

'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: Fm6, D7(#9), G13, C7alt

This system shows the first three measures of the piece. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The notation is in a 'stride style' with a treble clef and a bass clef. The right hand plays a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand plays a bass line with quarter notes and chords. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Fm6, D7(#9), G13, and C7alt.

Sample only

Chords: Fm, C7, Fm, Bm7, Bbm9, Eb9

This system shows measures 4 and 5. Measure 4 features a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 5 continues with a melodic line and a triplet of eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Fm, C7, Fm, Bm7, Bbm9, and Eb9.

Chords: AbMaj7, Fm7, 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. Measure 6 features a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 7 continues with a melodic line and a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 8 features a melodic line and a triplet of eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: AbMaj7, Fm7, Bbm7, Eb9, and AbMaj7. A note in the bass line of measure 6 is annotated with the text: "Drop 2' style block chords. LH plays single note that is 2nd from the top RH note".

Sample only

Chords: Db, C7, Fm

'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. Measure 9 features a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 10 continues with a melodic line and a triplet of eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Db, C7, and Fm. A note in the bass line of measure 9 is annotated with the text: "'Cry Me a River' lick". A note in the bass line of measure 10 is annotated with the text: "Chromatically down from 3rd of C7 (E) to minor 3rd of Fm (Ab)".