Prologue

The four substitution ideas used in "Red River Valley," below, are used in all the tunes that follow, so it's crucial that you understand them before moving on!

Before diving head first into the jazz tunes, get your feet wet with a simple, three-chord folk tune (just to give you an idea of how chord substitution works). There are twenty-four substitution ideas in this book, but you'll deal with four of them here:

Four Substitution Concepts

- Direct substitution: You can substitute any chord from the same chord type as the given chord.
 For example, for C7 you could play C9, C7+ or C13, just to name a few, because all these chords are C7 with an extra note added (a 9th, a sharp 5th, etc.). They're variants of a C7 chord.
- Relative minor substitution: For a major chord, you can often substitute or add the relative
 minor. That's the minor chord that's a 6th above the major chord. For example, A is the sixth note
 in the C major scale, so Am is the relative minor of C. Given a C chord, you can play Am, or a C
 followed by an Am.
- Dominant minor substitution: Given a 7th chord, you can add or substitute the minor chord that
 is a 5th above it. For example, given a C7 you can substitute Gm (a 5th above C7), or play Gm
 followed by C7.
- Ascending or descending melodic lines: A series of chords can contain an ascending or descending melodic line that harmonizes with the song's melody. You'll find a few examples in the sample tune below. The effect is like ear candy—two melodies happening simultaneously that harmonize with each other.

Now, you can put these four concepts to use in the old cowboy song, "Red River Valley." First, listen to the basic tune as written below, and then play along with the recording using simple, first-position chords:



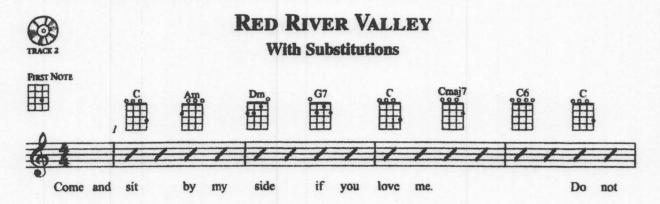
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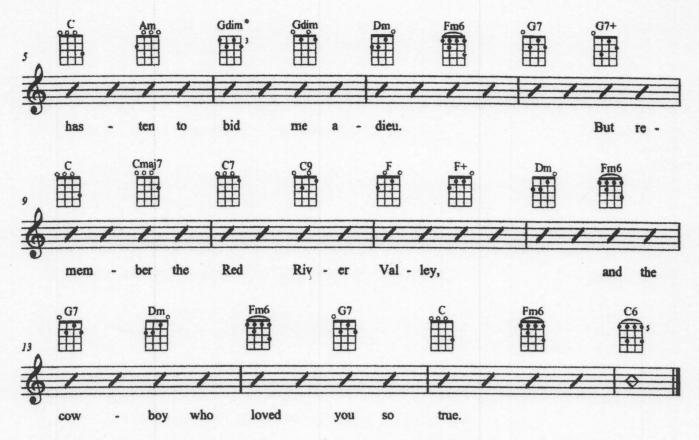
C G7 C G7
Come and sit by my side if you love me. Do not hasten to bid me adieu.

C C7 F G7 C

But remember the Red River Valley, and the cowboy who loved you so true.

Here's a jazzed-up version. Listen to the recording and play along with it:





The first bar is a "pickup bar," and the song actually starts at the bar numbered as "1" ("sit by my..."). Now if you compare the basic progression to the fancier comping (backup) chords, most of the differences between the two can be explained in terms of the four substitution concepts above.

Bar 1: Am is a relative minor substitution for C.

Bar 2: Dm is a dominant minor substitution for G7, as Dm is a fifth above G.

Bars 3-4: Cmaj7 and C6 are direct substitutions for C. The series of chords (C, Cmaj7, C6, C) contain a descending melodic line: C, B, A, G.

Bar 5: Am is a relative minor substitution for C.

Bar 7: Dm is a dominant minor substitution for G7.

Bar 8: G7+ (G augmented, or a G chord with a sharp fifth) is a direct substitution for G.

Bars 9-10: Cmaj7 is a direct substitution for C, and C9 is a direct substitution for C7. The series of chords (C, Cmaj7, C7) contain a descending melodic line: C, B, B, similar to the melodic line in bars 3-4.

Bars 11-12: F+ is a direct substitution for F, and Dm is a relative minor substitution for F.

Bar 13: Dm is a dominant minor substitution for G7.

