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Boogie Woogie

Trad. American



Swing rhythm: The sign $\text{♪}=\text{♪}^{\text{3}}$ is very common in blues/jazz music and means that pairs of quavers are played in a long-short triplet pattern. The first note of each quaver pair lasts about twice as long as the second to give a swinging ‘hump-ty dump-ty’ rhythmic feel. The small grey notes shown below are optional; include them as a musical/technical variation.

The musical notation consists of three systems of staves. The first system starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It includes a triplet symbol $\text{♪}=\text{♪}^{\text{3}}$ and a first ending bracket. The second system continues the melody and includes a '3' in a circle, likely indicating a triplet. The third system concludes the piece with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Improvisation

29 **The 12-Bar Blues**

The tune *Boogie Woogie* is, like most blues music, based on a structure of 12 bars. There are many different variations of the famous 12-bar chord sequence, but the most common and basic one is shown here. Improvise over this sequence using the G blues scale, shown below.

The diagram shows a 12-bar blues progression on a guitar neck. The fretboard is marked with numbers 1 through 12. Chords are indicated above the frets: G7 (bars 1-4), C7 (bars 5-8), D7 (bars 9-10), G7 (bar 11), and D7 (bar 12). The progression ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

30 **The G Blues Scale**

The grid below shows the scale in two octaves (Lower octave notes are grey).

The grid shows the G blues scale across frets 3, 4, 5, and 6. Notes are color-coded: grey for lower octave and black for higher octave. The notes are G, A, Bb, C, D, E, F, G, A, Bb, C, D, E, F, G.

The musical notation shows the G blues scale in two octaves. The treble clef staff shows the notes G, A, Bb, C, D, E, F, G, A, Bb, C, D, E, F, G. The bass clef staff shows the fret numbers: 5, 3, 5, 6, 3, 6, 3, (6). A higher extension note Bb (6th fret) is indicated with an arrow.