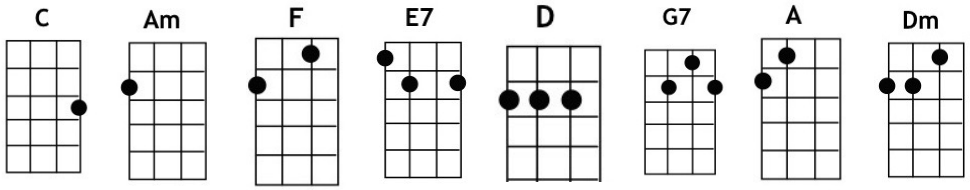
Light One Candle

Peter Yarrow (1982) - Performed by Peter, Paul and Mary



Standard time / Each chord = 4 beats / Calypso strum

Verse 1:

C C C Am
Light one candle for the Maccabee children, give thanks that their light didn't die
F F F E7
Light one candle for the pain they endured when their right to exist was denied
Am Am F D
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice justice and freedom demand
C* Am* C* Am* F* G7* C* E7*
Light one candle for the wisdom to know when the peacemaker's time is at hand

A Dm G7 C* E7*
Chorus: Don't let the light go out! It's lasted for so many ye-e-ears
A Dm G7 C* E7*
Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our te-e-ears
A Dm G7 C* E7*
Don't let the light go out! It's lasted for so many ye-e-ears
A Dm G7 C* E7* Am
Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our te-e-ears

(Vamp on Am in between verses)

Verse 2: Light one candle for the strength we all need to never become our own foe
Light one candle for those who are suffering, pain we learned so long a-go
Light one candle for all we believe in, let anger not tear us a-part
Light one candle to bind us together with peace as the song in our heart

Chorus

Verse 3: What is the memory that's valued so highly, that we keep it alive in that flame?
What's the commitment to those who have died
when we cry out they've not died in vain?
We have come this far, always believing that justice will somehow pre-vail
This is the burning, this is the promise, this is why we will not fail

Chorus

Am Dm
Tag: Don't let the light go out (x2)
Am End on Dm
Don't let the light go out!