Bar 16: C6 is a direct substitution for C.

I know, I know, some things are unexplained! What about the G diminished chords in bar 6, or the Fm6 chords (there are four of them)? Remember, there are twenty more substitution principles that haven't been described yet. Read on, and expand your chord consciousness!

^{*} The "3" next to the Gdim grid indicates that this chord is played on the 3rd fret.

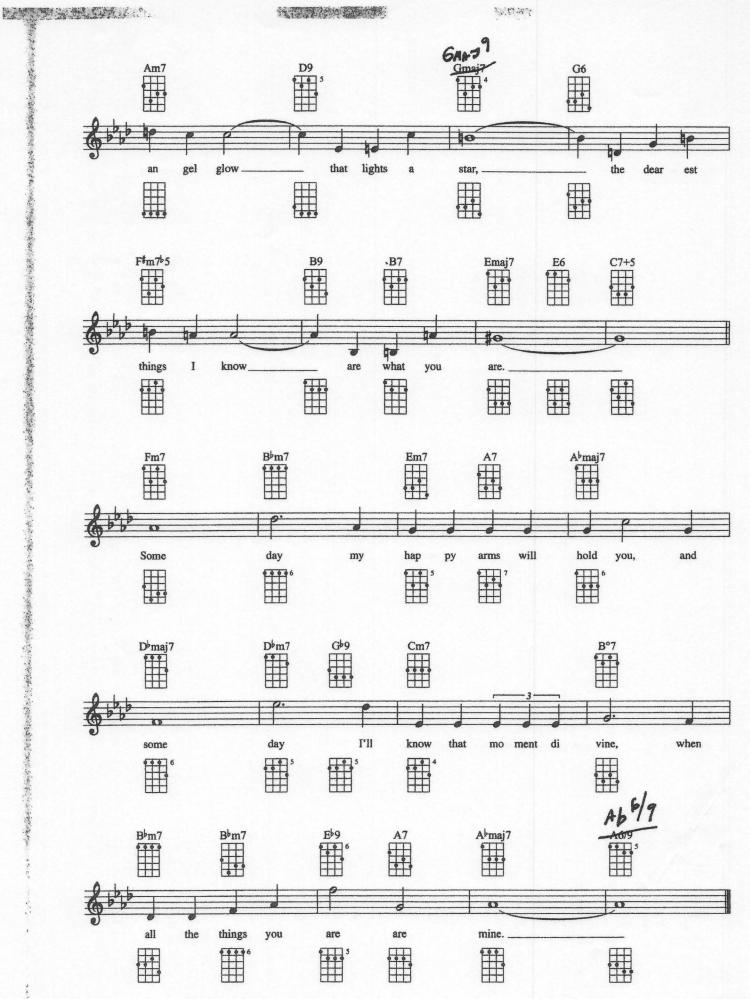


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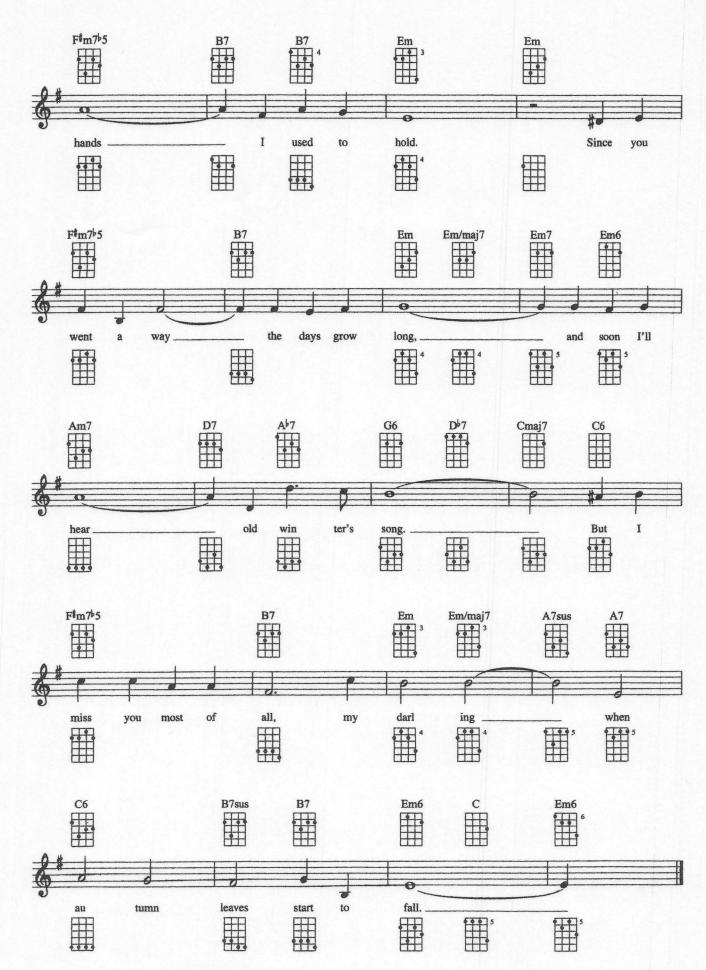


