Charlie Parker Tune Book

Transcriptions by Fred Parcells

I would like to thank Alex Adrian and all my friends at the Eastman School of Music for the inspiration to start this project. I am especially grateful to Joe Salzano in Rochester, NY, who first motivated me to study Bird.

I am also indebted to Ran Blake, chairman of the Third Stream Department at the New England Conservatory for his teaching. I used his method to put this book together. First, I memorized the music from the various recordings and then learned to play the songs on my instrument, the trombone. Finally, I transcribed from memory exactly what I had learned, correcting my mistakes against the recordings.

To check the work, I used two sources: 1) Charlie Parker Ommibook by

Jamie Abersold and Ken Slone (Atlantic Music Corp., 1978) and 2) Charlie

Parker: Techniques of Improvisation by Thomas Owens (Doctoral Dissertation,

University of California, L.A., 1974).

In closing, this book is dedicated to the genius of Charlie Parker.

To my knowledge, this collection is the best available representation of the melodies and chords of Bird. In essence, this book is my attempt to write down the music of Charlie Parker with the same excellence with which he played.

Enjoy.

Fred Parcells, Transcriber August 2, 1979

BIRD TUNES

AH LEU CHA

CHARLIE'S WIG

CHASIN' THE BIRD

MARMADUKE

MEANDERING

CHERYL AN OSCAR FOR TREADWELL CHI CHI ANOTHER HAIR DO CONFIRMATION ANTHROPOLOGY (Thriving on a Riff) CONSTELLATION AU PRIVAVE BACK HOME BLUES COOL BLUES BALLADE COSMIC RAYS CRAZEOLOGY BARBADOS DEWEY SQUARE BIG FOOT (Drifting on a Reed) (Air Conditioning) DEXTERITY BILLIES' BOUNCE DONNA LEE BIRD, THE HAPPY BIRD BLUES BIRD FEATHERS HOME COOKIN' II BIRD GETS THE WORM HOME COOKIN' III BIRD OF PARADISE HYMN, THE BIRDS NEST JUMPIN' BLUES, THE BLOOMDIDO K. C. BLUES BLUE BIRD KIM BLUES (fast) KLACTOVEEDSEDSTENE BLUES FOR ALICE KLAUNSTANCE BONGO BEEP ко ко BONGO BOP LAIRD BAIRD BUZZY LEAP FROG CARDBOARD LITTLE WILLIE LEAPS CELEBRITY (Celerity)

BIRD TUNES (2)

	MOHAWK
	MOOSE THE MOOCH
	MY LITTLE SUEDE SHOES
	NOW'S THE TIME
	ORNITHOLOGY
	PARKER'S MOOD
	PASSPORT
	PERHAPS
	QUASIMADO
	RED CROSS
	RELAXIN' WITH LEE
	RELAXIN' AT CAMARILLO
	SCRAPPLE
	SEGMENT (Diverse)
	SHAW NUFF
	SHE ROTE
	SI SI
	STEEPLE CHASE
	STREET BEAT, THE (Rifftide)
	VISA
	WARMIN' UP A RIFF
•	YARDBIRD SUITE

MERRY GO ROUND

BIRD TUNES by Form and Key

F BLUES

AU PRIVAVE

BARBADOS

BILLIE'S BOUNCE

BLUES FOR ALICE

THE JUMPIN'BLUES

NOW'S THE TIME

SI SI

F "I GOT RHYTHM"

AH LEU CHA

CHASIN' THE BIRD

LEAP FROG

SCRAPPLE

F OTHER

BALLADE

"I GOT IT BAD" AABA

CONFIRMATION

AABA

KLAUNSTANCE

"THE WAY YOU LOOK TONIGHT"

LITTLE WILLIE LEAPS

"ALL GOD'S CHILDREN GOT RHYTHM"

MARMADUKE

"HONEYSUCKLE ROSE"

Bb BLUES

ANOTHER HAIR DO

BIG FOOT

BIRD FEATHERS

BLOOMIDO

BLUES (fast)

