BLUEGRASS HARMONY

WITH KARLA MUNDY & JENNY LESTER

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Practical Music Theory for Roots Music

A = 440 hertz

 $Musical\ Alphabet\ {\tt ALL}\ {\tt SEMITONES}\ {\tt CHROMATIC}\ {\tt SCALE}\ (1\ {\tt fret\ move})$

| SEMITONE | | SEI | MITONE | T(| ONE | | SEMIT | ONE | | |
|-------------|---|----------------------|--------|----------------------|-----|-------------|-------|-----|-------------|----------------|
| G | A | A # | B C | C # | D | D# | E | F | F# 🛚 | $\mathcal{L}G$ |
| A_{\flat} | | \mathbf{B}_{\flat} | | \mathbf{D}_{\flat} | | E_{\flat} | | | G_{\flat} | |

The MAJOR SCALE

WHOLE TONE = 2 semitones = 2 frets
The scale is where you find the melody & harmony notes.

| | TONE | | TONE | SEMIT | ONE | TONE | | TONE | | TONE | SEMIT | TONE |
|---------------|-------------------------|---|------|---|----------------------|------|---|------|----------------------------|------|---|----------------------|
| \rightarrow | 1(key) | 2 | | 3 | 4 | | 5 | | 6 | | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | C | D | | E | F | | G | | A | | В | C |
| | G | A | | В | C | | D | | E | | $\operatorname{F}^{\#}$ | G |
| | D | E | | $\operatorname{F}^{\scriptscriptstyle\#}$ | G | | A | | В | | $C^{\#}$ | D |
| | A | В | | $C^{\#}$ | D | | E | | $\operatorname{F}^{^{\#}}$ | | $G^{\#}$ | A |
| | E | $\operatorname{F}^{\scriptscriptstyle\#}$ | | $G^{\#}$ | A | | В | | $\mathbf{C}^{\#}$ | | $\operatorname{D}^{\scriptscriptstyle\#}$ | E |
| | В | $\mathbb{C}^{\#}$ | | $\operatorname{D}^{\scriptscriptstyle\#}$ | E | | $\operatorname{F}^{\scriptscriptstyle\#}$ | | $G^{\#}$ | | $\textbf{A}^{\#}$ | В |
| | F | G | | A | $B_{^{\flat}}$ | | \mathbf{C} | | D | | E | F |
| | $\mathrm{B}\flat$ | C | | D | \mathbb{E}_{\flat} | | F | | G | | A | B_{\flat} |
| | $\mathrm{E}_{^{\flat}}$ | F | | G | $A\flat$ | | $\mathbf{B}\flat$ | | C | | D | E_{b} |
| | A_{\flat} | $\mathbf{B}\flat$ | | C | $D\flat$ | | E_b | | F | | G | Ab |
| | $\mathrm{D}\flat$ | E_{\flat} | | F | $G\flat$ | | $A\flat$ | | $B\flat$ | | C | $\mathrm{D}\flat$ |
| | G_{\flat} | A_{\flat} | | \mathbf{B}_{\flat} | \mathbb{C}_{\flat} | | $\mathbf{D}\flat$ | | E_{\flat} | | F | G_{\flat} |



Bluegrass Harmony Structure

High Baritone An octave above baritone

Tenor Nearest Harmony above lead

LEAD MELODY

Baritone Nearest Harmony below lead

Low Tenor An octave below tenor

Bass Independent structure, alternately doubling other parts while pursuing either a lead line or chord progression.

| | | Cł | | Tria | ads ruction | 1 | 60.4 |
|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------|------|----------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 - | → 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | (8=1) 8 |
| D | \mathbf{E} | \mathbf{F} # | \mathbf{G} | A | В | C# | D |
| G | Α | В | C | D | \mathbf{E} | F# | G |
| Α | В | C# | D | E | F# | G# | Α |

Chord Construction

A simple major chord uses the root 1, third 3 & fifth 5 of the chord's scale.

 $\frac{1}{C}$ 2 $\frac{3}{E}$ 4 $\frac{5}{G}$ 6 7 8

As other notes are added the chord is named accordingly.

