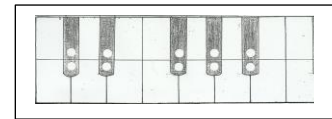


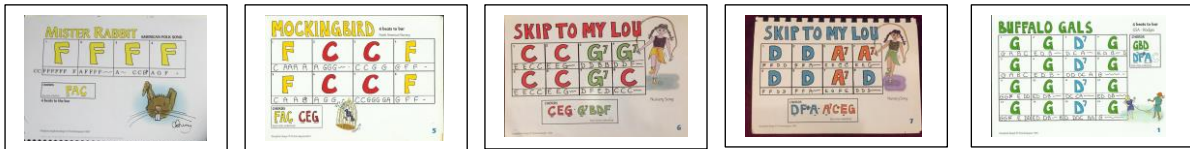
Keyboards at Home [at Leeds ArtForms] Lesson Eight



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Two Chords in One Bar

1. The first tunes that we learn are have either one or two chords per song, and one chord per bar. Here are some examples:

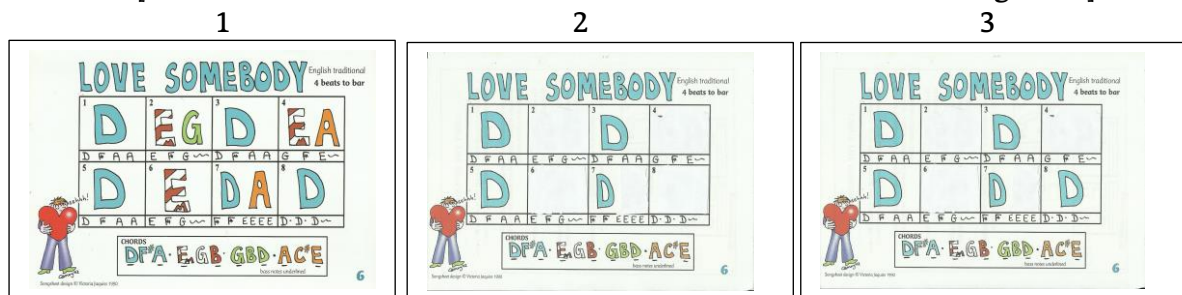


2. You can see at a glance that, because the chords are 1. coloured and 2. in big block capitals that all five of these songs use only either one or two chords per song and all bars only have one chord in them. This makes them relatively easy to play.

3. But songs often have more than two chords in them, and many have bars with more than one chord in a bar. So now we have to learn more chords and learn to change chords more quickly.

4. However it has be a bit disheartening and off-putting to have to slow down after learning songs so quickly at first. The first songs can be learnt in 10-15 minutes. Now you can take 10-15 minutes over just two bars, and this means you don't get a feel for the whole song till you have staggered through all eight bars.

5. So here is a good trick. The first time you play a song, miss out all the chords that you don't know or miss out every other bar. The person playing the melody should keep going while the chord players clap through bars that they haven't yet learnt. See below [note that the notes in all chords are at the bottom of the songsheet]:



6. See **Play It Home** where the chord-player plays *Love Somebody* first time missing out the other chords, then plays all the chords second time round. Can you tell whether she plays Version 2 or version 3?

7. Version 2 or 3 gives you a rough idea of the how the song sounds, then Version 1 makes it more interesting. Alternating between them all is even more interesting!

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