

Lesson plan - In a mellow tone

Etudes

Lesson objectives	Jazz Etudes for In a mellow tone
Activity 1	Predominantly using the 9 th and chromatic enclosures
Activity 2	Using lot's of chromatic enclosures in this activity
Activity 3	This etude uses a whole mixture of vocabulary and enclosures
Activity 4	The 4 th etude (in a different font) is taken from one of the first books I created. I really like this etude, it uses a whole mixture of pretty much all of the vocabulary so far covered in the program over 'All of me', 'Basin street blues' & 'In a mellow tone'.

Remember to try and improvise your own solos too.

You may like to use the lead sheet or just play by ear (hopefully after internalising the changes).

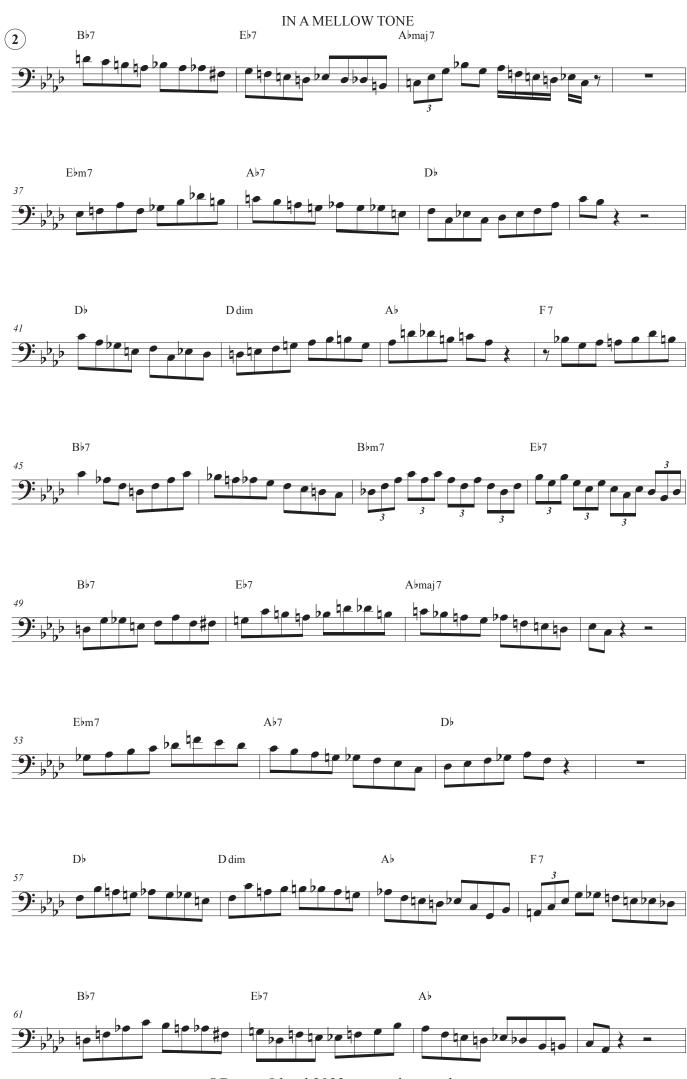
Try to only play what you hear!

It's funny but when I am reading a lead sheet (possibly from the many hours of practicing with lead sheets) I hear the changes or target note as I improvise through the sequence!

I have to say that once I have really internalised the changes though and improvise, this is when I am most happy with my improvisations and not feel like I am painting by numbers so to speak!



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Chords

Lesson objectives	Learn the chord notes for In a mellow tone
Activity 1	Starting on the root of each chord using 1/4 notes!
Activity 2	Using swing 1/8 notes, try to weave a melodic line through the chord changes! You can start on which ever note of the chord makes most melodic sense! Try to keep it smooth and linear!
Activity 3	Try improvising your own lines, activity 2 is just an example and etude to help improve technique!