C=C E G $C_7 = C E G + the flatted 7th$ Csus = C E G + the 4th

Ashes of Love

Written by Johnnie Wright, Jim Anglin, Jack Anglin https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJqG b92Hd4 Jim & Jesse McReynolds 1976

Ashes of love cold as ice

1
You made the debt and I'll pay the price
4
1
5
5
5
1:

4/4

Ashes of love is gone there's no doubt

1
Ashes of love the flames burned out

A love light that gleamed in your eyes
Has gone out to my surprise
We said good bye, my heart bled
I can't revive a love that's dead

I trusted you, our love would stand Your every wish was my command Now my heart tells me I must forget I loved you then, I'll love you yet

Number System: uses the major scale to show which chords and notes fall in the key. 1 is the key.

Mr. Engineer

As Recorded by Jimmy Martin

I'm gonna catch me a freight train Lord I'm leaving this lonesome town The one I loved and gave my heart to That's the one has turned me down

4 5

Engineer reach up and pull the whistle

4 5 1

Let me hear that lonesome sound

4

5

For it blends with the feeling that's in me

4 5 1

The one I loved has turned me down

There's sixteen cars behind each engine I'll ride the last one to the end of the line I don't know where I'm goin or where I'll wind up

Just anything to ease my worried mind

Chord Progression Time: 3/4 Key:

Intro Verse Form

V & C & Solos:

4 5 1 4 5 1

Form
Intro: Solo
Chorus
Verse 1
Chorus
Solo
Verse 2
Chorus
Slow last line

Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain

Part A 1 4 In the twilight glow I see her **Chord Progression** Blue eyes crying in the rain Time: 4/4 Key: 4 1 Part A 1 /4 1 When we kissed goodbye and parted 5 5 1 1 1 /4 1 5 5 I knew we'd never meet again Part B 4 4 4 1 1 5 Part B 1 1 5 4 Love is like a dying ember Solo over Part A Note that the split measure is played that the 4 chord only Only memories remain happens for one beat, the 4th beat of the measure. Through the ages I'll remember Blue eyes crying in the rain

Part C same chord progression as Part B

Someday when we meet up yonder

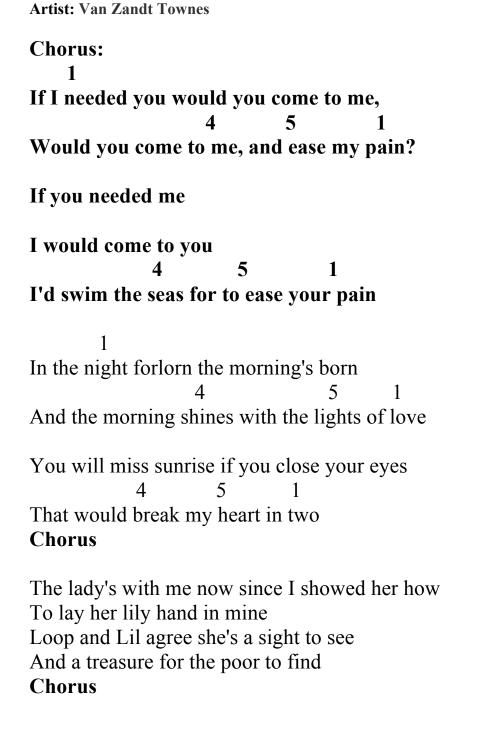
In the land that knows know parting

We'll stroll hand in hand again

Blue eyes crying in the rain

5

If I Needed You



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I Don't Care (Just As Long As You Love Me)

By: Buck Owens

1

Well, I don't care if the sun don't shine
I don't care if the bells don't chime

Just as long as you love me
I don't care if the tops don't spin
I don't care if the gins wont gin

Just as long as you love me

| | <u>Chord</u> | Progr | ression |
|-------|--------------|-------|---------|
| | Time: | 4/4 | Key: |
| Intro | Turnar | ound | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| V & | C & Sc | olos: | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | |

So darlin, Let it rain let it snow Let the cold north wind blow

J

Just as long as you love me North or south east or west You know I will stand the test

I

Just as long as you love me

| Num | ber Sy | <u>stem</u> | | |
|---------|--------|-------------|---|---|
| 1 (Key) | | 4 | 5 | |
| C | F | G | | |
| G | C | D | | 5 |
| D | Α | E | | |

Well I don't care if the birds don't sing I don't care if the bells don't ring Just as long as you love me I don't care if the world don't turn I don't care if the fire don't burn Just as long as you love me

Those Memories

Trio

Those memories of you still haunt me Every night when I lay down I'll always love you my little darlin' Until the day they lay me down

