

12 BAR BLUES FORM



THE 12-BAR BLUES IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR CHORD PROGRESSIONS IN POPULAR MUSIC, INCLUDING THE BLUES. THE BLUES PROGRESSION HAS A DISTINCTIVE FORM IN LYRICS AND PHRASE AND CHORD STRUCTURE AND DURATION. IT IS, AT ITS MOST BASIC, BASED ON THE I-IV-V CHORDS OF A KEY.

SOME BLUES SONGS START ON THE LAST 4 BARS OF THE FORM (THE V CHORD) - THIS IS USED AS AN INTRO TO THE SONG

BELOW IS A TYPICAL BLUES ENDING:

HERE'S HOW YOU COULD ORCHESTRATE IT AROUND THE DRUMSET