

Harmonic Vocabulary - Major Key

Part 2 - Diatonic Flavors (triadal)

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The V chord is the other major sound to appear diatonically in a major scale.
Below are some progressions mixing V and I.

6/8 time

A guitar chord progression in 6/8 time. The top row shows a sequence of C, G, and C chords. The bottom row shows a sequence of A, E, and A chords. The strings are numbered 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 from left to right. A bracket indicates the progression: C-G-C-A-E-A. Below the progression, text reads "This string set chosen here for the tone" and "Ending on V".

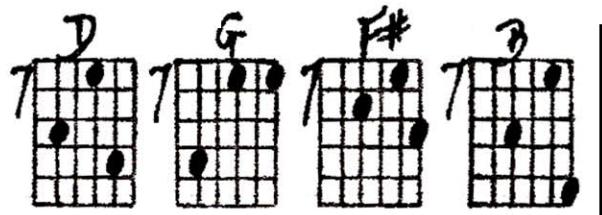
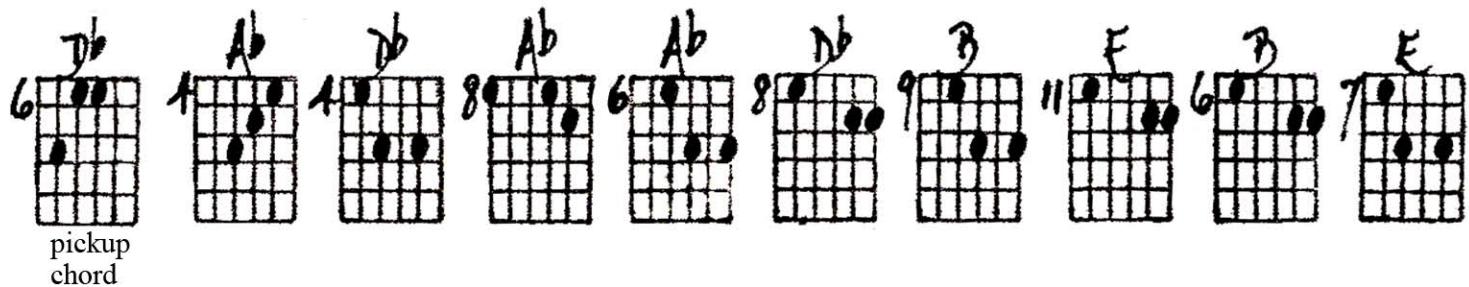
Modulation (changing keys) can help bring these simple progressions to life in a different way.

4/4 time.

A guitar chord progression in 4/4 time. The top row shows a sequence of E, B, E, B, E, B, E, B chords. The bottom row shows a sequence of F# (labeled as a pickup chord), G, D, Ab, Bb, F, G, D chords. The strings are numbered 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 from left to right. A bracket indicates the progression: E-B-E-B-E-B-E-B. Below the progression, text reads "new key" and "pickup chord".