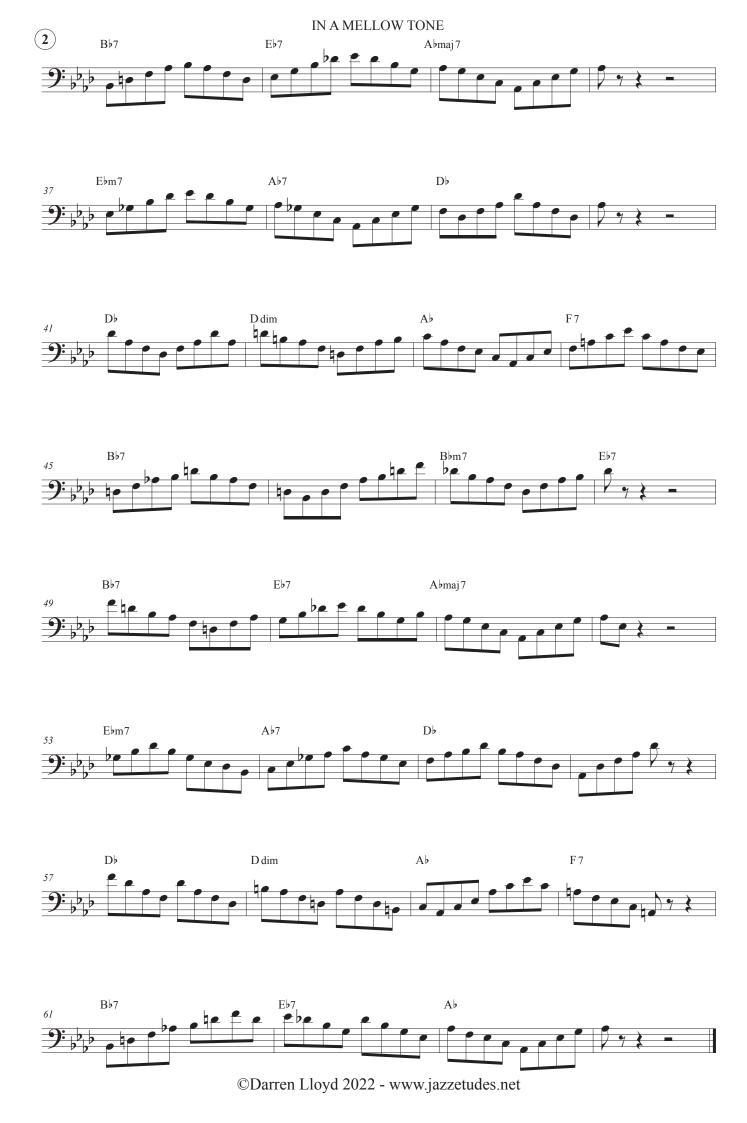
By now you should be much more familiar with the chords and the notes contained within!

Remember to create your own improvisation using just the triads, then add the 6^{th} and 7ths too.

Never underestimate the power of learning the chord tones!

It is ALWAYS the first thing I do on a new tune (except to learn the melody, be ear, of course).





