

Rootless Voicings

ii9-V13-Imaj9

Major Keys

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Piano

Measures 1-4: Dm9, G13, CMaj7, Ebm9, Ab13, DbMaj7

The first system of music shows measures 1 through 4. The key signature is C major. The chords are: Dm9 (measures 1-2), G13 (measure 2), CMaj7 (measures 3-4), Ebm9 (measures 5-6), Ab13 (measure 6), and DbMaj7 (measures 7-8). The piano part features a bass line with quarter notes and a treble part with complex voicings.

Measures 5-8: Em9, A13, DMaj7, Fm9, Bb13, EbMaj7

The second system of music shows measures 5 through 8. The key signature changes to E major. The chords are: Em9 (measures 9-10), A13 (measure 10), DMaj7 (measures 11-12), Fm9 (measures 13-14), Bb13 (measure 14), and EbMaj7 (measures 15-16). The piano part continues with similar voicing patterns.

Measures 9-12: F#m9, B13, EMaj7, Gm9, C13, FMaj7

The third system of music shows measures 9 through 12. The key signature changes to F# major. The chords are: F#m9 (measures 17-18), B13 (measure 18), EMaj7 (measures 19-20), Gm9 (measures 21-22), C13 (measure 22), and FMaj7 (measures 23-24). The piano part continues with similar voicing patterns.

Measures 13-16: Abm7, Db13, GbMaj7, Am7, D13, GMaj7

The fourth system of music shows measures 13 through 16. The key signature changes to A minor. The chords are: Abm7 (measures 25-26), Db13 (measure 26), GbMaj7 (measures 27-28), Am7 (measures 29-30), D13 (measure 30), and GMaj7 (measures 31-32). The piano part continues with similar voicing patterns.

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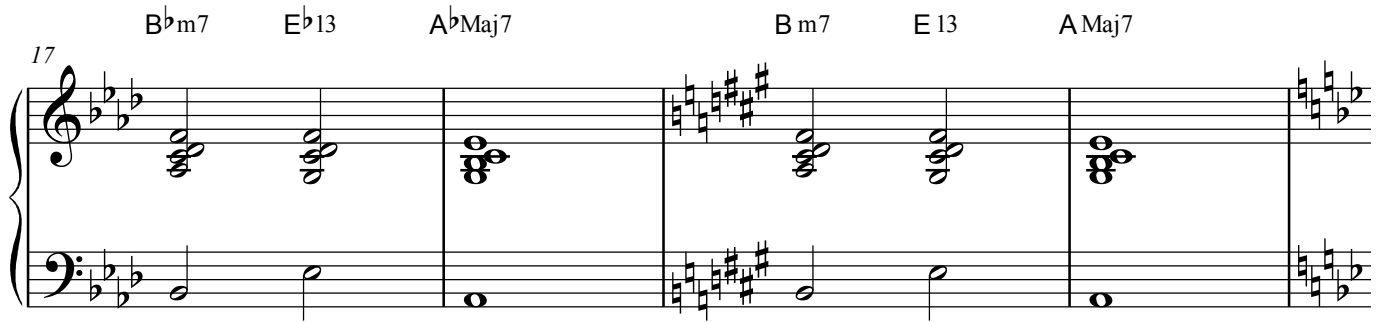
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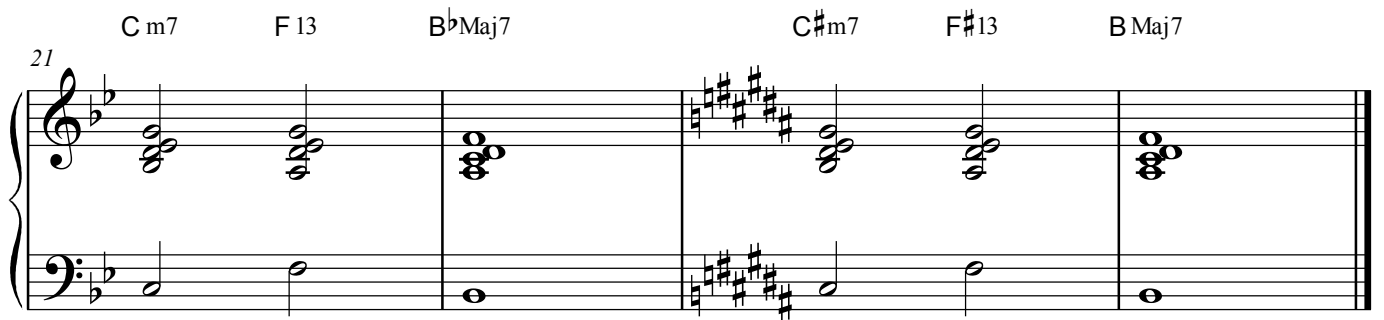
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B \flat m7 E \flat 13 A \flat Maj7 B m7 E 13 A Maj7



C m7 F 13 B \flat Maj7 C \sharp m7 F \sharp 13 B Maj7



Practice as shown first, then memorise the treble clef chords in the left hand, let the bass player perform the roots. These voicings are typical of pianist Bill Evans. See Youtube.com

When using these voicings with a fake book transpose the RH melody an octave higher. For best results these chords only sound good around the middle C area of the piano.

Other rootless voicing systems are available.

Cheers,
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