BUZZY

THE HYMN

LAIRD BAIRD

MOHAWK

PARKERS MOOD

Bb "I GOT RHYTHM"

ANTHROPOLOGY

BIRDS NEST

(Different 'B' section)

CELEBRITY

CRAZEOLOGY

DEXTERITY

KIM

KLACTOVEEDSEDSTENE

MERRY GO ROUND

(HONEYSUCKLE ROSE 'B')

MOOSE THE MOOCHE

PASSPORT

RED CROSS

SHAW NUFF

STEEPLE CHASE

BIRD TUNES by Form and Key (2)

 $\mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{b}}$ "CHEROKEE" С OTHER HOME COOKIN' II THE BIRD C MINOR ABCA KO KO CARDBOARD WARMIN' UP A RIFF ABAC YARDBIRD SUITE $_{\rm B}^{\rm b}$ OTHER AABA Εp CHARLIE'S WIG BLUES "WHEN I GET TOO OLD TO DREAM" BLUE BIRD SEGMENT Bb MINOR AABA Ep "I GOT RHYTHM" SHE ROTE ABAC DEWEY SQUARE HOME COOKIN' III C BLUES MY LITTLE SUEDE SHOES BACK HOME BLUES $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{p}}$ "EMBRACEABLE YOU" BONGO BEEP BONGO BOP MEANDERING CHERYL QUASIMADO COOL BLUES Αb BLUES COSMIC RAYS CHI CHI HAPPY BIRD BLUES Ab K.C. BLUES "I GOT RHYTHM" PERHAPS THE STREET BEAT Αb RELAXIN' AT CAMARILLO **OTHER VISA** BIRD GETS THE WORM "LOVER COME BACK TO ME"

BIRD OF PARADISE

DONNA LEE

"INDIANA"

"ALL THE THINGS YOU ARE"

C

"I GOT RHYTHM"

CONSTELLATION

AN OSCAR FOR TREADWELL

"HONEYSUCKLE ROSE 'B'"

BIRD TUNES by Form and Key (3)

D^b OTHER

RELAXIN' WITH LEE "STOMPIN AT THE SAVOY"

G OTHER

ORNITHOLOGY
"HOW HIGH THE MOON"

