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This book is dedicated to my father **Dale Spurlock** (1933-2005)

INTRODUCTION

I put this book together in hopes that it might inspire you to find the start of a musical journey that one day you might write about to others!

In many ways my story isn't so unique. It all started the same as so many others.

At an early age I was given an instrument that I took a liking to and thoroughly enjoyed playing. Throughout my public school and community orchestra experience I covered the standard variety of repertoire: classical, pop and show music. I loved it all. However, after graduating college music school two very important things had happened:

1) Music had become so serious that I found I really didn't enjoy it as much and

2) Being officially graduated I needed a way to make a living!

After a couple of symphony auditions I realized the full time classical environment wasn't for me either so in order to make some money with my degree I was going to need to expand my musical horizons. (This is where my musical journey takes a little different path.) Like any good freelance player I introduced myself to the typical musical opportunities: booking agents, local orchestras, event planners etc., but I didn't stop there. I literally set out trying to play any and every style of music anywhere and everywhere I could! I call it: Learn while you earn! Consequently I embedded myself among all kinds of musicians performing all kinds of different styles for all kinds of different reasons. And VOILA, before I knew it, not only was I able to make a pretty comfortable living with my instrument but an even more valuable thing happened, I was falling in love with music again!

How could I not! I was tasting (I mean playing) a musical buffet; Pop, Country, varieties of Ethnic, Bluegrass, Celtic, swing, funk, R & B, classical, rock with an array of different musicians who were all showing me their own unique way of learning tunes, notating songs and techniques. All of it was great fun but also admittedly a bit frustrating. Never becoming a master at any of these styles I must say that I never felt I could even actually sound "the way it was suppose to go". Then one day it occurred to me that in addition to reproducing the classical, rock or jazz; Beethoven, Dave Mathews or Miles, perhaps we should all be trying to discover our own unique sound! Silly me, by the time I had this "epiphany" to quit trying so hard to sound like others and just give in to my own natural inclinations I had long since been writing and recording my own tunes! As a matter of fact I had kept so busy for so long I hadn't even realized what had come to pass; lots of great gigs, recordings, friendships and memories (tons of pictures and videos) and a catalogue of original music to now share with you! So don't forget that we all have unique capabilities that give us endless opportunities to develop our own voice in music and beyond and I'm hoping that this book of tunes, pics and stories will bring you visions of discovering that voice and creating your own musical journey. So go for it. Get out there and put together and band, play your heart out and be sure to drop me a line and let me know how it's going!

May your musical adventures no matter where they take you be abundant and blissful! ENJOY,

Cathy

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A Band Is Born

All of the selections in this book are original compositions written between 1989 and 2000. Each one was created either for a specific purpose, influenced by a certain individual or even represents a special incident a story inspired.

Brief explanations of the background for each song accompanies the printed charts. The included CD contains audio samples of each song taken from one of five recordings on which they originally appeared immediately followed by an accompaniment track for you to play along with.

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MUSICAL SUGGESTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Before you get started, here are some thoughts:

1) Be my guest (actually I insist) that you "make these tunes your own"! As you play these melodies don't hesitate to phrase them in a different way then me. The examples I've recorded are mere moments in time, literally a record of what I played that day. Every time I play these melodies they sound different because a new day brings a "new blank canvas". Think of it as painting a new picture with the same colors.

2) The form of each chart is the same as the recording except where it's indicated otherwise. Feel free to arrange these tunes any way you like when you play 'em with your band! (By the way, be sure to send me an earful of you playing this stuff if you can). The following is a quick reminder of symbols used in designating the form of a song.

Repeat the music between these brackets **I**: **I** D.C. (Da Capo) = go back to the very beginning of the song D. S. = go back to the sign that looks like this: **%**

Coda: After returning to the top (D.C.) or the sign (\$) play to the coda sign \bigoplus then skip to the matching (2nd) coda sign \bigoplus to finish the song.

3) There are moments in the tunes where you can practice improvising. This book isn't about teaching the art of improvisation "spontaneous composing" however chord progressions are included in the charts so why not give it a try. To get started consider writing down ideas that you hear during the solo sections of the song; shorter and longer phrases a.k.a. "licks" or even a longer melody from which you can then build upon in the moment.