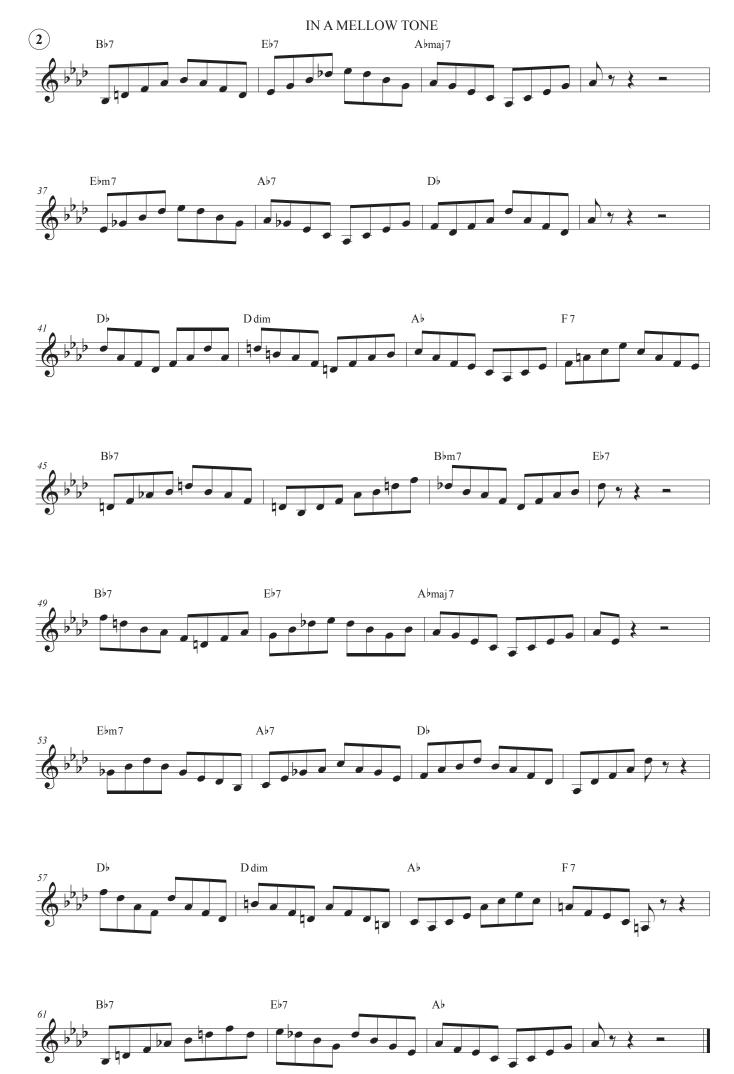


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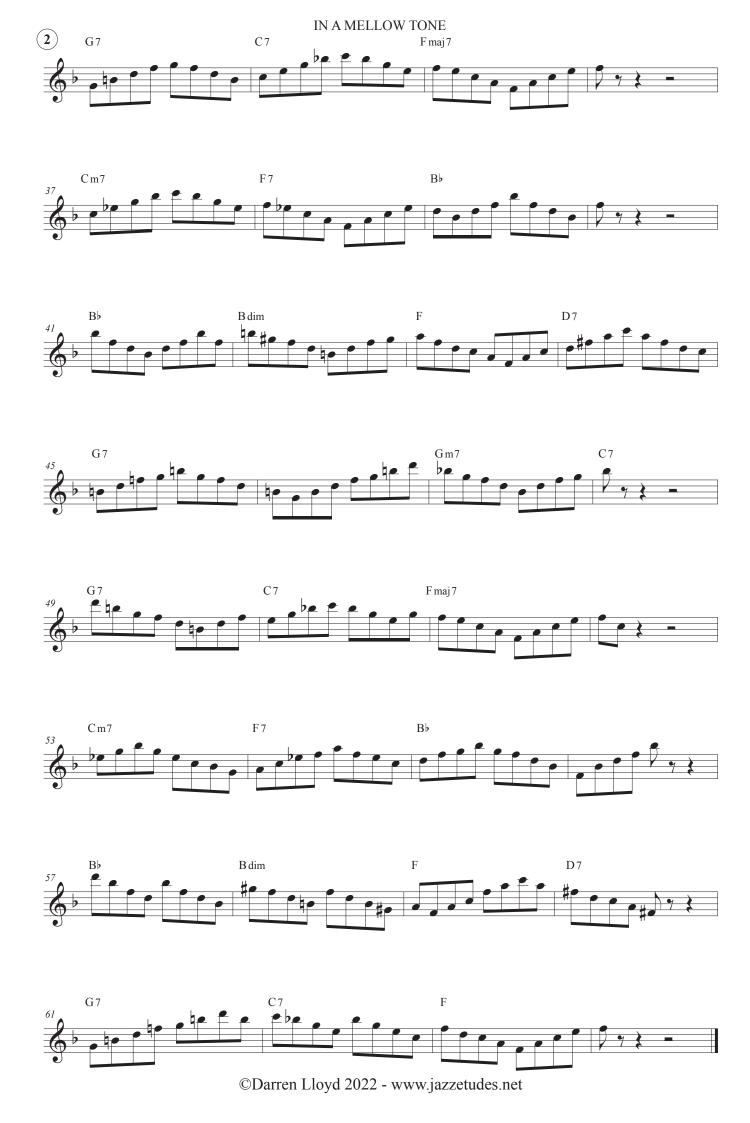