In dreams of you my body trembles
I wake up and I call your name
But your not there and I'm so lonesome
Without your love I'd go insane

I close my eyes and your there with me Your lips I feel your face I see It's not your lips now that drive me crazy It's just your haunting memories 4/4 time

| Vers | 20 | | |
|------|------|---|---|
| | | 1 | |
| 1 | 1 /7 | 1 | I |
| 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | |
| CHO | ORUS | | |
| 1 | 1 /7 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 |

Number System 1=key Chord Progression

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 C d e F G a b C G a b C D e f# G D e f# G A b c# D A b c# D E f# g# A

Steel Rails

Louisa Branscomb

Steel rails chasing sunshine round the bend Winding through the trees like a ribbon in the wind I don't mind not knowing what lies down the track I keep looking out ahead to keep my mind from turning back

It's not the first time I felt myself alone at dawn
If I really had you once then I'd have you when I'm gone
Whistle blowing, blowing lonesome in my mind
Calling me along that never ending metal vine

Sun is shining through the open boxcar door
Lying in my mind with the things I've known before
I've lost count of the hours, days and nights
Just the rhythm of the rails keeps the motion in my mind

Number System 1=key
Chord Progression
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
C d e F G a b C
G a b C D e f# G
D e f# G A b c# D
A b c# D E f# g# A

The Storms are On The Ocean

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1HXY4ICd-A Carter Family 1935 AP Carter, Mable Carter & Sarah Carter 1927

I'm going away to leave you love I'm a'going away for a while But I'll return to you sometime If I go ten thousand miles

The storms are on the ocean The heaven's may cease to be This world may lose it's motion love If I prove false to thee

Oh who will dress your pretty little feet Who will glove your hand Who will kiss your rosy red cheeks When I'm in a far off land

Papa will dress my pretty little feet Mamma will glove my hand You can kiss my rosy red cheeks When you return again

Have you seen those mournful doves Flying from pine to pine Their mourning for their own true loves Just like I mourn for mine

I'll never go back on the ocean love I'll never go back on the sea I'll never go back on the blue eyed girl Till she goes back on me

Verses 4 1 1 5 1 1 Chorus 1 4 *5 5 1 4 1 1 5 1 *original 1927 Carter family goes very fast 1 4 1 *another version goes * another version goes *However standard adaptation is

5

1

 $\frac{3}{4}$

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|----|--------------|--------------|----|------------|--------------|
| C | d | e | F | G | a | b | \mathbf{C} |
| G | a | b | \mathbf{C} | D | e | f# | G |
| D | e | f# | G | A | b | C# | D |
| A | b | C# | D | \mathbf{E} | f# | 2 # | Α |

Keep On the Sunny Side

Composed by: A.P. Carter

| 1 4 | 1 | Chord | l Progr | ession | |
|---|-----------|----------|---------------|-------------------------|--------|
| There's a dark and a troubled side of lif | e | _ | | | G or A |
| | 5 | Intro V | /erse F | orm | |
| There's a bright and a sunny side too | | VI 0- C | 0-0-1 | | |
| - | | ναC 1 | 2 & Solo 4 | 0S. 1 | 1 |
| Though you most with the derkness on | d atrifa | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Though you meet with the darkness and | a striie | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| The sunny side you also may view | | Choru | s: | | |
| | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| 1 | T | 1 | 1 1 / 5 | 4 | 1 |
| | | 1 / 4 | 1 / 3 | I | 1 |
| Keep on the sunny side always of | n the su | | | | |
| | 5 | | _ | <u>'orm</u> | |
| Keep on the sunny side of life | | | | ntro erse 1 | |
| 1 | | | | horus | |
| l | 2 | | | Solo | |
| 1 | | | V | erse 2 | |
| It will help us every day it will bright | ghten all | | | horus | |
| Λ 1 | 5 | | | Solo | |
| 7 1 | • | | | erse 3 h orus | |
| If we'll keep on the sunny side of | lite | | _ | Last lin | e |

Oh the storm and its fury raged today Crushing hope that we cherish so dear The cloud and storm will in time pass away The sun again will shine bright and clear

Let us greet with a song of hope each day Though the moment be cloudy or fair Let us trust in our Savior always To keep us every one in His care

