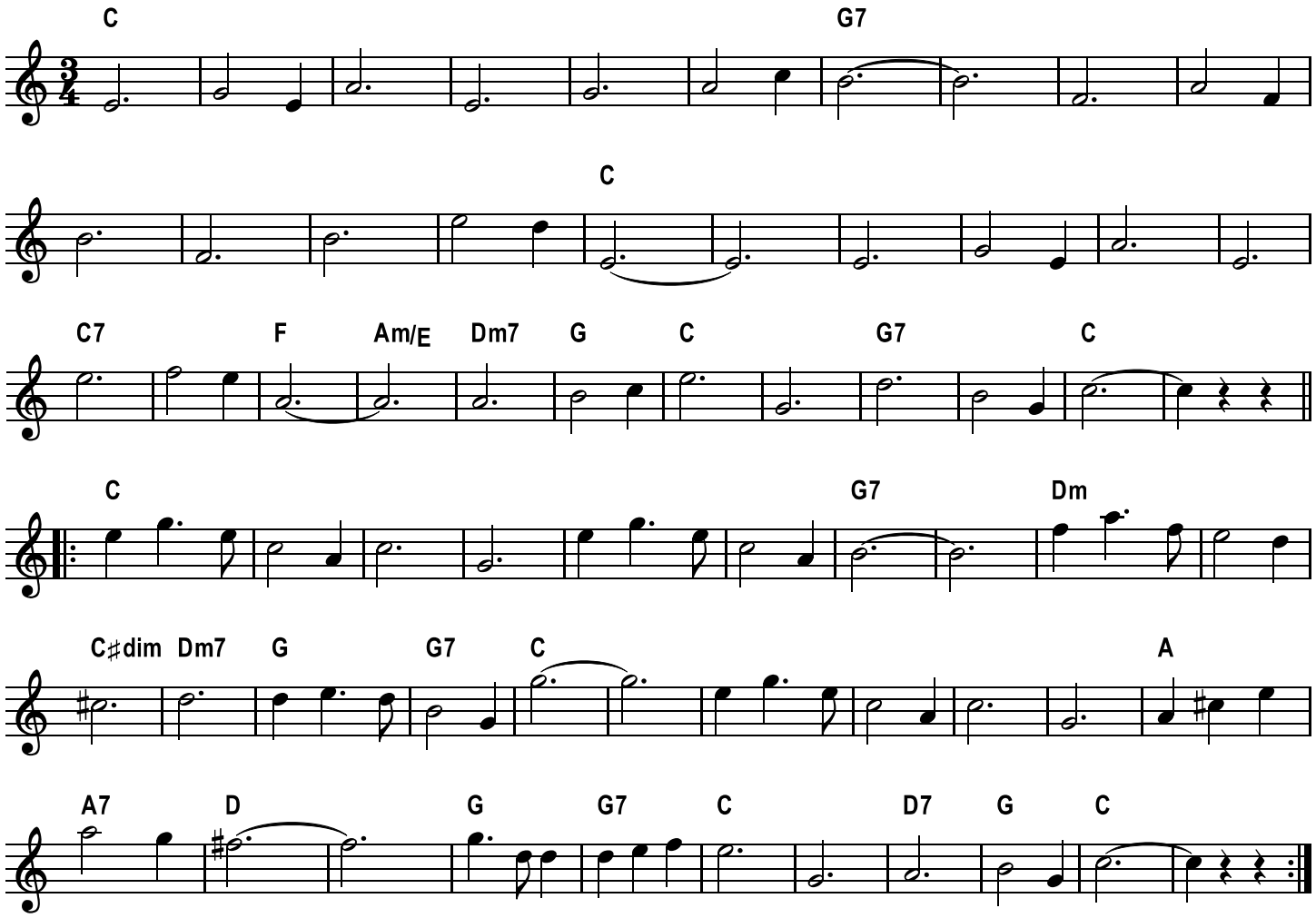After the ball