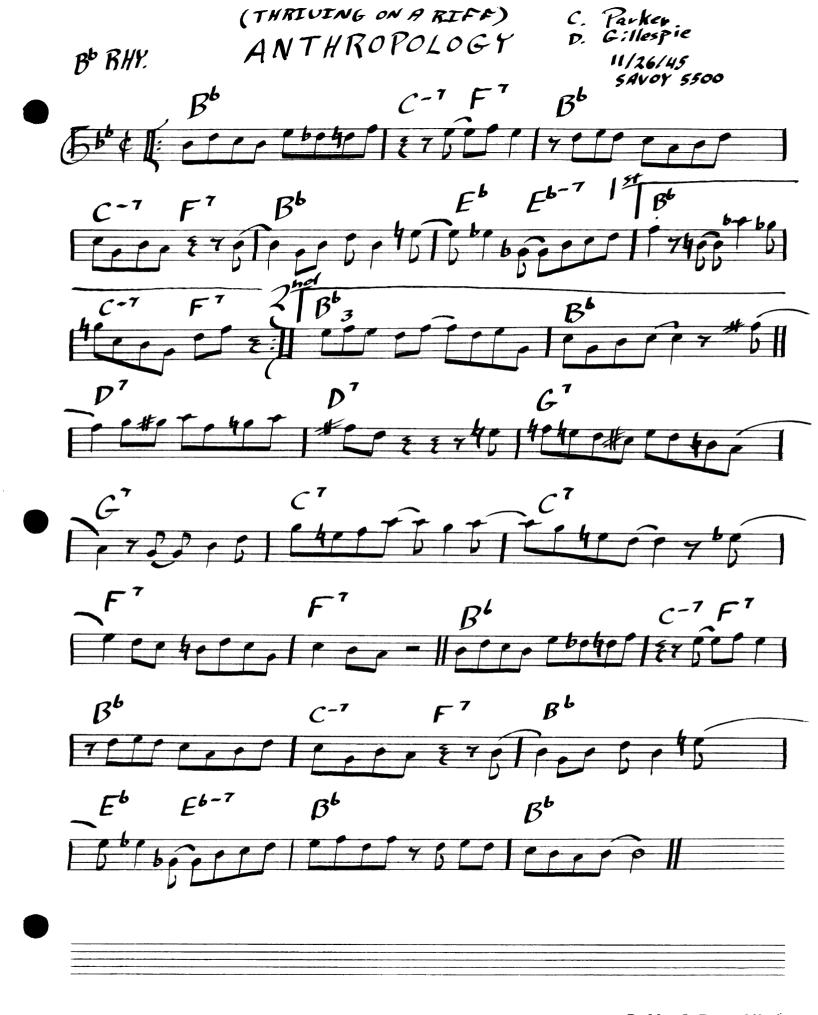
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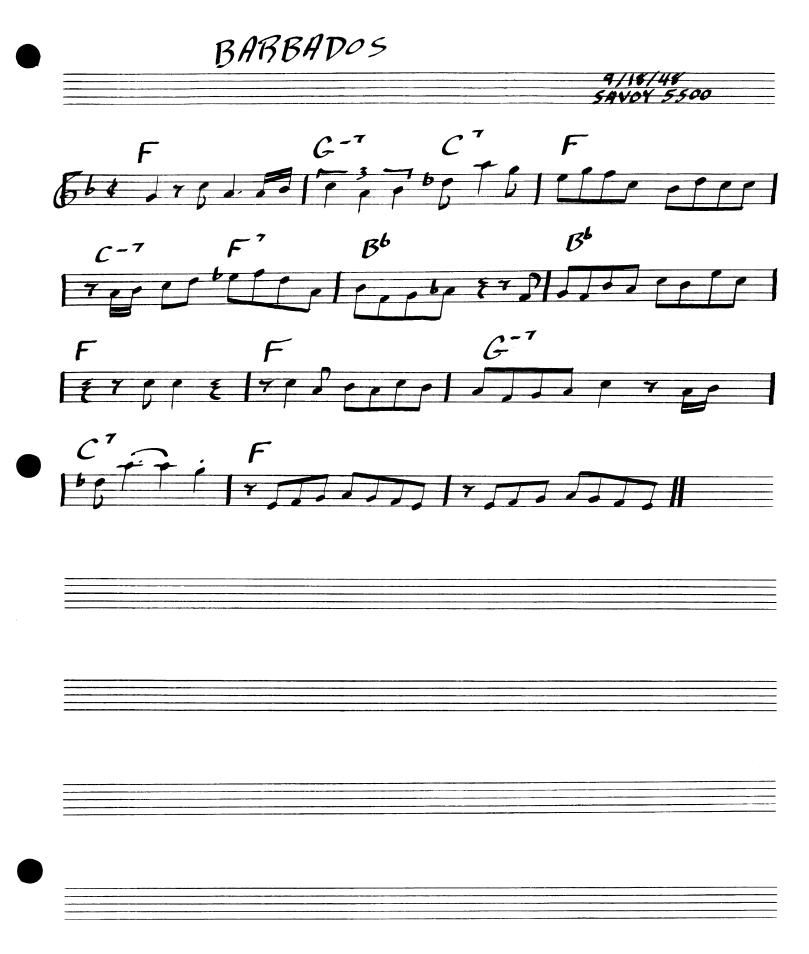