Orphan Girl © Gillian Welch

| 1 | | 5 | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|
| I am an orphan o | n God's | s highw | ay | |
| | 1 | | | 4 |
| But I'll share my | trouble | es if you | ı'll go | my way |
| 1 | 5 | | 1 | 4 |
| I have no mother | , no fatl | her, no | sister | no brother |
| 1 5 | 1 | | | |
| I am an orphan | girl | | | |

I have had friendships pure and golden But the ties of kinship I have not known them I know no mother, no father, no sister no brother I am an orphan girl

Oh When he calls me I will be able To meet my family at God's table I'll meet my mother, my father, my sister, my brother No more an orphan girl

Blessed Savior, make me willing Be my family till I'm with them Be my no mother, no father, no sister no brother I am an orphan girl

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Once More

Once more to be with you dear

Just for tonight, to hold you tight

Once more I'd give a fortune

If I could see you once more

Forget (forget) the past (the past) this hurt can't last
Oh I don't want it to keep us apart

Your love (your love) I'll crave (I'll crave)

I'll be your slave if you'll just give me

All of your heart

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 C d e F G a b C G a b C D e f# G D e f# G A b c# D A b c# D E f# g# A

You Ain't Goin' Nowhere

Composed by: Bob Dylan

Whoo-ee Ride me high Tomorrow's the day My bride's gonna come Oh, oh, are we gonna fly Down in the easy chair!

I don't care how many letters they sent Morning came and morning went Pick up your money and pack up your tent You ain't goin' nowhere

Buy me a flute and a gun that shoots Tailgates and substitutes Strap yourself to the tree with roots You ain't goin' nowhere

Genghis Khan he could not keep All his kings supplied with sleep We'll climb that hill no matter how steep When we get up to it

| Tim The | ord Prop le: 4/4 whole chord p | song 1 | repeat | s s | 1 |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------|---|
| 1 | 2m | 4 | 1 | 4 | ŀ |
| majo which key, 1 2 D E | or scale ch chord and 1 i 2 3 2 3 2 m Am | to shods fall s the k | ow you in the key. | | |

I Still Miss Someone

1 4 5
At my door the leaves are falling
4 5 1
A cold wild wind will come
4 5
Sweethearts by together
4 5 1
And I still miss someone

Johnny Cash Key of G 90 bpm 4/4

I go out on a party
To look for a little fun
But I find a darkened corner
Because I still miss someone

Chorus:

4 5 1

Oh I never got over those blue eyes
4 5 1

I see them everywhere
4 5 1

I miss those arms that held me
4 5 1

When all the love was there

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I wonder if he's sorry For leaving what we've begun There's someone for me somewhere But I still miss someone

Chorus

Repeat first verse

A Beautiful Life

Stanley Brothers

Each day I'll do, a golden deed By helping those who are in need My life on Earth is but a span And so I'll do the best I can

Life's evening sun is sinking low A few more days and I must go To meet the deeds that I have done Where there will be no setting sun

To be a child of God each day Our light must shine along the way I'll shout and sing while the ages roll And try to lift some troubled soul

While going down life's dreary road I'll try to lift some traveler's load I'll try to turn the night to day Make flowers bloom along the way

| Vers | e | | |
|------|-------|---|---|
| 1 | 1 /4 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 / 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Cho | rus | | |
| 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 / 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 |

Providence Ferry

Joe Charron

Oh yes and I'll be ready when they call my number I'm gonna get a One way ticket on the Providence Ferry Gonna carry me home and I'm going to let it Oooo

Set one down it's an ancient rhythm

Better listen to the music and the name your given

Jo was a carpenter that's for certain

Going to sing that tune till they bring down the curtain

Rock my soul out on the water Safe in the bosom of the ocean's daughter Rope and canvas, oak and pine Gonna carry me over to the other side

One Voice - Wailin' Jennys

6m / 5 1 1 X2

6m 5 1

This is the sound of one voice

1 4 1

One spirit one voice
1 4 1 5

The sound of one who makes a choice
6m 4 1 5

This is the sound of one voice
6m 4 1

This is the sound of one voice

This is the sound of voices two
The sound of me a' singing with you
Up early child to make it through
This is the sound of voices two
This is the sound of voices two

This is the sound of voices three Singing together in harmony Surrendering to the mystery This the sound of voices three This is the sound of voices three

This is the sound of all of us
Singing with love and the will to trust
Leave the rest behind it will turn to dust
This is the sound of all of us
This is the sound of all of us

This is the sound of one voice One people one voice A song for every one of us This is the sound of one voice This is the sound of one voice Key of D

Counting the measures is a little different for this song than others.