TRACK 3

Autumn Leaves

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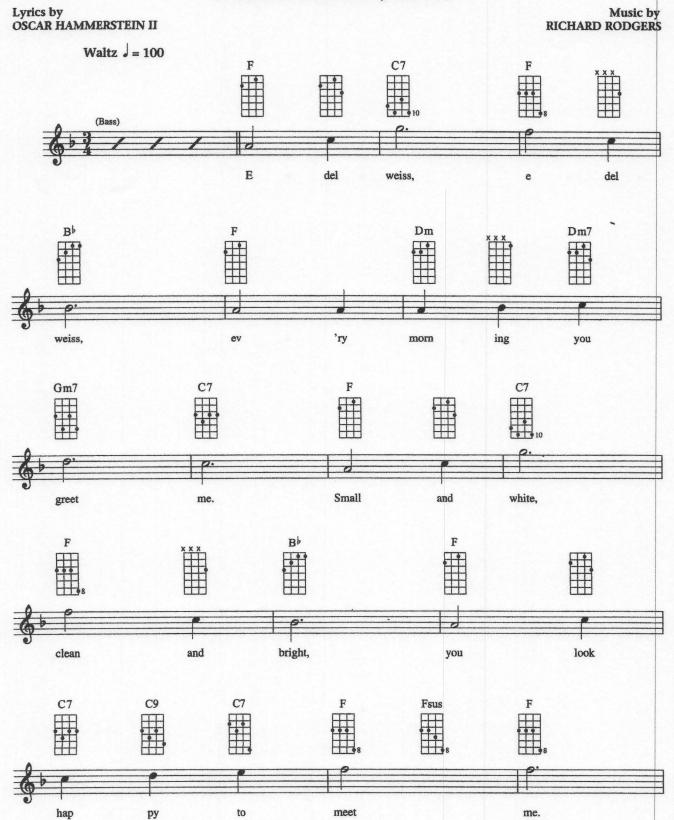


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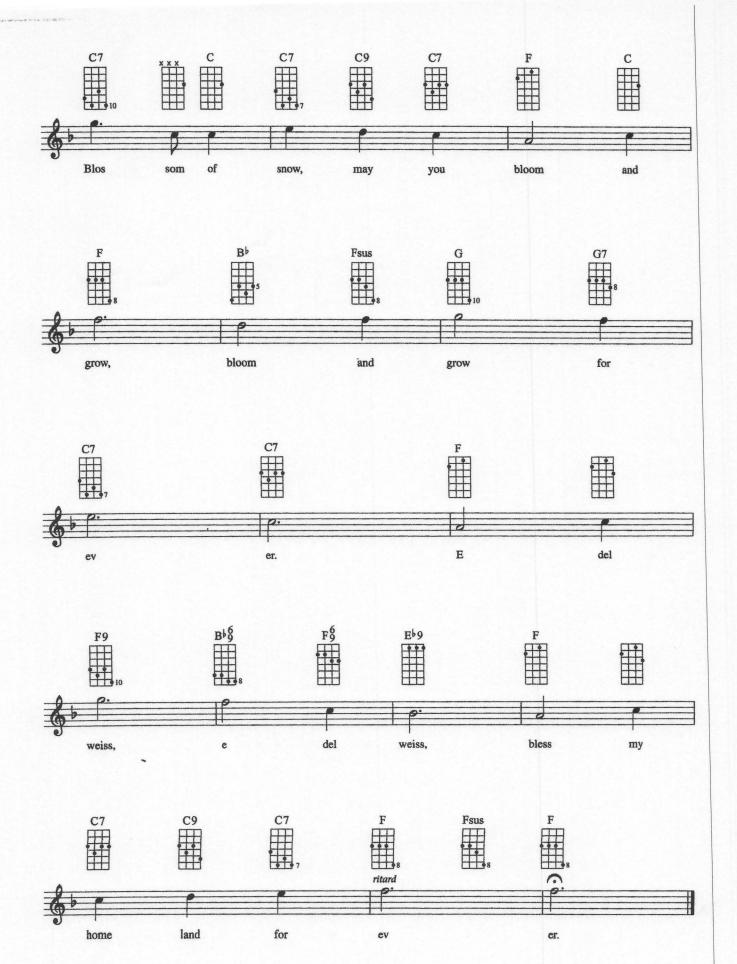


