

# PERMACULTURE

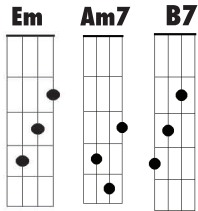
*a Rymer's Manual*

## THE EDGE

PRINCIPLE 11: USE EDGES AND VALUE  
THE MARGINAL



Ukulele  
Chords:



Lyrics & music by Charlie Jones. 2012.



Some people tell me that I'm crazy  
cos I do things that don't fit in  
with the rest of society

Like my love of small spaces  
My room aint too large  
I just live in a box  
underneath the house  
in the corner of my garage

But the edge is where it's at  
and it's easy to create  
and my mama always said  
if you're not living on the edge  
then you're taking up too much space.

Been looking to settle down  
Find some place nice  
where I can get my hand  
on some marginal land  
and turn it into paradise

The smaller the better  
and I don't care if it's bad  
I guess I'm the kind of fella  
who'll always be a fringe dweller  
Just do the best I can with what I have.

Because the edge is where it's at,  
and it's the most productive place  
and my mama always said...

I might wind up in the desert  
with whipping wind and sun  
Well, I'll just plant a hedge  
and I'll start my edge  
and I'll have sorted two things with one

Oh, but if the rain is a-falling  
and washing everything away  
I'll just slow down that water with a  
convoluted border  
And everything gonna be ok.

Because the edge is where it's at  
I'm gonna work that interface  
Cos my mama always said...

Make a pledge to acknowledge the  
edge  
Grow some veg and stack it on a ledge  
Wherever things come together  
you'll find it getting better  
You'll fall so in love with the edge  
you'll wanna write it a love letter  
Just broaden your range at the place of  
exchange  
You've got nothing to lose and  
everything to gain  
There's every single colour sittin  
between white and black  
A well-beaten path ain't always the  
right track

Because the edge is where it's at  
and we're on the edge right now  
Yeah we're gonna see some change,  
see some things get rearranged  
Moving on cos there's no going back

Yeah the edge is where it's at  
and there's no more time to waste  
cos my mama always said...