

The Garden Song

David Mallett, 1975

Intro: Ken solo uke interlude 2x, [4 measures] with bass (G, G, C, G | G, G, D7, G) 2x

Chorus: G C G C D7 G
Inch by inch, row by row... gonna make this garden grow.
C D7 G Em Am D7
All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground.
G C G C D7 G
Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless these seeds I sow.
C D7 G Em Am D7 G/
Someone warm them from below, 'til the rain comes tumbling down.

(Ken solo uke interlude 1x, 2 measures [8 counts])

Verse 1: G C G C D7 G
Pulling weeds and picking stones, we are made of dreams and bones.
C D7 G Em Am D7
Feel the need to grow my own 'cause the time is close at hand.
G C G C D7 G
Grain for grain, sun and rain, find my way in nature's chain,
C D7 G Em Am D7 G/
Tune my body and my brain to the music of the land.

(Ken solo uke interlude 1x, 2 measures [8 counts])

[Repeat Chorus]

Verse 2: G C G C D7 G
Plant your rows straight and long, temper them with prayer and song.
C D7 G Em Am D7
Mother Earth will make you strong if you give her love and care.
G C G C D7 G
Old crow watching hungrily, from his perch in yonder tree.
C D7 G Em Am D7 G/
In my garden I'm as free as that feathered thief up there.

(Ken solo uke interlude 1x, 2 measures [8 counts])

End: G C G C D7 G
Inch by inch, row by row... gonna make this garden grow.
C D7 G Em Am D7
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G C G C D7 G
Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless these seeds I sow.
C D7 G Em Am D7 G
Someone warm them from below, 'til the rain comes tumbling down.

Ritard: Am D7 G/
'til the rain comes tumbling down.

Ken solo uke ending

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