Music Basics

Lesson 9

Playing a Song/Song 1

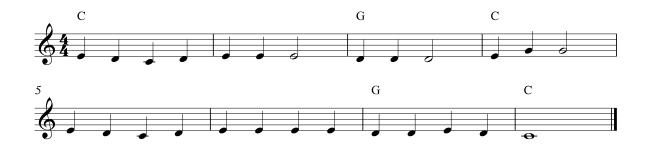


In this video we take the three basic chords you have learned so far, C major F major and G major, and use them to play a song.

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"



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?"
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le there are correct way to play?
Is there one correct way to play?
See how many different ways of playing this song you can find!