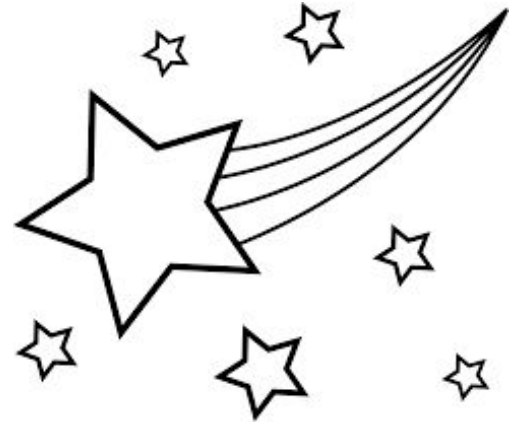


Playing by Ear lesson 1

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

- 1) Using your listening ear play the song "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" with your right hand. Starting notes are CCGG (Key of C Major)
- 2) Play the I IV V7 chord progression in the Left Hand. (Key of C Major)
- 3) Harmonize the melody!



How to Harmonize a melody

You will be playing the melody in the right hand and the chord progression in the left hand.

Play the I Chord when the melody consists of the notes in the I chord -CEG

Play the IV Chord when the melody notes are in the IV chord- F A

Play the V7 Chord when you play the note D

4) Transposing- Once you feel comfortable playing the chords, switch to G position and play the song in G major! Do the same in D major and A major.

5) Change the LH pattern. Play an Alberti bass pattern in the LH (Bottom top middle top) using an eighth note rhythm. For example for the I chord it would be C-G-E-G C-G-E-G. Add the melody in the right hand.

6) Improvise- Improvise on the melody creating different rhythms, repeating notes, passing tones, and neighbor tones.

You did it! Now you can create your own versions of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star!

**Order of the chords for the song*

Twinkle twinkle little star how I wonder what you are

I I IV I IV I V7 I

Up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky

I IV I V7 I IV I V7

(repeat first line for ending)