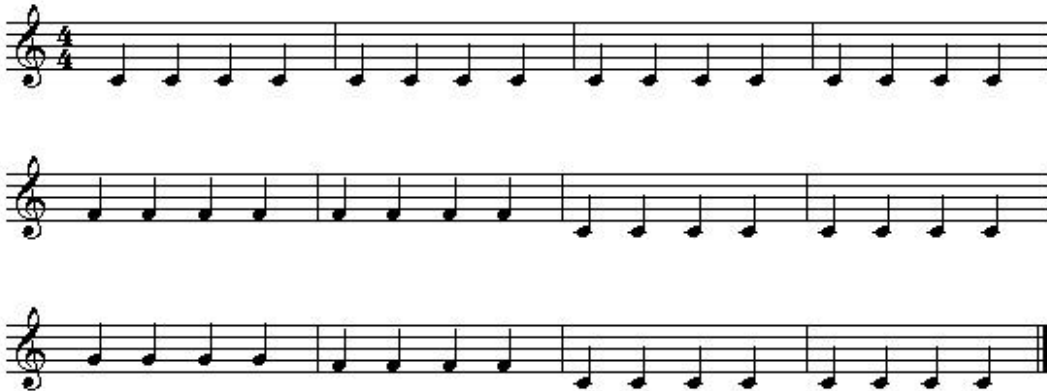


A step-to-step guide to playing the 12 bar-blues

Step 1

- Notice that this melody has 12 bar of music.
- Each bar has 4 beats in it.
- Work out the notes and then learn to play it.



Step 2

- Notice how this melody also has 12 bars but this time another note has been added a third above the first note.
- Learn to play this melody adding the extra note.



Continue 

Step 3

- We now have now added a third note a fifth above the first note.
- The three notes played together are called **CHORDS**. (a chord is 2 or more notes played together at the same time.)



You have now learned to play the 12 bar blues! Well done.

Check understanding:

Ask yourself the following questions to check that you fully understand.

1. How many bars are there in the 12-bar-blues?
2. What is a chord?
3. What is the chord pattern for the 12 bar blues?