With that in mind here is a quick chord reference in the key of C to remind you of what pitches makeup what kind of chord you'll see in these songs.

$$C Maj = C E G$$

$$C7 = C E G Bb$$

$$CMaj 7 (C\Delta) = C E G B$$

$$CMaj 9 = C E G B D$$

$$CMin : (C - or Cm) = C Eb G$$

$$C 13: = C E G B D F A$$

$$C \emptyset = C Eb G A$$

$$Cdim: (Co) = C Eb Gb A$$

$$C/E = a chord with a different bass note other then the root of the chord.$$

4) Have Fun!

Barcelona



















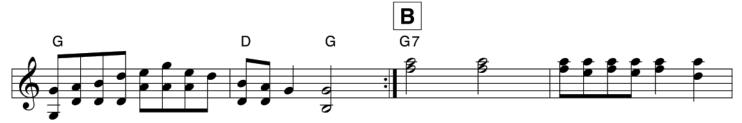
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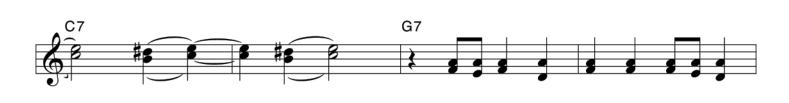




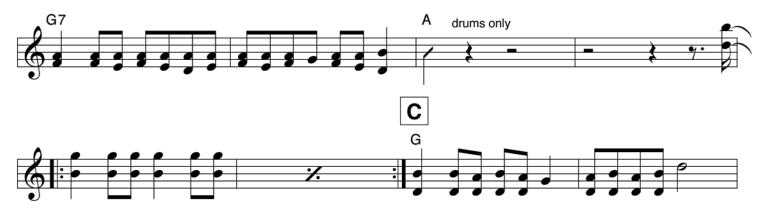








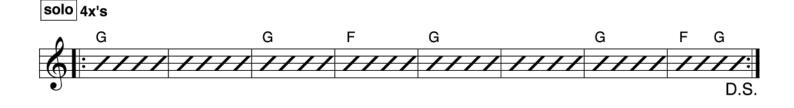
Bayou Self (2)















Bayou Self! Get It? This Cajun tune is quite the "Party Jazz" crowd pleaser. Don't let the intro be confusing. It could have been written all in 4/4 meter. And remember, a simple way to make a difference between country and cajun is to place the emphasis on beats 2 and 4 instead of 1 and 3 when playing.

Have fun!

Blue















































Blue is an interesting song because of the key in which it can "only" be played. I'm joking. Of course you are welcome to transpose it. Believe me I'm not partial to Gb/minor but to me some songs just sound most "right" in a certain key. I wrote this song keeping in mind the work of some of my favorite pop writers: Burt Bacarach, Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson. Can you hear their influences? (Coincidentally I was invited to open for Burt soon after I wrote this. It was a treat to get to share this with him). Oh and here are the lyrics I wrote for my husband in case you want to sing it.

(LYRICS)

Blue: Like summer skies without the clouds / Oceans of love notes read out loud / Blue eyes like sapphires look so proud... Warm: Gentle and giving is your way / Years will go by but here we'll stay / Smiles and laughter always say...

These are your eyes / Reaching deep into my heart / Making our lives / Nearly perfect from the start Every moment's so right / That's why I think of

You: Every time I break in to song / Whenever I need to be strong / When times alone just seem so long...
You: You'll never know how much you've done / Touching our lives like rays of sun / Sharing your life making us one...

You are mine love / Next to me your day will start / Keeping time love / To the music of our hearts Knowing that I am yours / Knowing that

This is our love / Growing older with our hearts / knowing our love / We will never be apart / Making everything right

Blue: Like summer skies without the clouds / Oceans of love notes read out loud / Blue eyes of sapphires look so proud hmmmm, hmmmm, hmmmm ... **Brazilian Blues**

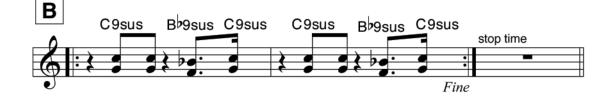
Fast Samba Intro G9sus G9sus Cm9 (time) Cathy Morris 1994 Cm9 (time) Cathy Corris

