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You Are My Sunshine

A Free Instant Play Bonus Song

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This is a free bonus song. The information correlates with the material taught in the free piano lessons found at:

http://www.learnpianoonline.com/access_to_freepianolessons.html

Some new material is covered in the bonus songs that might not be included in the free lessons, however, new material will be covered within the instructions of each bonus song.

You will understand how to play the melody (right hand) part of this song after completing lesson 2 of the free lessons.

You will understand how to play the bass (left hand) part of this song after completing lesson 3 of the free lessons.

This is a “Show me how” approach, rather than a “Teach me how” approach. Therefore, there is no note reading involved, which makes learning a song much faster. However, in order to learn any of the bonus songs, you will need to already know what the song sounds like, so you can “mimmick” it’s rhythm.

Good luck and have fun!

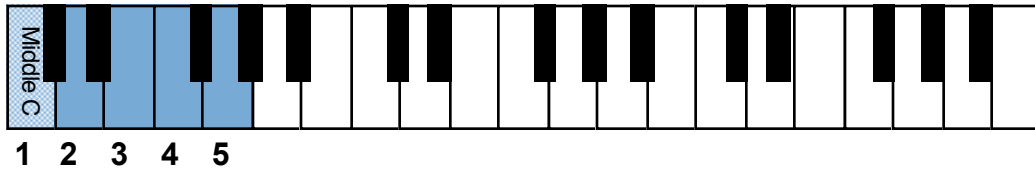
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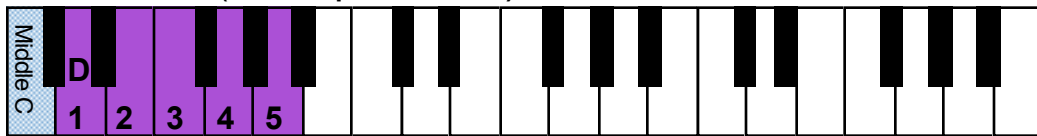
Right Hand Preparation

Practice switching between these positions:

C POSITION: (Thumb placed on Middle C)



D POSITION: (Thumb placed on D)

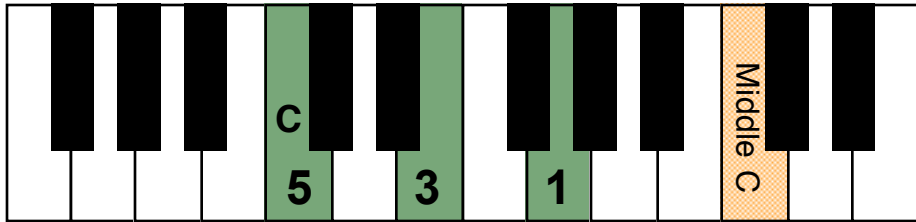


Sunshine: Left Hand Preparation

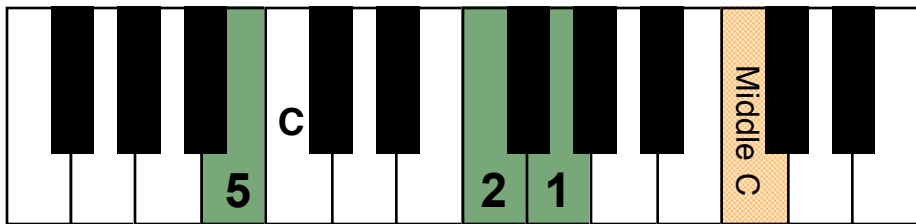
Your left hand will be switching between the following chords.

(Middle C is shown in relation to where you will play these chords on the piano.)

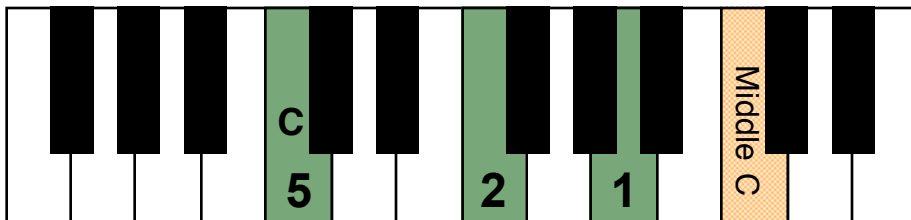
C Chord: (Detailed in Lesson 3)



G7 Chord: (Detailed in Lesson 3)



F Chord: (New)



Instructions

How to use the “Show Me How” Method

1. Place your **right hand** in the position shown and play the numbers without moving out of that position. The numbers are written above the lyrics.