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9th Chord notes

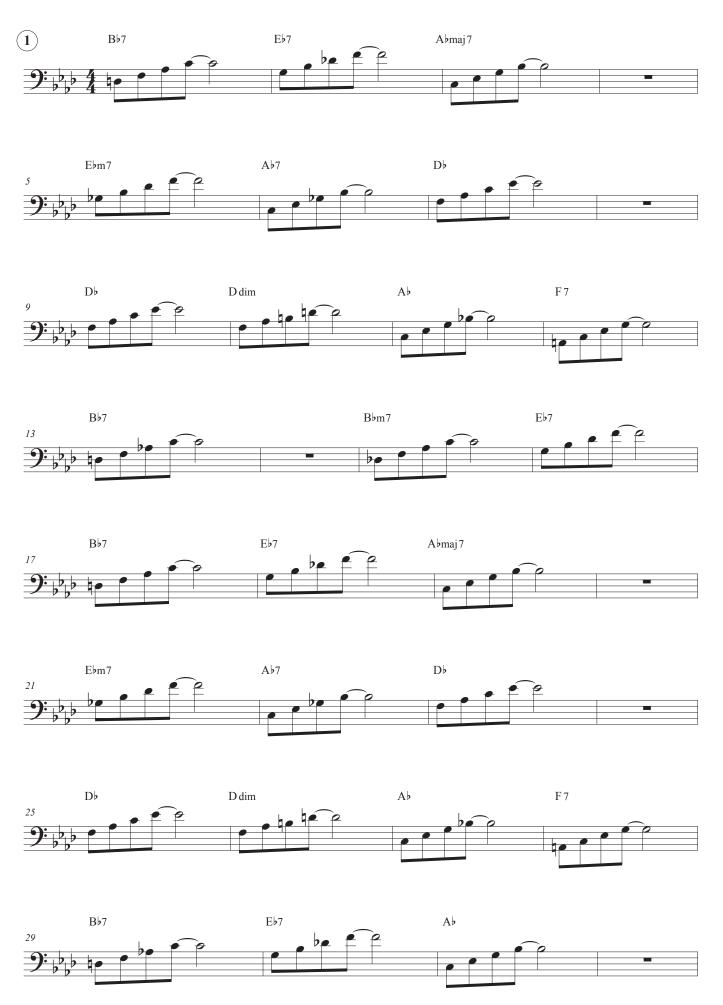
Lesson objectives	Learn the 9 th chord note for In a mellow tone
Activity 1	Starting on the 3 rd up to the 9 th using swing 8 th notes
Activity 2	Starting on the 9 th descending to the 3rd
Activity 3	Jazz phrase starting on the 9th

These exercises are simply to get you used to using and start to hear the 9ths and become aware of different melodic possibilities!

Remember, you can also go back to previous tunes, 'Basin street' and 'All of me' and try them there too!

Remember to experiment using them on any other tunes you may also be working on.

