

# Music Basics

## Lesson 9

### Playing a Song/Song 1



In this video we take the three basic chords you have learned so far, C major F major and G major, and use them to play a song.

We use a familiar song, one where you already know the melody, or at least are somewhat familiar with it.

- In the popular method, you will usually play songs that you already know, or at least have heard a few times. You know how it's supposed to sound.
- You will never try to learn a song just from reading the music. It will almost always be a combination of listening and music reading (using a lead sheet).

#### Song #1 – “Mary Had a Little Lamb”

The musical notation is written on two staves in 4/4 time. The first staff contains three measures of music. Above the first measure is a 'C' chord symbol, above the second is a 'G' chord symbol, and above the third is a 'C' chord symbol. The second staff starts with a measure number '5' above the first measure. Above the second measure of the second staff is a 'G' chord symbol, and above the third measure is a 'C' chord symbol. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Note that the melody is written out on the staff, In the treble clef.

What is the time signature? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the letters above the staff called? \_\_\_\_\_

What do they represent? \_\_\_\_\_

How often will you play each chord? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the two ways you can use in this example to avoid “hand crashing?”

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Is there one correct way to play? \_\_\_\_\_

See how many different ways of playing this song you can find!