

'Lullaby of Birdland' (George Shearing)

improvised piano solo by Doug McKenzie

This is a transcription of a live played improvisation. It is difficult, especially in rubato passages, to notate the rhythm accurately. Best to look at this youtube video to see the original annotated video on my website <http://www.bushgrafts.com> or on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnp-ZjlpmkA>

Easy stride style

Chords: F m6, D7(#9), G 13, C7alt

This system shows measures 1 through 3. The key signature is three flats (B-flat major/C minor). The time signature is 4/4. Measure 1 is marked 'Easy stride style'. Chords are indicated above the staff: F m6, D7(#9), G 13, and C7alt. The notation includes treble and bass staves with various rhythmic patterns and accidentals.

Sample only

Chords: F m, C7, F m, B m7, Bbm9, Eb9

This system shows measures 4 and 5. Chords are indicated above the staff: F m, C7, F m, B m7, Bbm9, and Eb9. The notation includes treble and bass staves with triplets and other rhythmic markings.

Chords: AbMaj7, F m7, Bbm7, Eb9, AbMaj7

Drop 2' style block chords. LH plays single note that is 2nd from the top RH note

This system shows measures 6, 7, and 8. Chords are indicated above the staff: AbMaj7, F m7, Bbm7, Eb9, and AbMaj7. A note in measure 7 is circled with the instruction 'Drop 2' style block chords. LH plays single note that is 2nd from the top RH note'. The notation includes treble and bass staves with triplets.

Sample only

Chords: Db, C7, F m

'Cry Me a River' lick

Chromatically down from 3rd of C7 (E) to minor 3rd of Fm (Ab)

This system shows measures 9 and 10. Chords are indicated above the staff: Db, C7, and F m. A lick in measure 9 is marked with a bracket and the instruction ''Cry Me a River' lick'. A note in measure 9 is circled with the instruction 'Chromatically down from 3rd of C7 (E) to minor 3rd of Fm (Ab)'. The notation includes treble and bass staves with triplets.