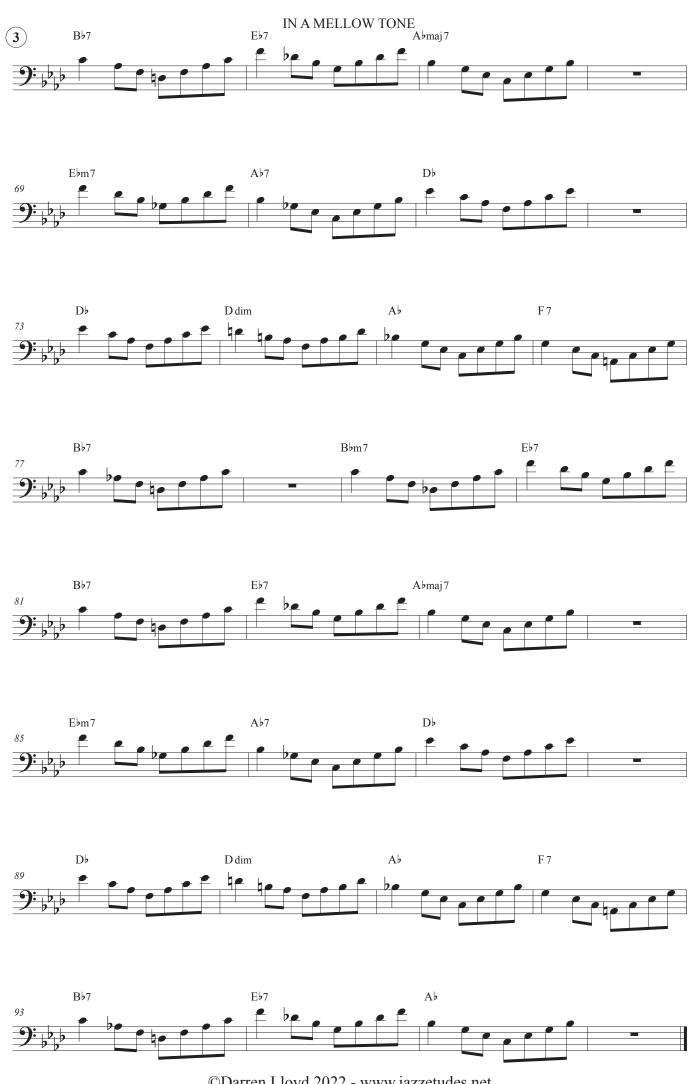
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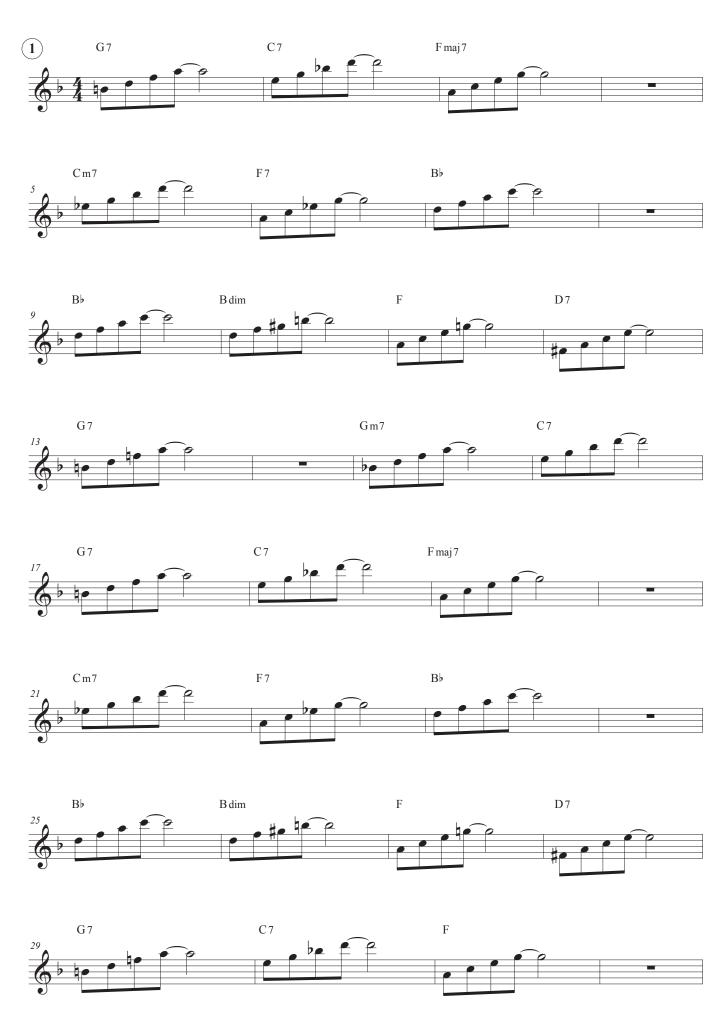


