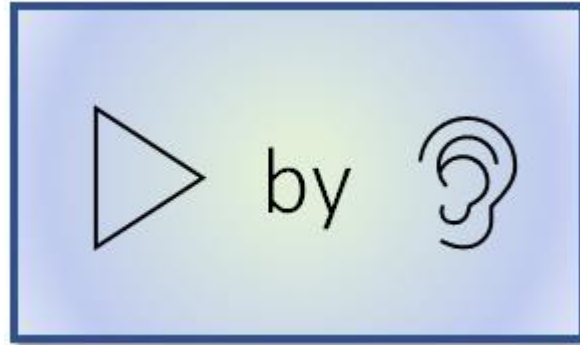


Ear Training 101f



Hearing Chord Changes / Transcribing Songs

Preview: This Week



- We will revisit some tips on how to hear and anticipate chord changes for the I, IV, V, and vi chords.
- Get some practice playing chord changes by ear.
- You will learn how to listen to a song and break it down into its component parts – like taking a Lego model apart.
- Transcribe songs into “4 x 4” chord sheets.

Preview: Table of Chords for Tonight



Chord	Key of D	Key of G	Key of C
I	D	G	C
IV	G	C	F
V	A	D	G
vi	Bm	Em	Am



1. Just For Fun: Name That Tune !

- What song does this chord progression sound like to you?
- What chord progression is it?
- Don't shout it out – keep your answers to yourselves for now.
- Notice how the difference is in the strum pattern and rhythm



1. Just For Fun: Name That Tune !

- Answers (played in the original keys!) :
 - Summer Lovin' from Grease (D)
 - Louie, Louie by the Kingsmen (A)
 - Lucy in the sky by the Beatles (G)
 - Twist and Shout by the Beatles (D)
 - Wild Thing by the Troggs (A)
 - The Joker by Steve Miller (G)



1. Review: Play a Familiar Song by Ear

- To warm up your ears, brain and fingers, let's play some familiar songs and call out the chord numbers (I, IV, V, vi) as you play:
- Jambalaya (C)
- Amazing Grace (D)
- Paradise by John Prine - chorus (C)
- Wagon Wheel - chorus (G)
- Country Roads - chorus (G)
- This land is your land (C)



2. Disassembling a Song

- Let's transcribe a song, starting with a simple one.
- We'll use "This Land is Your Land" as an example
- Key C major
- Begin by drawing the 4 x 4 framework to write the chords on...



2. Disassembling a Song

- Write down a 4x4 framework to record the chords on:

Part A				
Part B				

- Fill in the chords for each measure, counting off “1, 2, 3, 4” for each measure.
- Sing the chord names to help you fill in the sheet.



2. Audience Participation !

- Let's get a volunteer to transcribe (with the help of the group...)
- "Oh Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz"
- Group choice: what's a comfortable key to sing in?

2. Disassembling a Song – Example 2



- Let's use a familiar song as an example: “Hey Good Lookin’ ” by Hank Williams Sr.
- Listen as I play/sing:
 - What sections do you hear?
 - What (if any) repetitions do you hear?
 - How many times are sections played?



2. Disassembling a Song

- Songs typically have the following parts:

- 1. Intro or “pick-up notes”

- 2. Verse / “A” part } *Might be repeated*

- 3. Chorus / “B” part } *Might be repeated*

Typically Repeated 2 or 3 times

- 4a. An optional “Bridge” before
4b. ... the last verse and chorus

- 5. “Tag” or Outro



3. Create a Chord Sheet for a Song

- Example 3: Country Roads in the Key of G
- This song has two beats of a pick-up
- What chord does it start on?
- What chords do you hear in the song?

3. Create a Chord Sheet for a Song



Country Roads (take me home) (4/4 in G)

Verse|

G G | E_mE_m | D D | C G

G G | E_m E_m | D D | C G

Chorus

G G | D D | E_mE_m | C C

G G | D D | C C | G G