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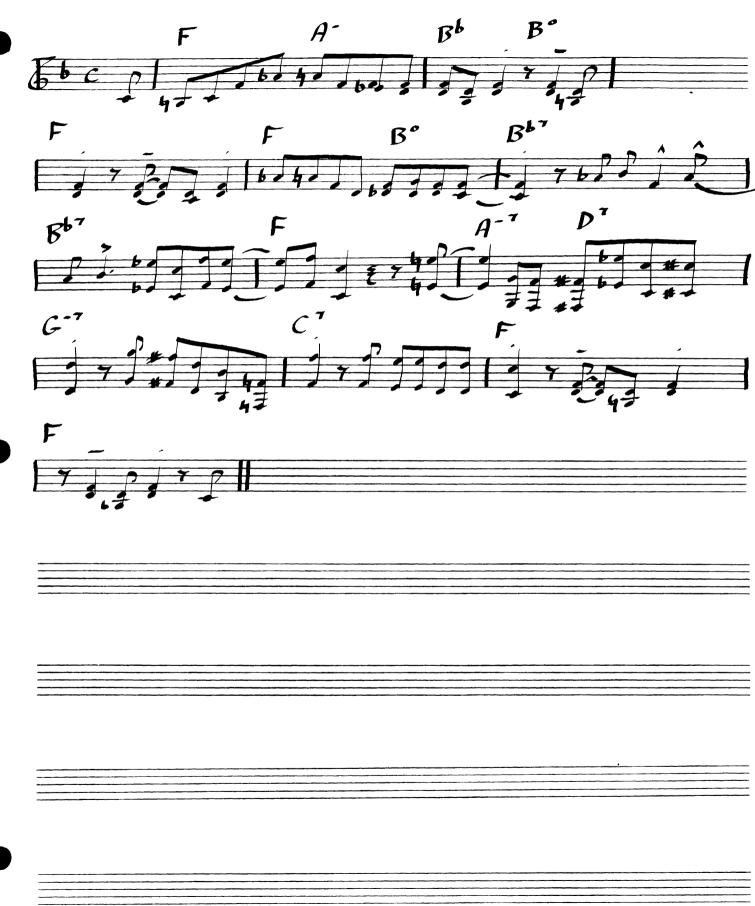


