

Playing by Ear List - Chords

These songs use only the chords shown. People may know different versions, so there may be some differences to the harmony suggested here.

Chord I only

Taps (Day is Done)
The Farmer in the Dell/A Hunting
We Will Go
Row Row Row Your Boat
Frere Jacques (Are You Sleeping)

I and V only (perfect cadence)

Mary Had a Little Lamb
London Bridge
Buffalo Gal
Go and Tell Aunt Mary
Hush Little Baby
Alouette
Lightly Row
Three Blind Mice

I and V7

How Much is that Doggie in the
Window
Oh Dear, What Can the Matter Be
Rock My Soul

I and IV only (plagal cadence)

Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum
Tree

Primary chords only

Michael Row the Boat Ashore
Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
For He's a Jolly Good Fellow
Kum-bah-yah
When the Saints Go Marching in
Camptown Races
Little Brown Jug
Oh Susannah (can have cadential
64)
This Land is Your Land
Yankee Doodle
On Top of Old Smoky (On Top of
Spaghetti)
This Old Man
Incy Wincy Spider
The Happy Wanderer (I love to go
a wandering)
You Are My Sunshine
Down By the Riverside
Old MacDonald

Primary chords with dominant 7th

He's Got the Whole World
Brahms's Lullaby
Lavender's Blue
Catch a Falling Star

Primary and secondary chords

Clementine
O Christmas Tree
Botany Bay
Good King Wenceslas
Auld Lang Syne
Click Go the Shears
Here We Go Round the Mulberry
Bush
Blowing in the Wind
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (can be
just primaries)

Primaries and Secondaries with ii-V-I

If Your'e Happy and You Know it
Rock a Bye Baby
Michael Finnegan
There's a Hole in the Bucket
The Old Grey Mare

Secondary dominant

Battle Hymn of the Republic (Little
Peter Rabbit)
Jingle Bells
My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean
Puff the Magic Dragon
Daisy, Daisy

Cadential 6-4

I'm a Little Teapot
Goodnight Ladies
Cockles and Mussels (Molly
Malone)
Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes
Silent Night
Happy Birthday (really good
example)
Joy to the World
The Holly and the Ivy
Waltzing Matilda
For the Beauty of the Earth

Jamaica Farewell

Secondary dominant and cadential 6-4

All Through the Night (middle)
She'll Be Coming Round the
Mountain
My Grandfather's Clock
Pack Up Your Troubles
I've Been Working on the Railroad
The Twelve Days of Christmas

Various altered bass notes

Rule Britannia
God Save the Queen
Away in a Manger

Modulations

O Come All Ye Faithful
Deck the Halls
Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Diminished chord

Swanee River
When Irish Eyes are Smiling

Interrupted cadence

Amazing Grace (if you repeat the
last line)
Beautiful Dreamer (has interrupted
if you repeat last line)

Borrowed minor iv

The Road to Gundagai
Home On the Range

Use of "N.C." (no chord)

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Advance Australia Fair