The way I manage to stay with it is by counting in 4/4 time but the 5 chord in the first line and maybe other places only has the value of half a measure.

Using the Number System

Key = 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 **D** G A bm

If you don't want to play bm Capo 2 and play out of the C shape

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 **C** F G am

Paradise

John Prine

When I was a child my family would travel Down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born There's a backwards old town that's often remembered So many times that my memories are worn

Well Sometimes we'd travel right down the green river To the abandoned old prison down by Adrie Hill Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols But empty pop bottles was all we would kill

Then the coal company came with the worlds largest shovel And they torchered the timber and stripped all the land They dug for that coal till the land was forsaken Then wrote it all down as the progress of man

When I die let my ashes flow down the green river Let my soul roll on up to the Rochester damn I'll be half way to heaven with paradise waiting Just 5 miles away from where ever I am

(1) Chorus only

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
C d e F G a b C
G a b C D e f# G
D e f# G A b c# D
A b c# D E f# g# A
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Seven Bridges Road

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D
There are stars
In the southern sky
D C G D
Southward as you go
D C
There is moonlight
G D
And moss in the trees
          C G D
Down the seven bridges road
D C G D
Now I have loved you like a baby
D C G D
Like some lonesome child
        C G D
And I have loved you in a tame way
D C G D
And I have loved you wild
Sometimes there's a part of me
Has to turn form here and go
Running like a child from these warm stars
                G D
Down the seven bridges road
(NOT PLAYED ... BUT CHORDS ARE THE SAME AS THE FISRT VERSE)
There are stars in the southern sky
And if ever you decide
You should go
There is a taste of time sweetened honey
Down the seven bridges road
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Where The Soul of Man Never Dies

To Canaan's land, I'm on my way, Where the soul of man never dies. My darkest night will turn to day, Where the soul of man never dies.

No sad farewells. (Dear friends there'll be no sad farewells.) No tear dimmed eyes (There'll be no tear dimmed eyes.) Where all is love, (Where all is peace and joy and love.) And the soul never dies. (And the soul of man never dies.)

The rose is blooming there for me, Where the soul of man never dies. And I will spend eternity, Where the soul of man never dies.

Chorus

The love light beams across the foam, Where the soul of man never dies. It shines and lights the way to home, Where the soul of man never dies.

| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|-----|---|---|---|
| 1 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 |

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
C d e F G a b C
G a b C D e f# G
D e f# G A b c# D
A b c# D E f# g# A
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I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry - waltz

1

Hear that lonesome whippoorwill

17

He sounds too blue to fly

4

1

The midnight train is whining low

I'm so lonesome I could cry

I've never seen a night so long
When time goes crawling by
The moon just went behind the clouds
To hide its face and cry

Did you ever see a robin weep When leaves begin to die That mean's he's lost his will to live I'm so lonesome I could cry

The silence of a falling star Lights up a purple sky And as I wonder where you are I'm so lonesome I could cry

Number System 1=key
Chord Progression
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
C d e F G a b C
G a b C D e f# G
D e f# G A b c# D
A b c# D E f# g# A

SITTIN' ALONE IN THE MOONLIGHT

Written by Bill Monroe

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfRLn2ubakQ Bill Monroe 1956

| | 3/4 | | | | |
|--|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| G F# G G7 | | | | | |
| Sittin' alone in the moonlight, | 1 7 | | | | |
| C D G | 4 5 1 7 | | | | |
| Thinking of the days gone by. | 4 5 | | | | |
| G F# G G7 | Chorus | | | | |
| Wondering about my darling, | 4 5 | | | | |
| | 4 5 | | | | |
| C D G | 4 5 4 5 4 5 | | | | |
| I can still hear her say goodbye. | 4 5 | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Chorus: | | | | | |
| C D G | | | | | |
| Oh the moon grows pale as I sit here, | | | | | |
| \mathbf{C} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{G} | | | | | |
| Each little star seems to whisper and say. | | | | | |
| \mathbf{C} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{G} | | | | | |
| Your sweetheart has found another, | | | | | |
| C D G | | | | | |
| And now she's far, far away. | | | | | |

 Number System 1=key

 Chord Progression

 1
 2
 3
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 8

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 F
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 b
 C

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 C
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 f#
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 G
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