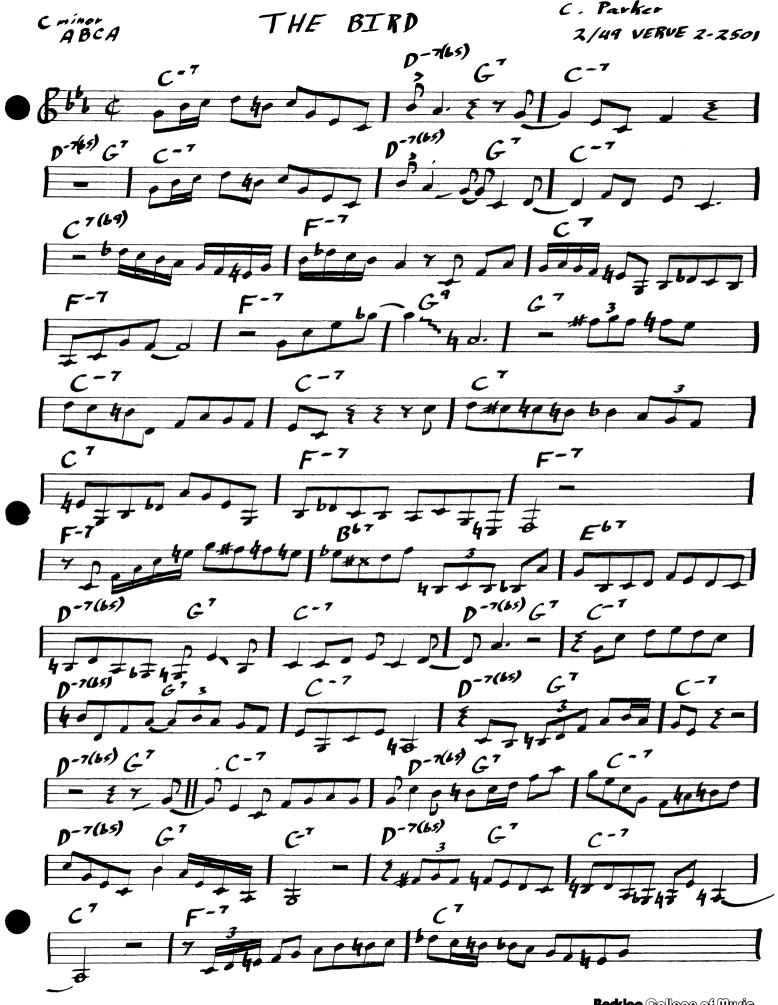


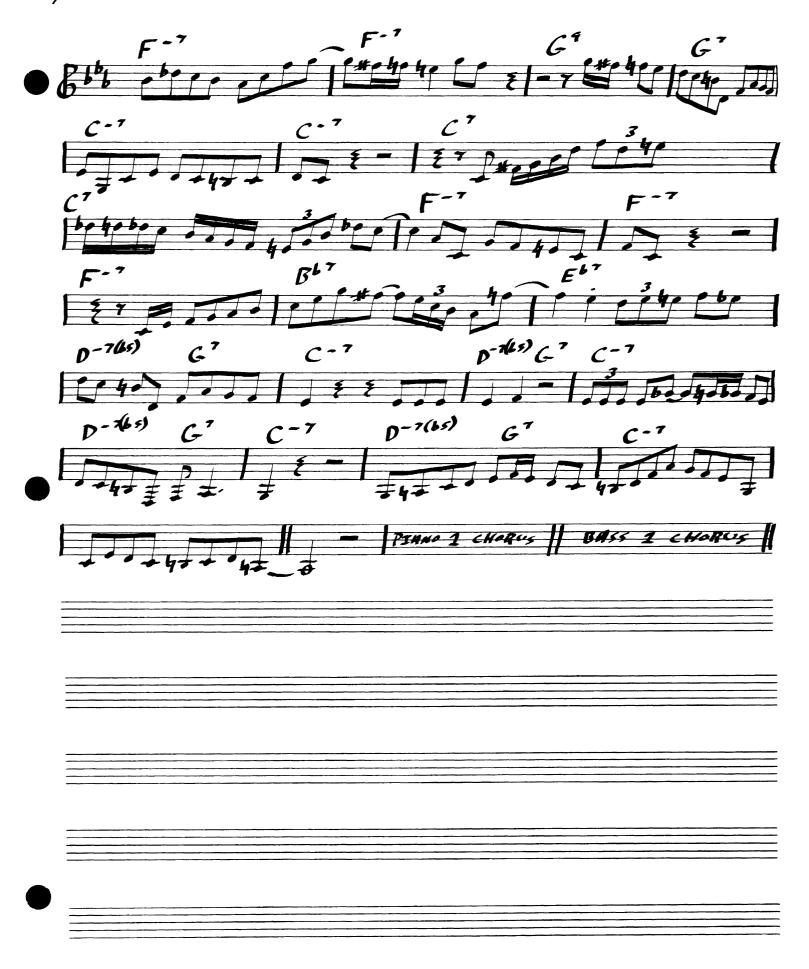


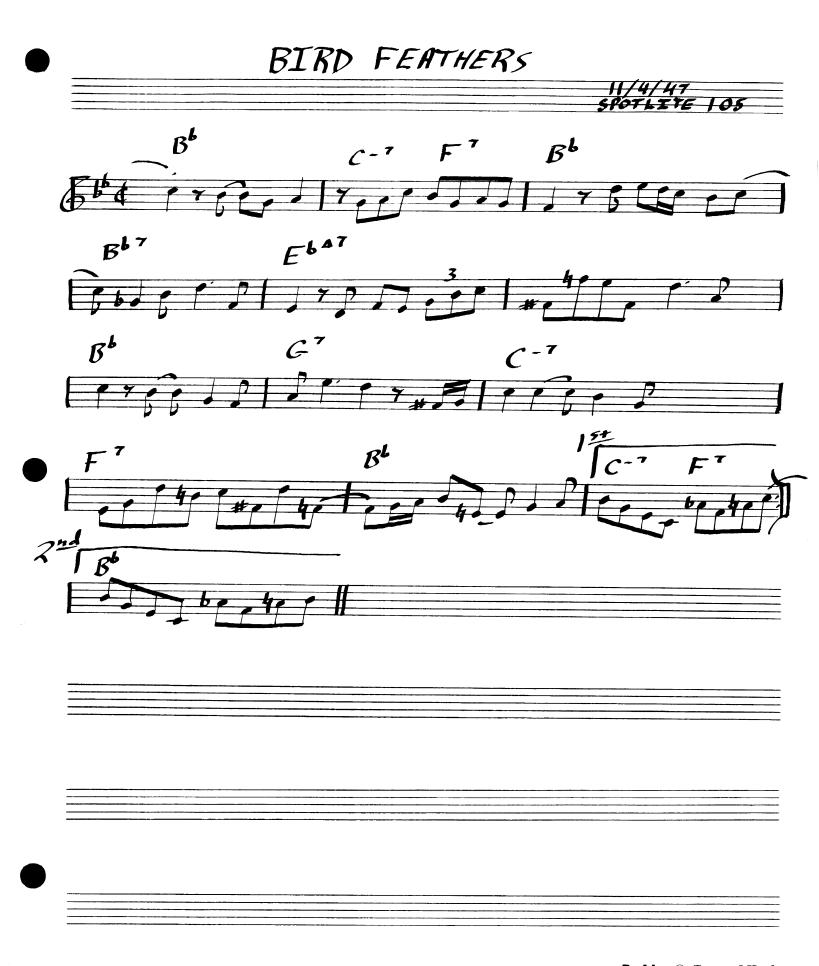
BACK HOME BLUES











BIRD GETS THE WORM



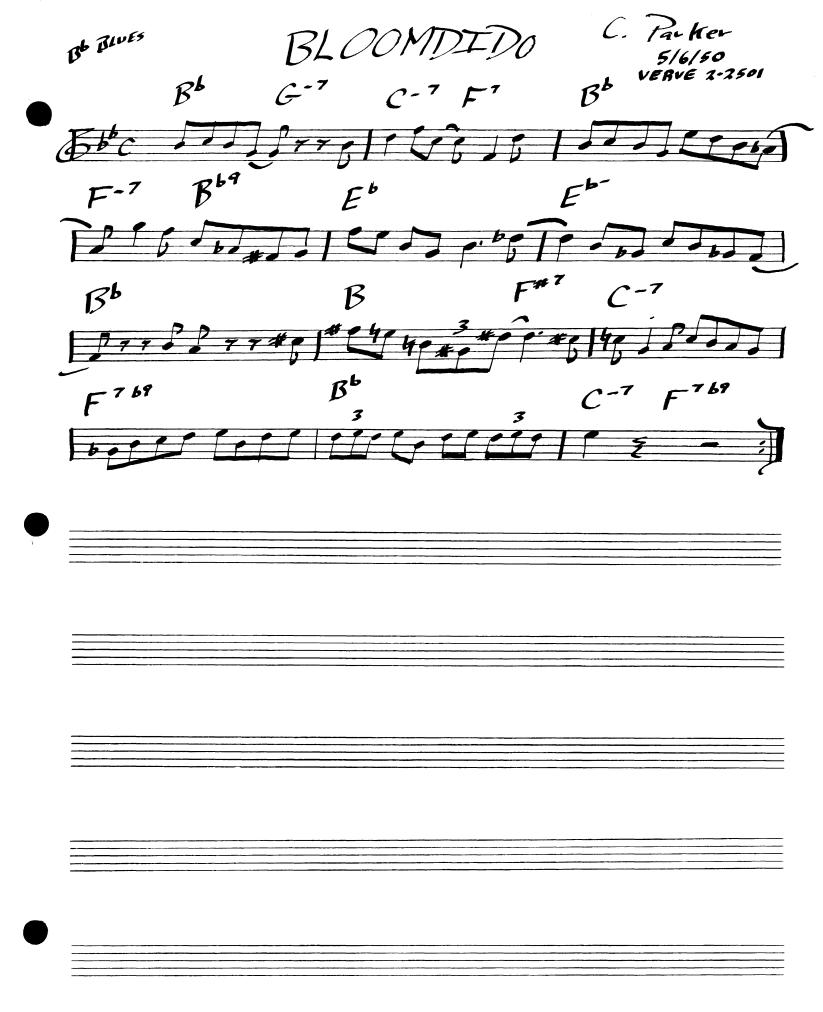


C. Parker BIRD OF PARADISE Ab "All the Things You Are" 10/28/48 SPOTLITE 104 Db - 7 C 7 (#9) A1+0 4ax D⁶⁻⁷ 0 C 7(#9) SOLO ON "All THE THINKS YOU ARE" 0 Berklee Ollogo of Murio 1140 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS 02215 Bb RHY. w/different 'B'

