

## Something

Ted Greene Arrangement — 1992, May 7 and 1993, January 10. Compilation pages by Paul Vachon

Ted wrote up two pages for this well-loved Beatles song (both in the key of A)—one for a private lesson in 1992, and the other dated 1993, which is an unfinished arrangement that was probably intended as hand-out for students. My guess is that he got interrupted and never got around to finishing the 1993 version. Ted also wrote out a rough lead-sheet in 1974 (in the key of G). All three of these original pages have been combined onto one .PDF file, along with my "compilation" pages which combines Ted's grids from both of his arrangements with standard music notation.

Because both of Ted's arrangements are almost identical, I used the 1993 version for the A section, and the 1992 version for the bridge. In cases where there are differences in the two arrangements I've included both diagrams, as optional alternatives.

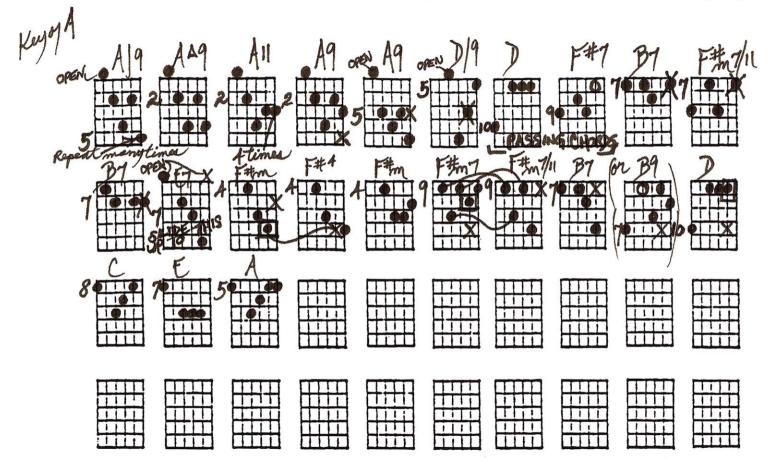
In a few places Ted's diagrams are slightly different from the standard melody, so you have the option of either playing it according to his diagrams, or to treat the arrangement as an "outline" arrangement (as Ted called it) and add the missing melody notes as needed. You'll also need to do some right-hand fills in a number of spots in order to fill up the time.

As you can see in the original 1992 lesson page, it begins with a lesson on "Descending Bass Doo-Wop in Ab (Accompaniment Style)" and then that discussion most likely led into the example of "Something."

The first three measures of "Something" provide a good example which shows a major chord with a descending line of root to 7 to b7. In this case its actually A/9 to Amaj9 to A11 to A9. It's a good illustration for new students learning about major chords and how a moving line changes the sound and name of the base chord. Another descending line also occurs on the F#m chords in measure 7 and 8: minor to minor/major7 to minor 7 and then to its companion dominant 7th chord (Bb7).

Enjoy!
—Paul

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