

**Balloon Man**  
**Robyn Hitchcock**

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Title: Balloon Man  
Artist: Robyn Hitchcock & The Egyptians  
Album: Globe of Frogs

INTRO: **G**

VERSE:

**G** **C**  
I was walkin up 6th Ave. when balloon man came right up to me  
**G** **D**  
He was round and fat and spherical with the biggest grin I ve ever seen  
**G** **C**  
He bounced on up towards me but before we could be introduced  
**G** **D** **G**  
He blew up very suddenly - I guess his name was probably Bruce

CHORUS:

**D** **G** **C**  
And I laughed, like I always do  
**D** **G** **C**  
And I cried, like I cried for you  
**C** **G** **D** **G** **D** **F#m** **G**  
And balloon man blew up in my hands

VERSE:

**G** **C**  
He spattered me with tomatoes, hummus, chickpeas, and some strips of skin

G

D

G

So I made a right on 44th, but I washed my hands when I got in

CHORUS:

D G C

And it rained, like a slow divorce

D G C

And I wished, I could ride a horse

C G D G D F#m G

And balloon man blew up in my hands

INSTRUMENTAL BREAK: G F (listen for the rhythm)

I like playing this:-----|
-12---10-----|
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VERSE:

G C
I was walkin up 6th Ave. when balloon man blew up in my face

G D G

There were loads of them on Bryant Park, so I didn t feel out of place

C

There must have been a plague of them on the TV when I came home late

G D G

They were guzzling marshmallows and then jumping off the Empire State

CHORUS:

D G C

And I laughed, like I always do

D G C

And I cried, like I cried for you

C G D G D F#m G

And balloon man blew up in my hands

SOLO: It s played on the top two strings, starting at xxxx87.
I hear xxxx88 (C), xxxx1010 (D), xxxx1312 (G7), etc. in there, but the
picking is too fast too accurately transcribe. IMPROVISE!!!