

LESSON 7 – FIRST RIFFS & SIMPLE SONGS

Title: Luc Taylor Music School – Lesson 7

Subtitle: Putting It Together with Riffs and Song Fragments

Overview

In this lesson you will:

- Learn what a riff is
 - Play a simple single-string riff from TAB
 - Combine riffs and chords in a musical way
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What Is a Riff?

A riff is a short, memorable musical idea that repeats.

Riffs are found in rock, blues, pop, metal – almost every style.

Single-String Riff Example

TAB:

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E|-----  
B|-----  
G|-----  
D|-----  
A|--0--0--2--0--3-  
E|-----
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- Practice this slowly.
 - Use all downstrokes at first.
 - Listen for even timing between notes.
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Two-Chord Song Fragment

Try using just Em and G:

1. Strum Em for 4 beats.
 2. Switch to G for 4 beats.
 3. Repeat.
 4. Once comfortable, try adding the riff between chord sections.
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Combining Riff and Chords

Example flow:

- Play the riff 2 times
- Strum Em → G → Em → G
- Repeat the whole thing

You now have the building blocks of a simple “song form”: riff + chords.

Practice Goals for Lesson 7

- Play at least one simple single-string riff from TAB.
- Switch between a riff and chords without totally losing the beat.
- Start to feel how riffs and chord progressions can fit together.