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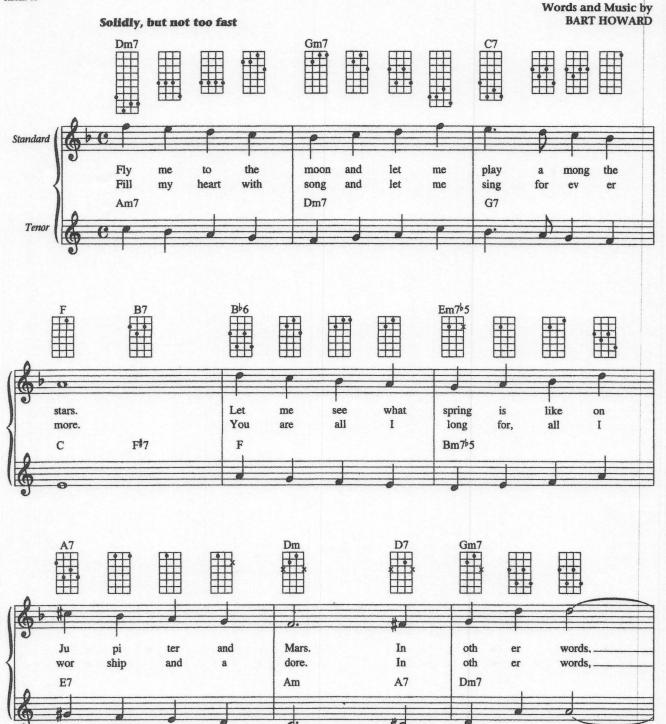
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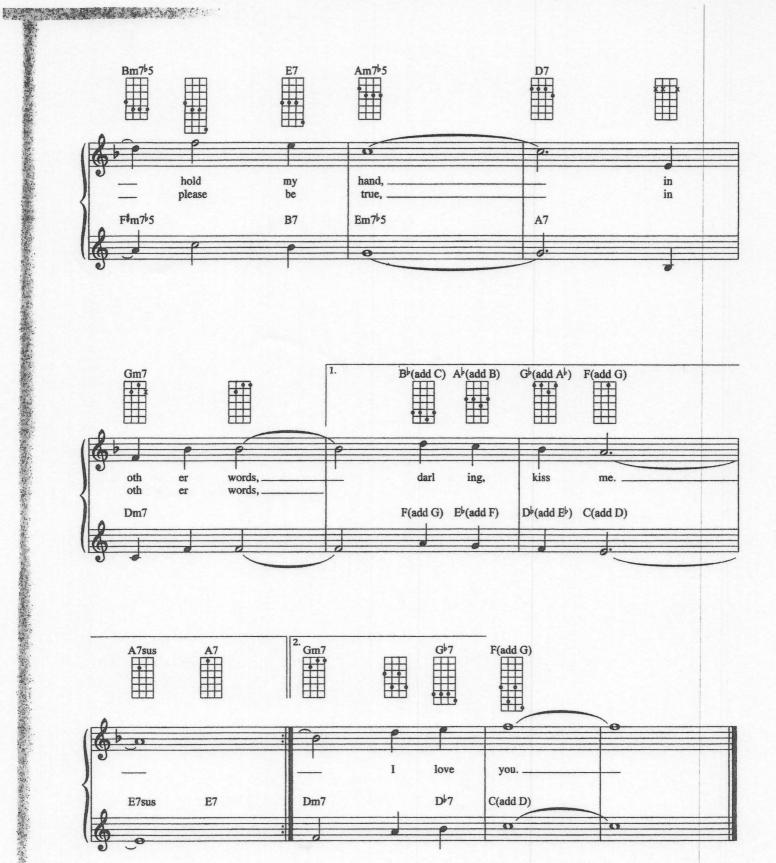


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Chorale

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