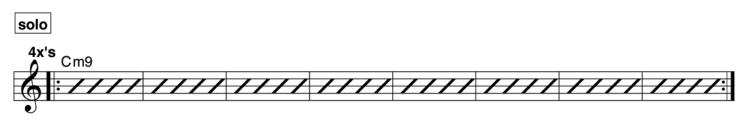


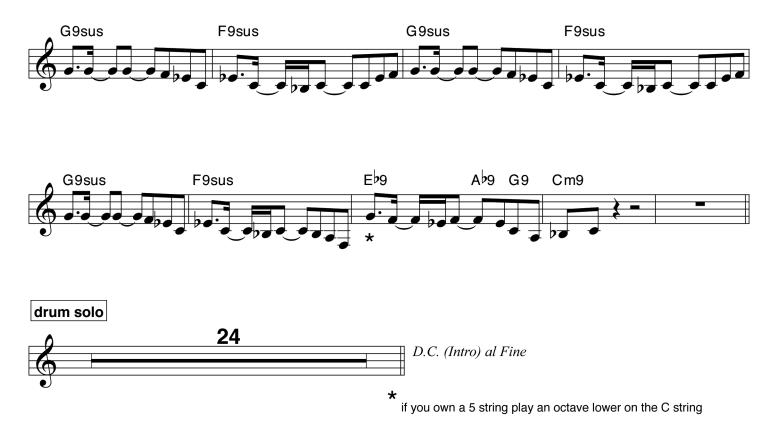












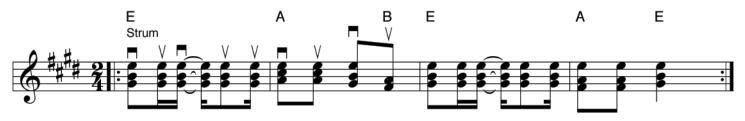
A burning samba with a bluesy melody and a solo section over one chord. That sums up my tune called **Brazilian Blues**. Improvising over only one chord used to really challenge me until I realized that a picture can be just as effective using only one color.

When improvising sometimes try focusing more on rhythm rather than pitch. Selct just one pitch and alter it in a variety of rhthmic ways; then add a second pitch; then a third continuing to build and expand from there.



Cathy's Calypso

Cathy Morris 1998















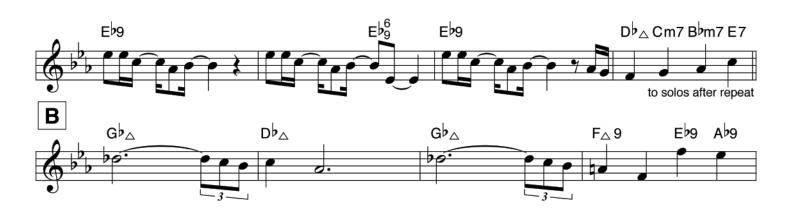
Cathy's Calypso is a song that practically wrote itself. The simple tune is ever so remeniscent of another song associated with a mermaid (you know the one!) but hey, we are all influenced by what has come before us! No doubt this one makes people smile and little kids dance!



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Daily News



















Daily News makes a great feature for everyone in the band. Take notice that the original recording doesn't reflect this new roadmap as heard in the accompaniment track. Hope you like both ways.

Duck!









