



Music Musings No.6: Using All 7 Chords !

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ADVANCED CHORD PLAY - using all 7 chords from the scale

In Music Musings No. 5, we learned to play songs using chords built on the 1, 4, 5 and 6 tones of the C scale. Now lets play some songs using other chords from the C scale (see Musings 3 to review your 7 chords in the key of C). The songs below may use any of the 7 different chords! Chord numbers are included for the first 2 songs.

Chord number:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Chord name:	C	Dm	Em	F	G	Am	Bdim	C

(Somewhere Over the Rainbow)

CHORD NAMES --> C Am Em C F C
 CHORD No. -----> 1 6 3 1 4 1

Some where over the rainbow, way up high.

F C Am Dm G C
 4 1 6 2 5 1

There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby.

(Lean On Me)

C C Dm Em F F Em Dm C C Dm Em Em Dm
 1 1 2 3 4 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 3 2

Some times in our lives, we all have pain, we all have sor - row.

C C Dm Em F F Em Dm C C Dm Em Bdim C
 1 1 2 3 4 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 7* 1

But, if we are wise, we know that there's al- ways to - mor - row.

(* Play this 7 chord starting one note BELOW the C, an octave lower than where you would usually play it.)

(Gilligan's Island)

Am G Am G

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip.

Am G F G Am

That started on this tropic port, aboard this tiny ship.

(I Want It That Way - Backstreet Boys)

Am F C Am F C Am F C

You are my fire . . . my one desire . . . believe when I say.

Am G C

I want it that way.

(The Hammer Song)

BONUS QUESTION: How many times is the chord pattern **C Em F G** used in The Hammer Song?

C Em F G C Em F
 If I had a ham - mer, I'd hammer in the morn ing,
G C Em F G
 I'd hammer in the evening, all over this land.
C Am
 I'd hammer out danger, I'd hammer out a warning,
F C F C
 I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters,
F C G C Em F G C Em F G
 all over this land ooh.

(The Rose)

C G F G C
 Some say love, it is a river that drowns the tender reed,
C G F G C
 Some say love it is a razor that leaves your heart to bleed,
C F G
 Some say love it is a hunger, an endless, aching need.
C G F G C
 I say love it is a flower, and you, it's only seed.

(Put a Little Love in Your Heart)

C F C
 Think of your fellow man, lend him a helping hand, put a little love in your heart.
(still a C chord) F C
 You see, it's getting late. Oh, please, don't hesitate, put a little love in your heart.
(still a C chord) Dm G C Dm G
 And the world will be a better place, and the world will be a better place.
(G) ----->
 For you and me, you just wait and see . . .

Now try figuring out how to play the songs below, starting and ending on C, & using any of the other 7 chords:

- 1) **Y.M.C.A** Verse = C Am F G Chorus = C Am Dm G
- 2) **Witch Doctor** Verse = C G7 C Chorus = C F C G7 , C F, G C etc.
- 3) **Blowin' in the Wind** Verse = C F C, C F G etc. Chorus = F C Am, F G C
- 4) **Do Wa Diddy Diddy** Verse = (3 x): C F C Chorus = C C C G
- 5) **Danny Boy** Verse = C F , C Em F G7, CF , C Dm G C. Chorus = Am F G C,
 (Chorus continued) Am F Em G , C F C Am, C F G C.