

**The Universe Is Laughing**  
**The Guggenheim Grotto**

For the soprano ukulele, standard tuning. A simple accompaniment for a beautiful song. This is the album version, I think live they generally play it a couple half steps higher.

**F**

**C** **F** **Bb**  
October throws herself before my feet

**C** **F**  
And the sky goes powder blue

**Bb** **F** **C**  
Holding her breath for me

**C** **F** **Bb**  
I never thought myself a city shoe

**C** **F**  
But it s made of gold today  
**Bb** **F** **C**  
And it breaks my heart in two

**Dm** **A**  
Cause I want to hold onto it

**Bb** **F**  
But there s nothing to hold

**Dm** **A**  
And the universe is laughing

**Bb** **C**  
Cause all a boy can really do is watch a boy unfold

**C** **F** **Bb**  
We were listening to this city hum and hush

**C** **F**  
Lying perfect in the dark

**Bb** **F** **C**  
I felt you tremble neath my touch

**C** **F** **Bb**  
Why s it everything I love I can t explain?

**C** **F**  
Like if the world should disappear

**Bb** **F** **C**  
Only music will remain

**Dm** **A**  
And I want to hold onto it

**Bb** **F**  
But there s nothing to hold

**Dm** **A**

And the universe is laughing

**Bb**

**C**

Cause all a boy can really do is watch a boy unfold

**C F Bb**

**C F Bb F C**

(x2)

**Dm** (hold)

**A**

And I want to hold onto it

**Bb**

**F**

But there s nothing to hold

**Dm** (hold)

**A**

And the universe is laughing

**Bb**

**C**

Cause all a boy can really do is watch a boy unfold

**Dm**

**A**

And the galaxies, the galaxies are howling

**Bb**

**F**

The sun and moon, are tickled pink and gold

**Dm**

**A**

And the whole damn universe is laughing

**Bb**

**C**

**C F**

And all a boy can really do is watch a boy unfo-o-old