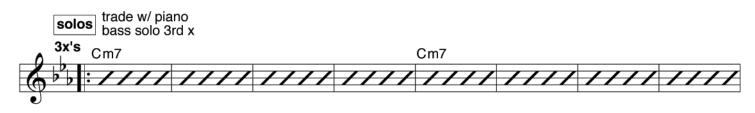




















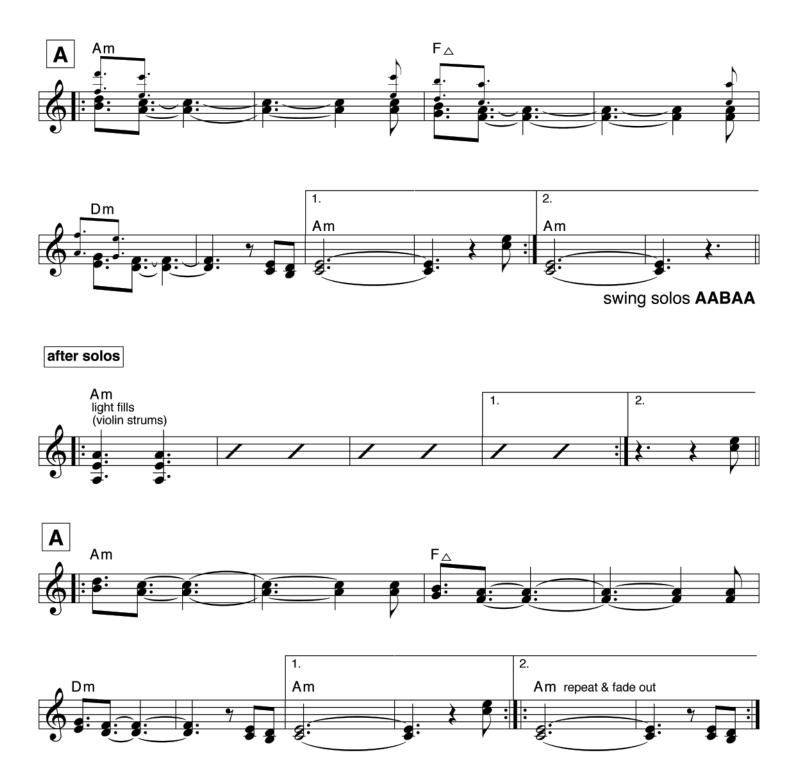


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Espana



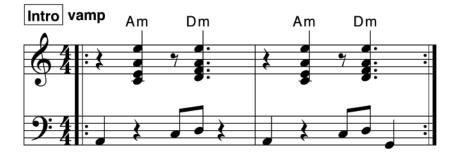
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I've written a number of songs dedicated to special people in my life including this one called **Espana**. dedicated to my Aunt Honey (you'll hear her name in the melody). An interesting tune that toggles back and forth between a 6/8 and 3/4 swing feel (where BTW you improvise the melody each time). My original intention was to continue the toggling even during solos and thru out the head. Although not recorded that way it's often played that way in concert. Fun story: this song was used by choreographer *David Hochoy* when I performed with the contemporary dance company Dance Kaleidescope.

