

# Harmony 2: Chords & Harmony

## Grade 4 - Orange & Green Award!

### Harmony Lesson 2

Sing a chord on every degree of the 5 note major scale (C major).

Sing the chord...1 3 5 3 1.

Now, let's learn a song which starts on 3<sup>rd</sup> degree of the chord.

Let's add a high harmony, start on the 5<sup>th</sup> degree of the chord.

Let's add a low harmony, start on the 1<sup>st</sup> degree of the chord.

## Grade 6 - Blue Award!

### Harmony Lesson 2

Sing a chord on every degree of the 8 note major scales (C major).

Sing a chord on every degree of the scale...

Chord 1 - Major

Chord 2 - minor

Chord 3 - minor

Chord 4 - Major

Chord 5 - Major

Chord 6 - minor

Chord 7 - diminished

Let's really get to know chords 1 4 & 5

Can you feel and hear the three colours of music? ...

Tonic (chord 1) , Subdominant (chord 4) & Dominant (chord 5)

Now, let's learn Three Little birds, with harmony!

The chorus uses chords 1 & 4 ( C & F)

The tune starts on the middle note of the 4 chord (last note on chord 1).

The top harmony starts on the top note of the 4 chord.

The low harmony starts on the bottom note of the 4 chord.

## Grade 8 - Indigo Award!

### Harmony lesson 2

Sing through the major scale (C major).

Sing a chord on every degree of the scale (look at Grade 6)

Sing through chords 1, 4 & 5

...the **tonic**, **subdominant** & **dominant**. Really feel the sound of each.

Let's learn the harmonies to Oh Happy Day!

C F  
Oh happy day (oh happy day)

C A7  
Oh happy day (oh happy day)

Dm G7  
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)

Dm G7  
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)

Dm G7  
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)

C F C F  
He washed my sins away (oh happy day, oh happy day)

### Advanced challenge 😊

In C major:

Chord 1 is C

Chord 4 is F

Chord 2 is Dm

Chord 5 is G

A7 is the dominant of Dm.

The raised 3<sup>rd</sup> in A leads us to D...

And the raised 3<sup>rd</sup> in A is the raised 7<sup>th</sup> in D harmonic minor...

Sing D harmonic minor

...raise the 7<sup>th</sup> of the natural minor!

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Oh Happy Day Harmonies:

The first 'Day' of the tune lands on the middle note of chord 1...

The Soprano begins on the top note of the chord...

The Tenor begins on the lowest note of the chord...