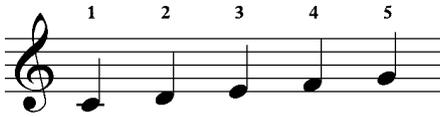
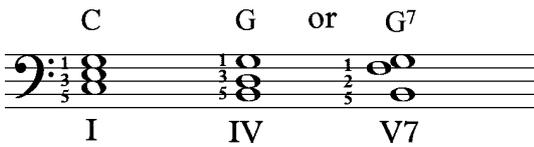


Mary had a Little Lamb

Right-hand
C five-finger position



Left-hand chords



Using the notes and chords opposite, try playing these songs by ear.

It is often easier to work out the chords first while you sing or hum the tune, and you can write the chord symbols in the boxes provided to help you learn the progression.

Feel free to write in any notes and fingering as you go along, but remember that the aim is to be able to play by listening and looking at your hands rather than the notation.

Once you are sure of the progression, you can just play the chords, with both hands, to accompany singing!

Chord symbol

One Man Went to Mow

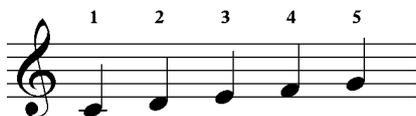
C
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One man went to mow, Went to mow a mea - dow,

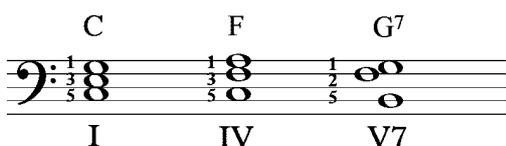
One man and his dog, Went to mow a mea - dow.

Jingle Bells

Right-hand
C five-finger position



Left-hand primary chords
in piano-friendly inversions



Using the notes and chords opposite, try playing Jingle Bells by ear.

It is often easier to work out the chords first while you sing or hum the tune, and you can write the chord symbols in the boxes provided to help you learn the progression.

Feel free to write in any notes and fingering as work out the tune, but remember that the aim is to be able to play by listening and looking at your hands, rather than the notation.

Once you are sure of the progression, you can just play the chords, with both hands, to accompany singing – a fun thing to do at Christmas time!

Chord symbol

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Jing - le bells, jing - le bells, jing - le all the way,

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse op - en sleigh, _____

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Happy Birthday

Chords in 3 time (waltz style) for accompanying singing

C F G⁷

I IV V

Left hand can be played in octaves

Work out the chord progression for Happy Birthday using the primary chords in C major, C, F and G7, while you sing or hum the tune. The starting note for the song is the G below middle C.

Then write the missing chord symbols in the boxes provided, and practise the progression in the rousing and celebratory waltz style accompaniment shown.

Make sure you learn the progression by heart ready for that spontaneous party moment when you spot a piano in the room!

A good tip for getting everyone's attention ready to sing, is to play the starting note, G, as a low drum-roll octave in your left hand. Then, as you sing: "Hap-py..." and begin to play the chords, everyone will join in, and you can just concentrate on playing!

(Adults are happy to sing this song in C major, but children prefer to sing it higher, in F major).

Chord symbol

C F G⁷

Hap-py Birth-day Hap-py Birth-day Hap-py

 C G⁷ C

Birth-day Hap-py Birth-day to you!