Fleckish

Cathy Morris 1991

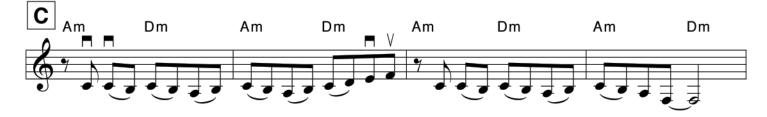


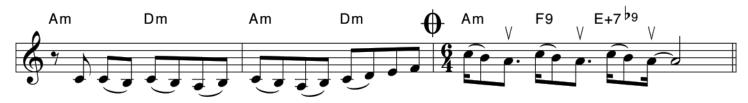




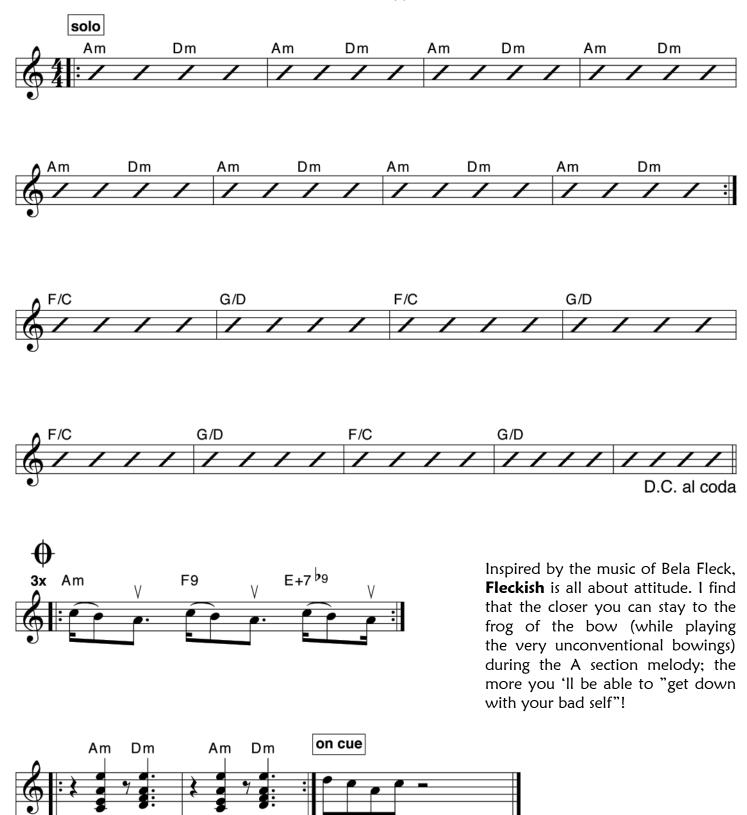






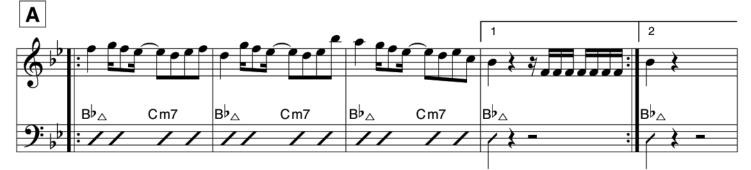


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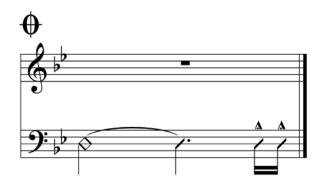
Marty Graw











solo over form (no stops) D. C. after last solo and take coda

Giving your original composition a name is sometimes kind of difficult. That wasn't so however, in the case of the song **Marty Graw**. In my head I could hear and see the festive New Orleans celebration so distinctly it was a no brainer that I commemorate it with an appropriate title. I just couldn't resist turning it into a pun. Originally recorded as a samba you'll want to try this with a cajun groove when you play it with your band!



(NEXT PAGE)

On The Run is one of the first songs I wrote back when I was just beginning to improvise and was playing duets with an electric harpist! So what a surpise it was that in the long run it has turned into such an grandiose orchestral piece. See, a few years after putting together my band, I arranged a number of my original songs including this one with orchestra accompaniment. Ever since, the band and I have been appearing with school and community orchestras and this is always a big hit on those concerts.

