

# Tim Minchin - The Good Book

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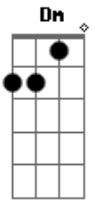
Life is like an ocean voyage and our bodies are the ships  
C Bb F A Dm Dm  
And without a moral compass we would all be cast adrift  
Bb F  
So to keep us on our bearings, the Lord gave us a gift  
C7 C  
And like most gifts you get, it was a book  
F Bb  
I only read one book, but it's a good book, don't you know  
C7 F  
I act the way I act because the Good Book tells me so  
F F7 Bb Bbm  
If I wanna know how to be good, it's to the Good Book that I go  
C7 F  
'Cos the Good Book is a book and it is good and it's a book  
F Bb  
I know the Good Book's good because the Good Book says it's good  
C7 F  
I know the Good Book knows it's good because a really good book would  
F F7 Bb  
Bbm  
You wouldn't cook without a cookbook and I think it's understood  
C7 F  
You can't be good without a Good Book 'cos it's good and it's a book  
And it is good for cookin'  
Dm A  
I tried to read some other books, but I soon gave up on that  
Bb F C  
The paragraphs ain't numbered and they complicate the facts  
A Dm  
I can't read Harry Potter 'cos they're worshipping false gods and that  
G C  
And Dumbledore's a poofter and that's bad, 'cos it's not good  
Dm A  
Morality is written there in simple white and black  
Bb F C  
I feel sorry for you heathens, got to think about all that  
A Dm  
Good is good and evil's bad and goats are good and pigs are crap  
Bb F  
You'll find which one is which in the Good Book, 'cos it's good  
And it's a book, and it's a book  
Dm A  
I had a cat, she gave birth to a litter  
Bb F C  
The kittens were adorable and they made my family laugh  
A Dm  
But as they grew they started misbehavin'  
G C  
So I drowned the little fuckers in the bath  
A Dm  
When the creatures in your care start being menaces  
G C  
The answers can be found right there in Genesis!  
C7  
Genesis, Chapter 6, Verse 5-7!  
G  
Swing your partner by the hand  
C  
Have a baby if you can  
D  
But if the voices your head  
Say to sacrifice your kid  
G

To satiate your loving God's  
C  
Fetish for dead baby blood  
D  
It's simple faith, the Book demands  
So raise that knife up in your hand!  
F Bb  
Before the Good Book made us good, there was no good way to know  
C F  
If a thing was good or not that good or kind of touch and go  
F F7 Bb Bbm  
So God decided he'd give writing allegoric prose a go  
C7 F  
And so he wrote a book and it was generally well-received  
Bb F C  
The Telegraph said, "This God is reminiscent of the Norse."  
Bb F C  
The Times said, "Kind of turgid, but I liked the bit with horses."  
A Dm  
The Mail said, "Lots of massacres, a violent tour de force  
G C  
If you only read one book this year, then this one is a book  
D  
And it is good, and it's a book!"  
G  
Swing your daughter by the hand  
C  
But if she gets raped by a man  
D  
And refuses then to marry him  
Stone her to death!  
Em B  
If you just close your eyes and block your ears  
C G D  
To the accumulated knowledge of the last two thousand years  
B Em  
Then morally, guess what? You're off the hook  
A D  
And thank Christ you only have to read one book  
Dm  
Just because the book's contents  
A  
Were written generations hence  
Dm  
By hairy desert-dwelling gents  
A  
Squatting in their dusty tents  
Em  
Just because what Heaven said  
B  
Was said before they'd leavened bread  
Em  
Just 'cos Jesus couldn't read  
B  
Doesn't mean that we should need  
C  
When manipulating human genes  
G  
To alleviate pain and fight disease  
C  
When deciding whether it's wrong or right  
G  
To help the dyin' let go of life  
D  
Or stop a pregnancy when it's  
Just a tiny blastocyst  
B Em  
There's no reason why we should take a look  
D C  
At any other book  
G  
But the Good Book

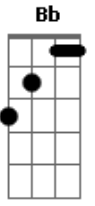
**A**  
 'Cause it's good  
 And it's a book  
**D**  
 And it's a book  
 And it's quite good!

**G** **G7**  
 Good is good and evil's bad  
**C** **Cm**  
 And kids get killed when God gets mad  
**D** **G** **D G**  
 And you'd better take a good look

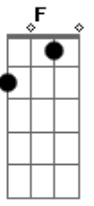
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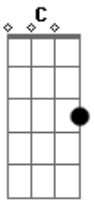
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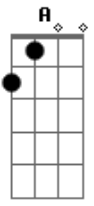
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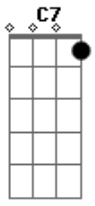
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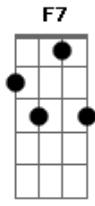
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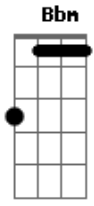
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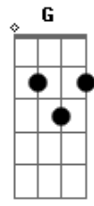
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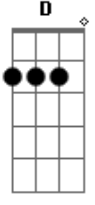
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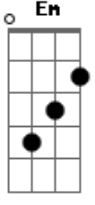
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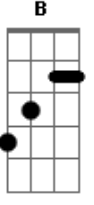
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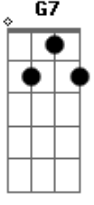
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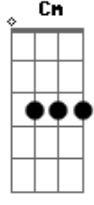
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