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Enclosures

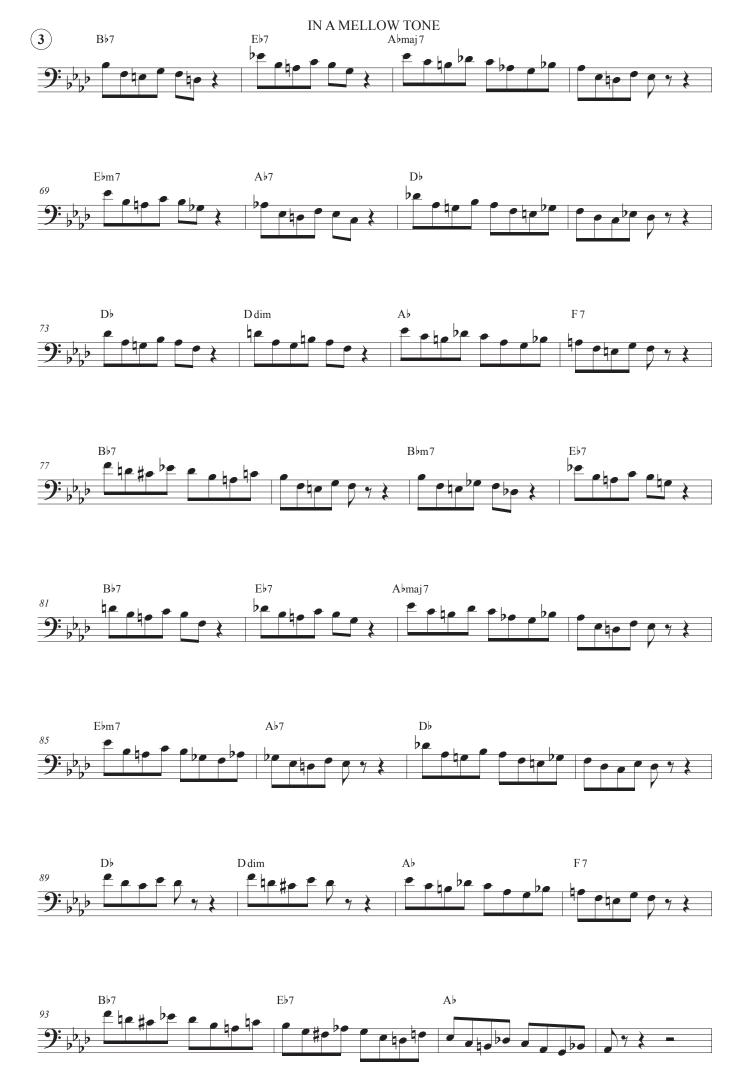
Lesson objectives	Learn how to use different types of enclosures for In a mellow tone
Activity 1	Two note enclosures. Always play these enclosures diatonically from above and a semitone from below, as per the activity! Remember you need to think of the key centres to help with this!
Activity 2	This activity is a sort of reference to the great Tom Harrell. Of course countless other players use this technique too. It is a great little bit of vocabulary and can really help you in tricky spots! Always start on a chord note and the play 1 2 3 5 before landing on the next chord note, as per the activity!
Activity 3	Simply enclosing chord notes, I have only heard this type of vocabulary used descending! The player that immediately comes to mind when I think of this type of enclosure is the late, great Stan Getz. Notice that a lot of my vocabulary ideas come from amazing players! This is something you can easily do for yourself too! Try to work out parts of your favourite players solos and what they are doing! Can this be worded up and practiced into your own playing??
Activity 4	Chromatic enclosures are are great way to navigate through chord sequences, especially the more up tempo tunes. Listen to any Clifford Brown solo and you will be treated to a chromatic enclosure master class!

Enclosures are fantastic vocabulary to incorporate into your playing and the quicker you can do this, the more authentic your solos will begin to sound!

Don't worry if you can't improvise an 'enclosure' solo like the etudes presented in the program. Even if you can enclose the $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ or $\mathbf{3}^{\text{rd}}$ beat chord note you'll notice a difference in how authentic your solos will begin to sound!