On The Run

Cathy Morris





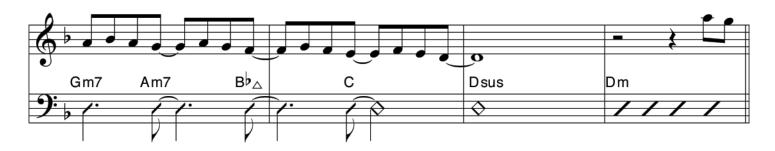




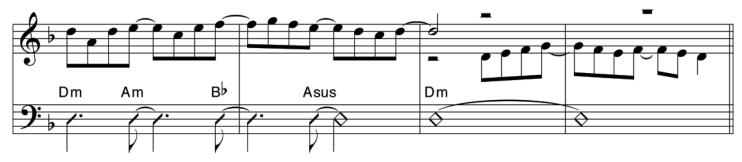


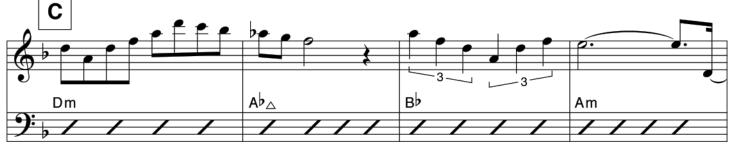


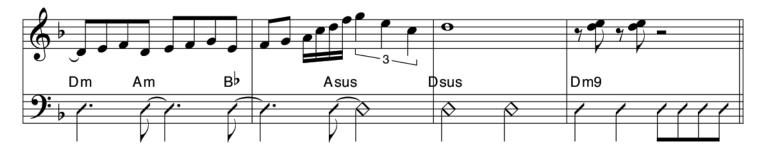










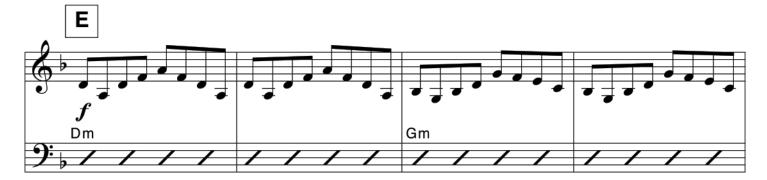




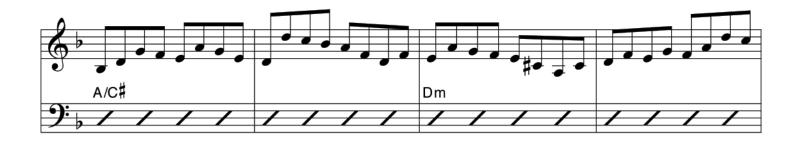










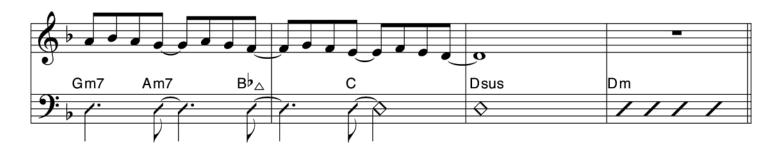




















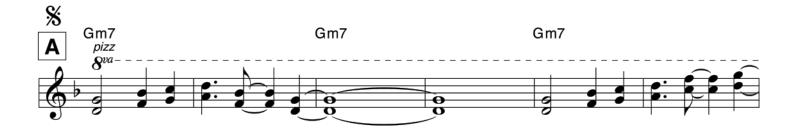




Orient Express

Cathy Morris and Royce Campbell 1994

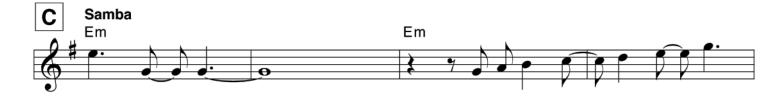






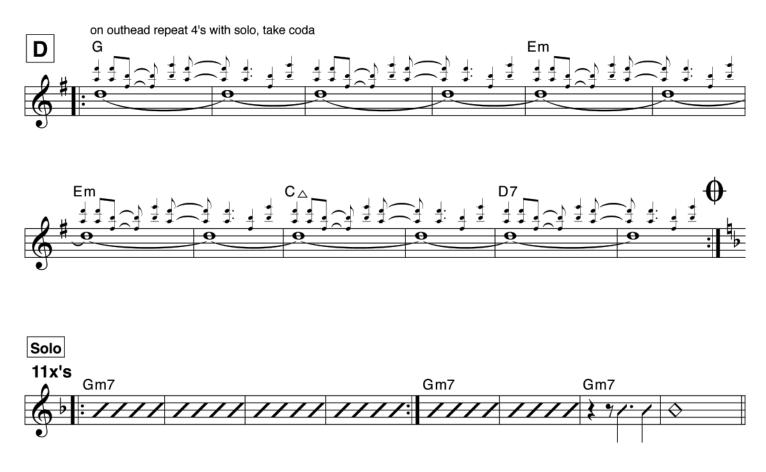








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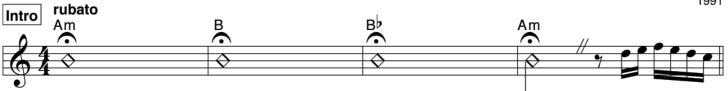


In 1994 I was honored with an invitation to play some concerts in Japan. After an amazing 12 concert tour, I just had to document the experience through music. With assistance from guitarist / composer Royce Campbell the song Orient Express was created. When I perform this at school convocations the cue for the band to start the song is: "Imagine you're on a train (band enters). Look over there! The mountains and Japanese farmers...and over there, the ocean...

As always I invite audiences to see what they hear while listening to my "songs without words"!

Spanish Swing

Cathy Morris 1991



















Spanish Swing is so fun to play! A classic Rondo form it toggles back and forth between the A section and B swing section. All of my songs have continued to evolve even after being recorded. In this case I added a very dramatic rubato Cadenza introduction since the original recording.