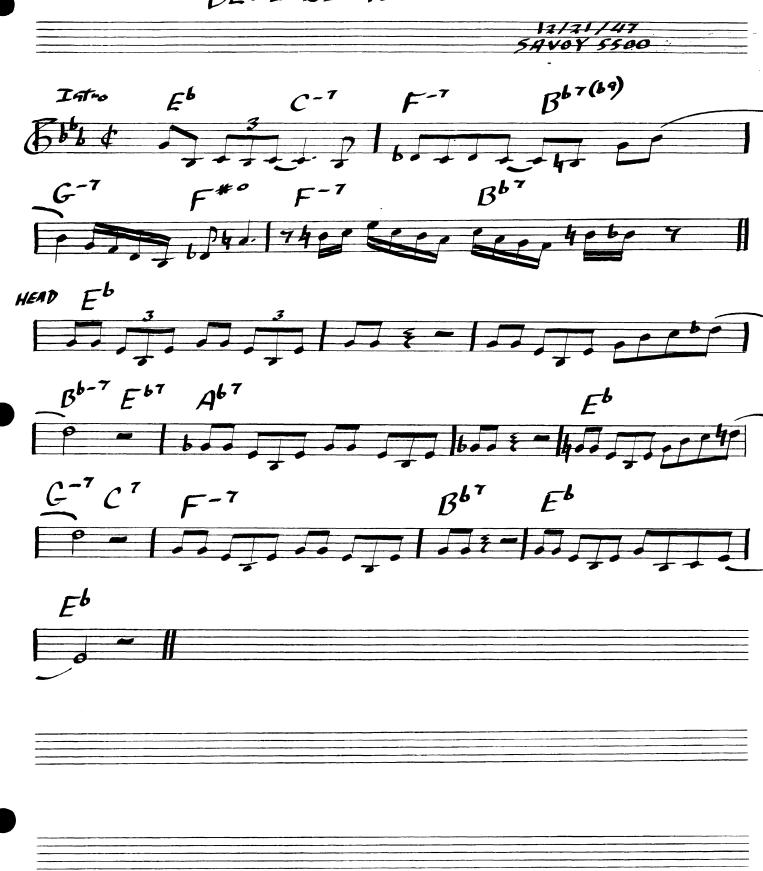
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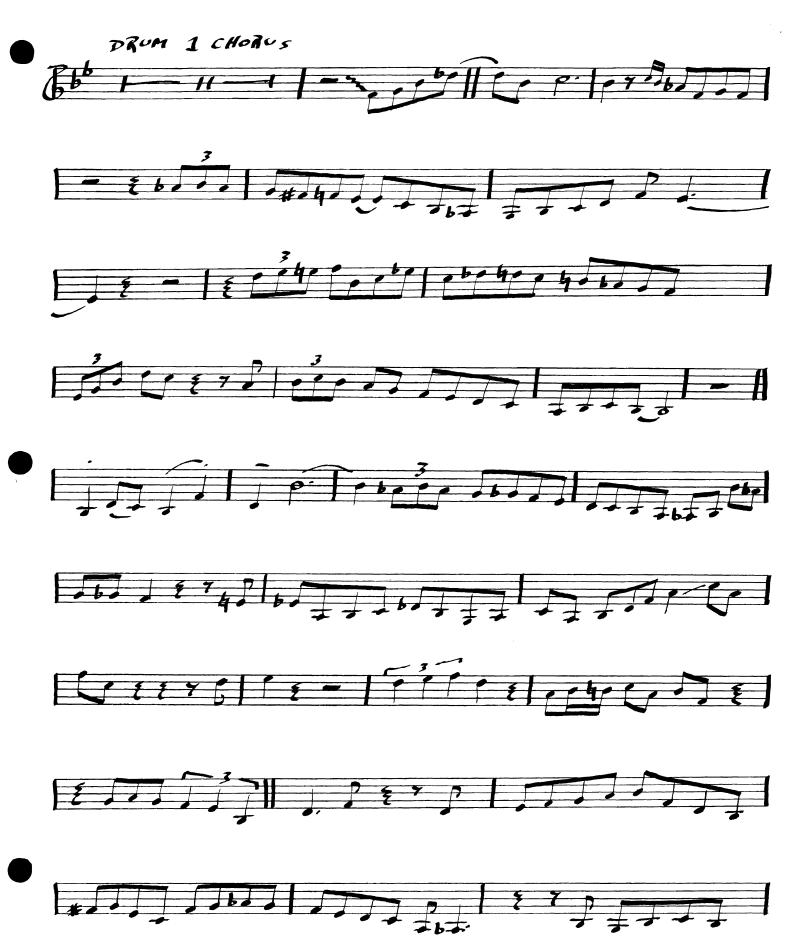




