance the minu(C)et.

(C) All the palace lamps were lighted as the sun was going down,  
And the (G) music of the orchestra was heard across the town,  
The (F) dance was just beginning when there (C) came a mighty roar,  
"Your (G) Highness - there's an elephant and he's standing at the (C) door"

(C) So the guards turned out from everywhere they came from every place,  
To where (G) Engelbert was standing with a smile upon his face,  
He was (F) dressed in latest fashion on his (C) trunk he wore a ring,  
He (G) presented his invitation with the seal of the (C) King.

(C) So the soldiers formed an escort and they led him to the ball,  
Where the (G) orchestra stopped playing and a hush went through the hall,  
The (F) King and Queen were speechless and I'm (C) sure they're speechless now,  
(G) Engelbert the elephant made a very lovely (C) bow.

(C) Soon the Queen began to smile at him the band began to play,  
And (G) Engelbert was dancing in the very nicest way,  
The (F) ladies were delighted at the (C) way he turned and spun,  
And (G) before the night was over he had danced with every(C)one.

(C) When they all sat down to dinner, Engelbert sat on the floor,  
He (G) nibbled most politely though he really wanted more,  
When the (F) final dance was called for such a (C) sight you've never seen,  
For it (G) was by royal command, he danced it with the (C) Queen.

(C) And when the ball was over and the guests began to go,  
They (G) escorted him to the city gates and he gave 'em quite a show,  
The (F) band had come along with them and the (C) band began to play,  
And the (G) dance he did along the road is talked about to(C)day,  
Yes they (F) talked about the dancing and you (C) know they're talking yet,  
Of how (G) Engelbert the elephant performed the minu(C)et. (G) (C)