Sunshine Afternoon





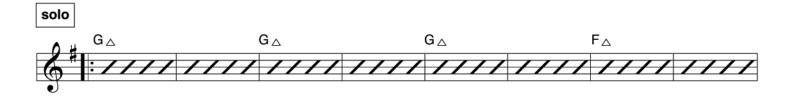






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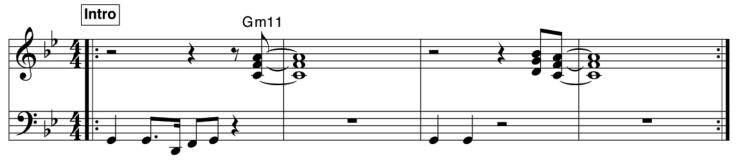
Awww, this song **Sunshine Afternoon** was my first attempt at writing. I was messing around with a mandolin when I stumbled upon a cool sounding chord only to find another that sounded great alongside the first and then continued to build incrementally from there. To me it was such a happy and innocent sound that I always had a visual scenario for this tune. Imagine this while you listen to the song: There's an empty playground (the intro of the tune) when out of nowhere one little girl appears all by herself (enter the melody) then suddenly she's joined by countless numbers of other children all blissfully hanging on the swings, merry-go-round etc. (enter the entire band). Can you see it? By the way, the melody is actually based on that little girl's name. My daughter_____. Can you guess what her name is? Drop me an e-mail and I'll tell you. cathymorris@cathymorris.com



Opening For A Coat & Tie Production At The Roof

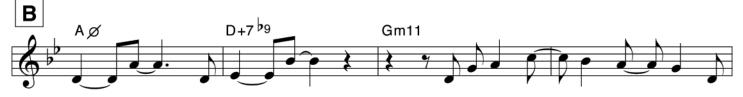
Think Fast

Cathy Morris 1997







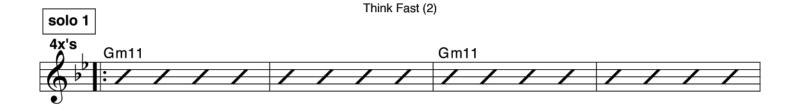






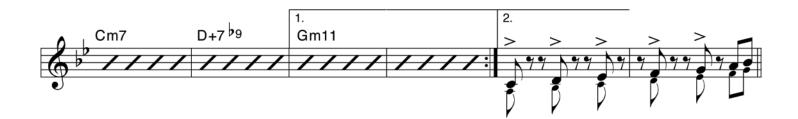


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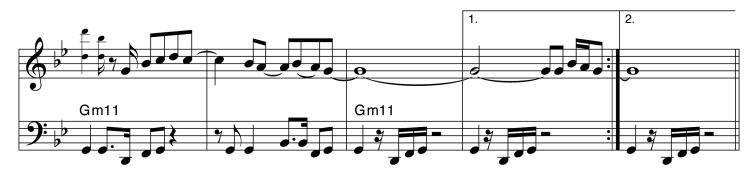