2. Your **left hand** will play the chord (shown in a circle) under the lyrics.



3. Play the chord with the lyric and number that is directly aligned above it.

Practice Tips:

1. Practice the entire song with your right hand *before* adding the left hand.
(Give yourself a few days to feel and hear an improvement)

2. Practice the chords with the left hand until you feel comfortable with them.
(This may take as little as a few days up to a couple weeks.)

3. It is very helpful to hum or sing the melody as you play the song.

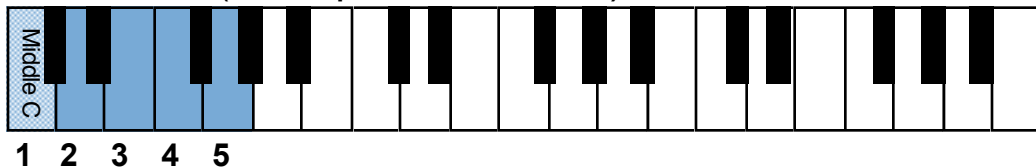
Caution:

Take your time and enjoy the process. Do not rush it. It will take practice to be able to change positions without missing a beat in the song.

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C POSITION: (Thumb placed on Middle C)



For the first note of this song, only play the "thumb" part of the C chord instead of all three notes. The remaining C chords in the song will be played the normal way, pressing all three notes.

1 2 3 3 3 2 3 1 1

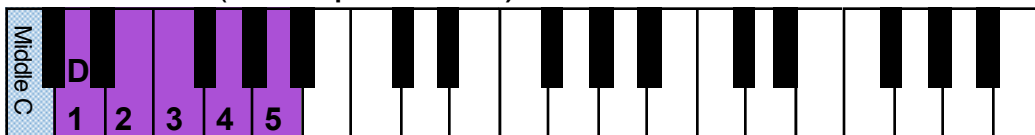
You are my sun - shine, my on - ly sun - shine.

(C) (C) (C)

1 2 3

you make me

D POSITION: (Thumb placed on D)

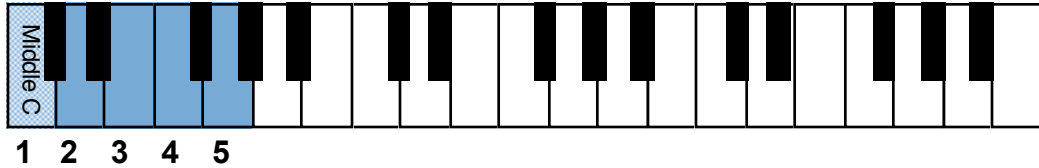


3 5 5 4 3 2

hap - py when skies are gray.

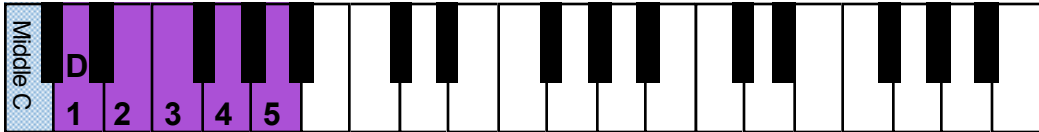
(F) (C)

C POSITION: (Thumb placed on Middle C)



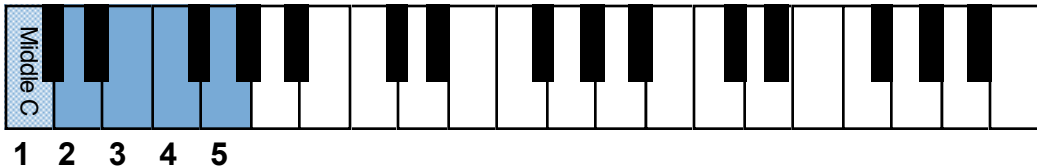
1 2 3
 you'll nev- er

D POSITION: (Thumb placed on D)



3 5 5 4 3 2
 know dear how much I love
 (F) (C)

C POSITION: (Thumb placed on Middle C)



1 1 2 3 4 2 2 3 1
 you. Please don't take my sun - shine a - way!
 (C) (G7) (C)