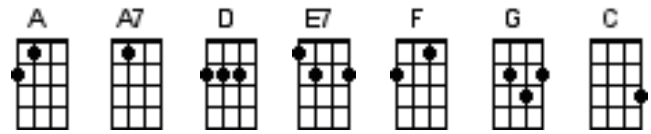


The Israelites. 1968. Desmond Decker & the Aces



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[D] Poor, [E7] poor me, me-[A] Israelite. [A] (I wonder who I'm working for.)

[D] Poor, [E7] poor me, me-[A] Israelite. [A] (I look a-down and out, sah.)

[D] Poor, [E7] poor me, me-[A] Israelite. [A~]