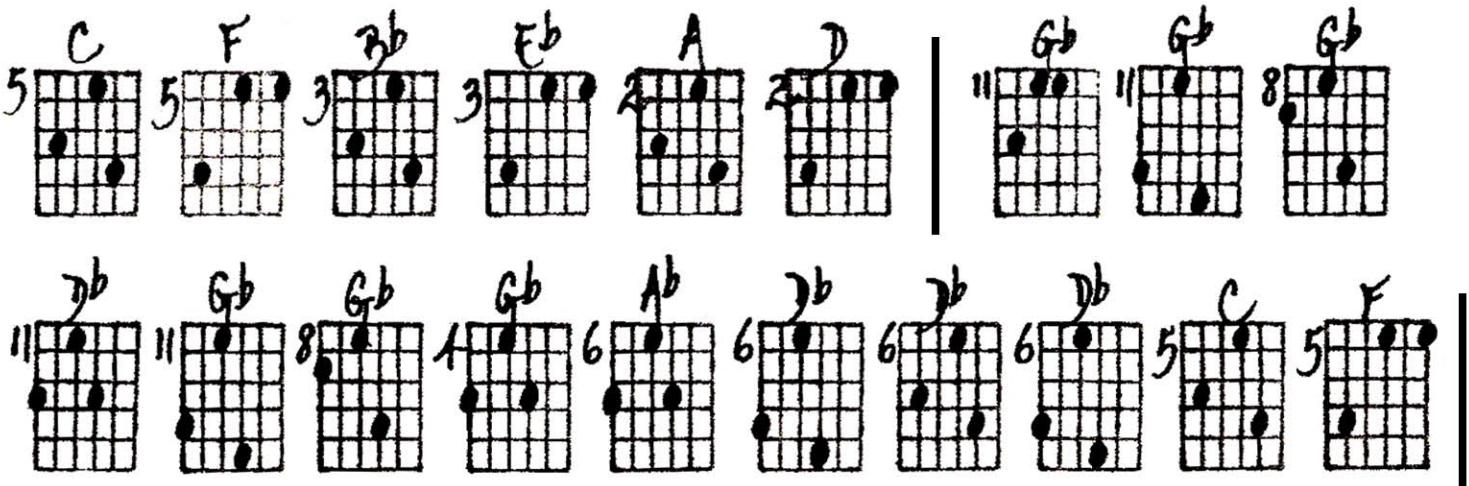
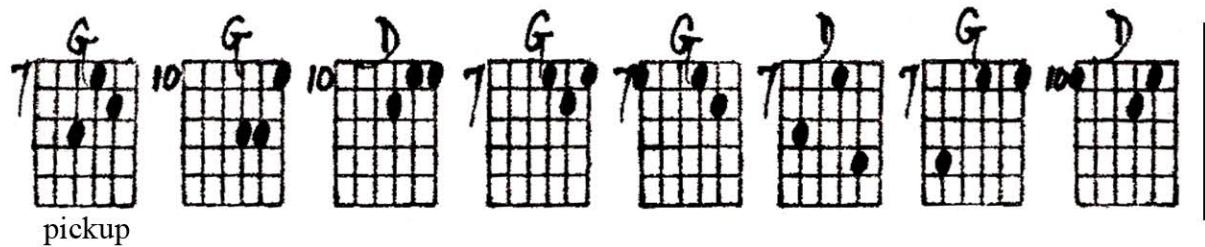
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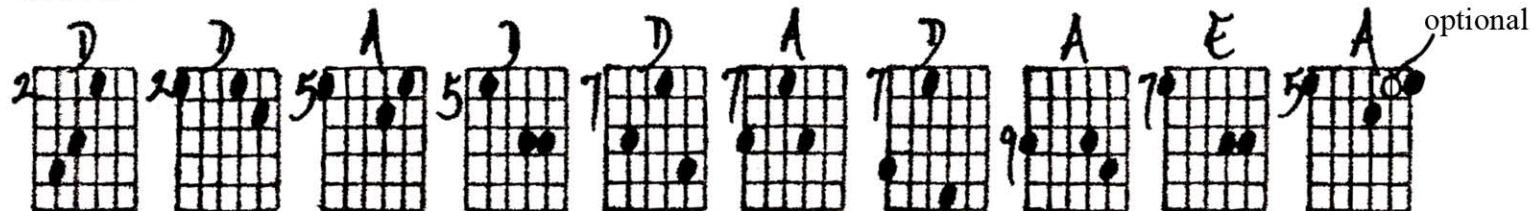


Try this whole last progression 1/2 step lower;
and then 1/2 step lower; and once more.
Modulation can truly be a wondrous thing, no?

more phrases:



6/8 or 3/4



Assignment:

- 1) Analyze everything on this page very carefully (from various angles such as the *melodies*, *bass lines*, choice of *voicings* at certain moments, and of course, the *modulations*).
- 2) Write many phrases using V-I, I-V and various combinations.
- 3) Write a few phrases which include modulation too.

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PICKUP CHORD

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Try this whole last progression to step lower; and then to step lower than that; and once more. Modulation can truly be a wondrous thing, no?

MORE PHRASES:

ASSIGNMENT: ① ANALYZE EVERYTHING ON THIS PAGE VERY CAREFULLY (from various angles such as the measures, bass lines, choice of voicings at certain moments and of course, the modulations).
 ② WRITE MANY PHRASES USING I-I, I-V and various combinations
 ③ WRITE A FEW PHRASES WHICH INCLUDE MODULATION TOO