



Play-A-Long
Book & Record Set

GREAT JAZZ
TUNES

A New Approach
to Jazz Improvisation
by Jamey Aebersold





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INTRODUCTION

In this play-a-long album we encounter eight of the great jazz originals of the late forties and fifties, some of which have acquired the status of standards over the years.

If there ever was a textbook case of an artist being ahead of his time, it was Thelonious Monk. Although **Epistrophy** was recorded in 1942 (but not released until the sixties) by Cootie Williams, who was playing 'Round Midnight with his band, Monk didn't get his own record date until 1947, and it wasn't until the late fifties that he began attracting the kind of audience that makes artists think of getting a financial advisor. Both of his tunes on this album are pillars of the modern jazz repertoire, providing challenging chord progressions and rhythms. **I Mean You** stays away from easy II/V/I formulae for the most part; **Ruby, My Dear** puts you at ease with fairly conventional chords in the main strain before sandbagging you with a bridge whose first half is in the little-used key of A Major. These are two tunes that will force the glib change-runner to stop and think.

The rest of the tunes are closer to bebop convention. Freight Trane is a line on the Bird Blues changes written by pianist Tommy Flanagan for a John Coltrane/Kenny Burrell session in 1958. Ladybird is one of Tad Dameron's most famous pieces, written at about the same time (1947-48) as another tune with virtually the same chord changes - Half Nelson. Prince Albert is a Kenny Dorham line on the changes of All The Things You Are, including the famous Charlie Parker/Dizzy Gillespie introduction; make sure you get started on the right beat! Ray's Idea was supplied to Dizzy Gillespie's staff arranger Gil Fuller by 19-year-old Ray Brown in 1946. I think after you play on it you'll wonder why it doesn't get recorded more often. Robbins' Nest was written by pianist Sir Charles Thompson when he was with Illinois Jacquet and named for New York disc jockey Freddie Robbins (Lester Young had written Jumpin' with Symphony Sid for another DJ, and there were several other such tunes written in the late forties); it has a nice remote key movement in the main strain. Probably the least known piece is Theme For Ernie, composed by Philadelphian Freddie Lacey after the sudden death of alto man Ernie Henry in 1957. John Coltrane recorded it in early 1958, but in the last few years pianist Tete Montoliu and guitarist Joshua Breakstone have included it in their recorded output. Its melody has some interesting intervals and a soaring quality that is attractive.

Here then is a collection of eight beloop tunes.....some classics, but all interesting.

Phil Bailey 7/27/85

DISCOGRAPHY

*Probable first recording; OP=out of print

Freight Trane (Tommy Flanagan)

- K. Burrell/J. Coltrane (Prestige 7532; 24059)*
- J. Wilkins (Chiaroscuro CR-185) OP

I Mean You (Thelonius Monk)

- S. Clarke et al (Elektra/Musician 60021)
- E. Davis/J. Griffin (Milestone 47035)
- C. Hawkins (Prestige 7824)*
- Jazz Messengers/Monk (Atlantic 1278)
- Griffith Park (Elektra/Musician 60262)
- T. Monk (Blue Note BLP 1510) (Milestone 47064)
- T. Monk/G. Mulligan (Milestone 47067)
- M. Tyner (Milestone 55003)
- M. Wofford (Discovery 778)

Lady Bird (Tadd Dameron)

- R. Cole (Muse 5295)
- M. Davis/J. Forrest (Prestige 7860)
- D. Gordon (Prestige 7680; 24087)
- C. Mingus (Prestige 24010)
- T. Montoliu (Steeplechase SCS 1148)
- G. Mulligan/C. Baker (Crescendo 56)
- F. Navarro (orig. issued as by Tadd Dameron) (Blue Note BST-81532) *
- B. Powell (Verve 2-2526; UMV 2573)
- XTC (Geffen GHS-4027)
- M.L. Williams (Crescendo 9029; Inner City 7006)

Prince Albert (Kenny Dorham)

- A. Haig (orig. issued as by Max Roach)
 Prestige 7841)*
- Heath Bros. (Columbia PC 35573) OP
- Jazz Messengers (Blue Note BLP 1507) OP
- J. Moody (same master as A. Haig above)
 (Inner City 7020)*
- C. Payne (Muse 5061)

Ray's Idea (Ray Brown-Gil Fuller)

- M. Davis (Blue Note BST 81501, 81502)
- M. Davis/J. Forrest (Prestige 7858)
- D. Gillespie (Bulldog 2006; Phonorama
 5620; Prestige 24030)*
- B. Timmons (Prestige 7429)

Robbins Nest (Sir Charles Thompson-Illinois Jacquet)

- M. Bryan Sextet (Storyville 4015)
- M. Buckner (Jazzum 5012)
- J. Coltrane (Prestige 24069)
- E. Garner (Columbia CL 1141) OP
- S. Hamilton (Concord 197)
- J. Hanna (Concord 22)

Robbins Nest (continued)

- I. Jacquet (Grand Award 33-315) * OP
- I. Jacquet (Accord SJA-7908)
- H. Jones Trio (Pausa 7051)
- H. Mancini Big Band (RCA VPS-6029)
- J. Pass Trio (2310 877)
- O. Peterson Trio (Pausa 7064)

Ruby, My Dear (Thelonious Monk)

- J. Albany (Elektra/Musician 60161)
- T. Flanagan (Inner City 1084)
- Heath Bros. (Columbia FC 37126) OP
- M. Howell (Milestone 9048)
- M. Jackson (Prestige 24048)
- H. Jones (Muse 5123)
- R. Kenyatta (Muse 5095)
- T. Monk (GTW 7023) (Blue Note BST 81510)*
- T. Monk/J. Coltrane (Milestone 47064)
- B. Powell (Columbia PC-36805)
- M. Tyner (Milestone 9063; 47062)
- J. Williams (Clean Cuts 706)

Theme for Ernie (Freddie Lacey)

- J. Breakstone (Sonora SA 322)
- J. Coltrane (Prestige 021; 24003)*
- T. Montoliu (Inner City 2029)

Ladybird



SIDE 1/TRACK 1 Play 22 Choruses

=100

By TAD DAMERON



*Can be played behind soloist or as a shout chorus leading into the drummer soloing over the last 8 bars of the chorus. This occurs on choruses 19 and 20 of the Play-A-Long record.

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Prince Albert

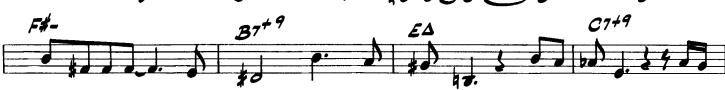
SIDE 1/TRACK 2
Play 5 Choruses

Db7 49

TUNE

Db 7 49

Db







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Ruby, My Dear

SIDE 1/TRACK 3 Play 3 Choruses

=67

By THELONIOUS MONK



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Ray's Idea



SIDE 1/TRACK 4 Play 8 Choruses

d=102

By RAYMOND BROWN & WALTER FULLER



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Freight Trane



SIDE 2/TRACK 1 Play 25 Choruses

=108

By TOMMY FLANAGAN



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Robbins' Nest

SIDE 2/TRACK 2 Play 7 Choruses

J=86

By SIR CHARLES THOMPSON & 'ILLINOIS' JACQUET



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Theme For Ernie

SIDE 2/TRACK 3 Play 2 Choruses

=58

By FRED LACEY







I Mean You

SIDE 2/TRACK 4 Play 8 Choruses

=100

By THELONIOUS MONK & COLEMAN HAWKINS



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