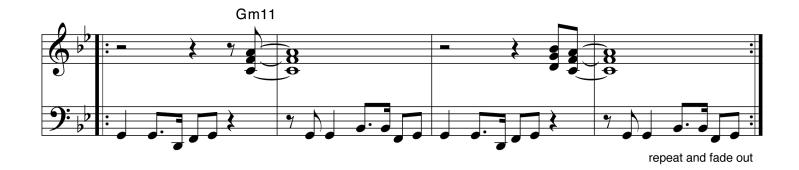








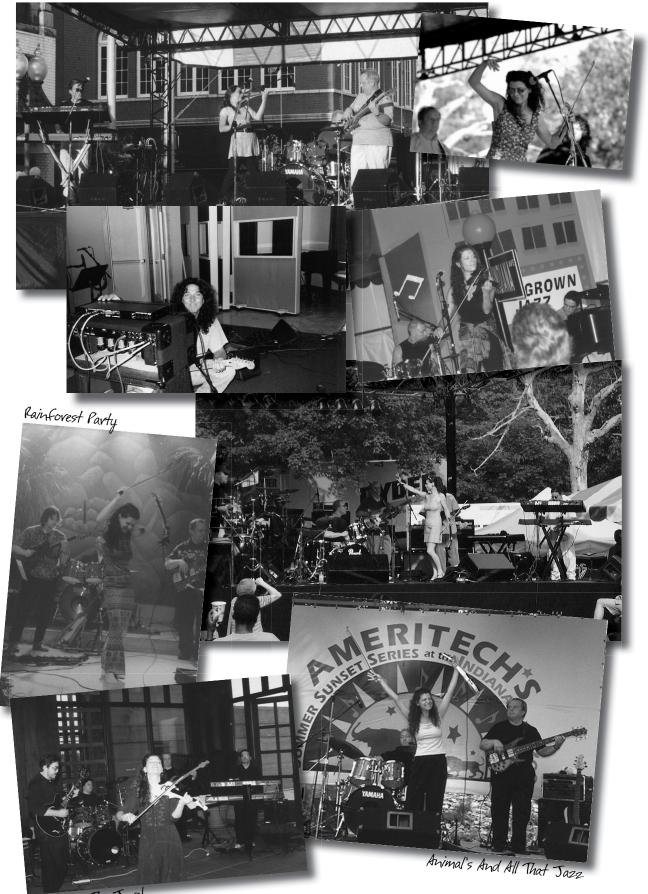




It's all about the bass line...or at least it is when it comes to my song **Think Fast**. This tune has a moody vibe that lends itself as a great back up when collaborating with other artists like dancers, spoken word poets, rappers etc.



Richmond Jazz Fest



Jam'n @ The Jorg!

Time & Again

Cathy Morris 1998













Time & Again (2)





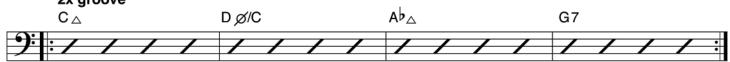






solo 4x

2x 1/2 time feel 2x groove



















Time & Again Like so many of my "songs without words" this one in many ways seems so condusive to lyrics. There are three specific sections to this tune: the verse, the chorus and a bridge that rocks out a bit. The perfect vocal format. I've tried writing words to this song! If any occur to you let me know! Seriously, write some lyrics and we'll sell the tune and get rich together!

NOTES

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For more then fifteen years Cathy Morris has been making her living performing all original music on the electric violin that covers an array of styles: Latin, Funk, Swing, Pop, Reggae, New Age, Cajun and more and now you can too! "...I share this book of tunes and stories with you with one thing in mind, the hope that it will bring you visions of starting a musical journey of your own making.

Are you suffering from musical burnout? Are you ready to go on a different kind of musical adventure? Are you ready to step out of the box and try something new with your instrument?

Well buckle up because you are in for one wild ride!

When you step into my world of music experiencing all of the alternative grooves and melodies included in this book you can't help but open your heart and mind to a way of playing that will put you on your way to jamm'n with any band; maybe even your own!

We've set you up with

A balanced variety of easy to more challenging charts (complete with lead lines and chords) as well as An accompaniment CD of sample audio and accompaniment tracks for each song so you can listen or play along.

I certainly hope these songs bring you the pleasure that they have brought to me over the years and maybe a even some inspiration to "go for it"... put together a band, write some music and create your own unique musical world!

Electric violinist composer/arranger and entertainer Cathy Morris has been making her living performing her



original music in a broad range of musical arenas: concerts and festival stages in the US and abroad including a tour of Japan, opening for Al Jareau, George Benson, Chuck Mangione, Rick Braun, Spyro Gyra, FourPlay, Diane Reeves, Burt Bacarach and Wayman Tisdale to name few, at special events including the opening ceremonies for the 2004 Indianapolis International Violin Competition and the 1st annual World Swimming Championships, in front of 250,000 at the Formula One and Indy 500 races, for world leaders, dignitaries, and royalty including President Bill Clinton, Senator Hillary Clinton, First Lady Laura Bush, Mikhail Gorbachev and the Prince & Princess of Serbia and as a guest soloist with numerous student and community orchestras and jazz bands performing her arranged originals. As a recording artist she has five CDs of original music that covers an array of styles: Latin, Funk, Swing, Pop, Reggae, New Age, Cajun and more in addition to a holiday disc, a Brazilian Jazz recording and the '06 release, Sacred Romance; keyboard and violin duets accompanying the Sufi poetry of Rumi and Hafez. It's a commitment to education

that puts her in front of and collaborating with literally thousands of students each year performing convocations, conducting workshops and as a featured soloist playing her original works arranged for orchestra. In addition, her commitment to educational programming takes her to numerous auditoriums performing for thousands of students each year while her arranged original scores put her in front of student and community orchestras as a soloist.