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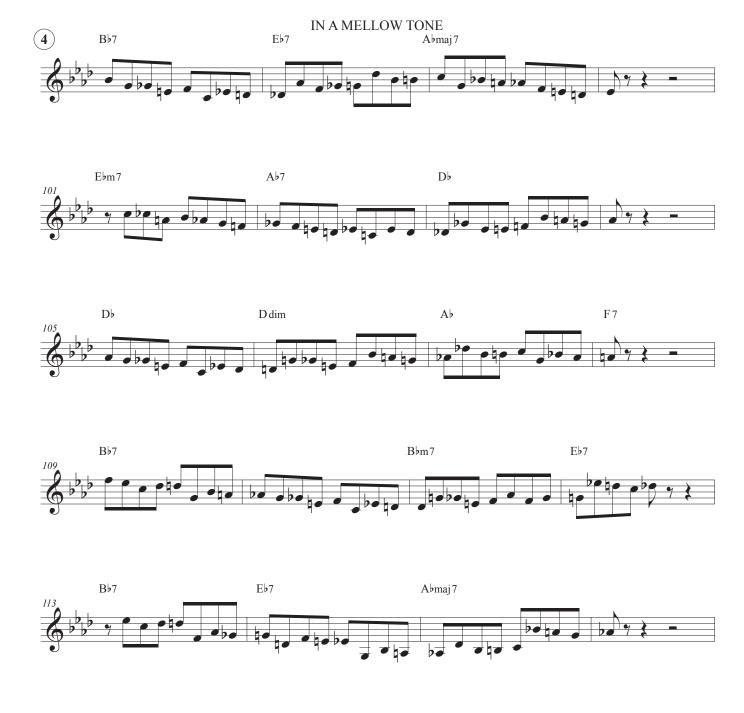














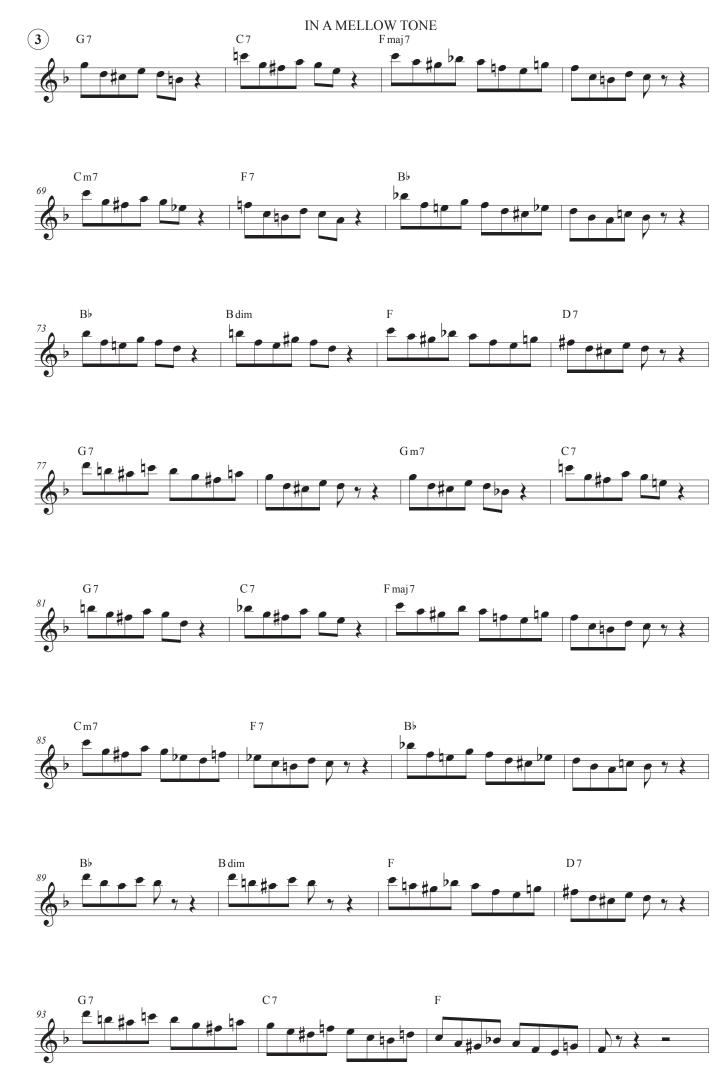








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