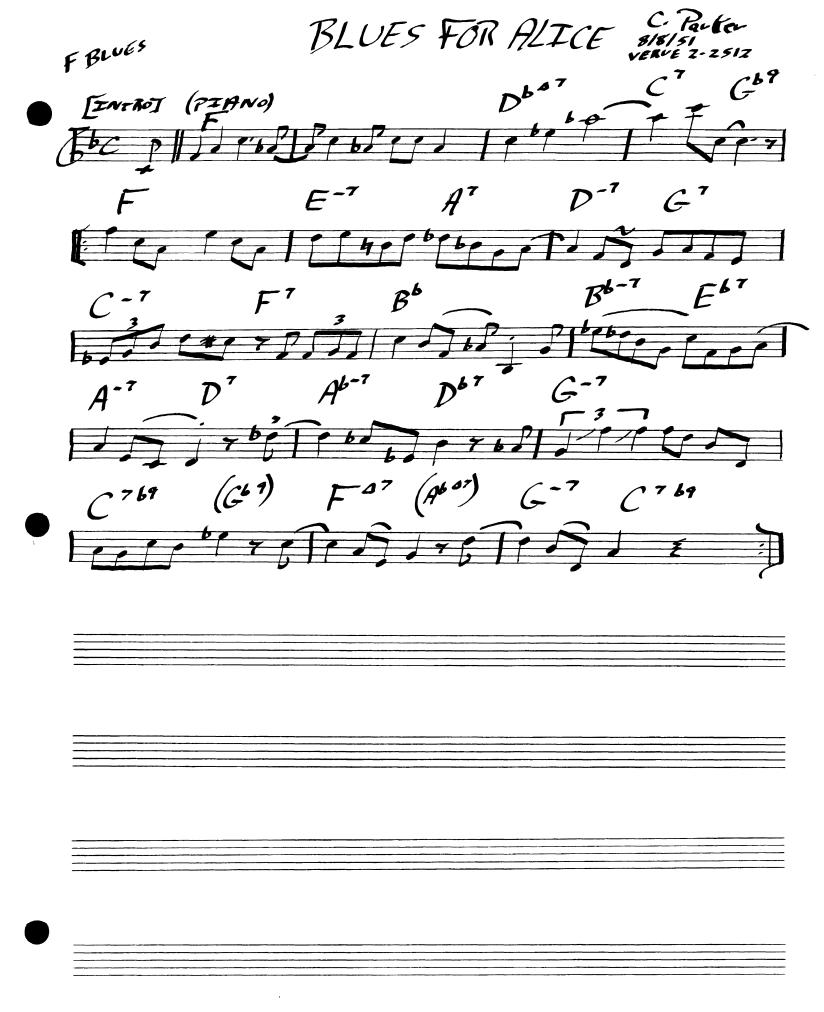


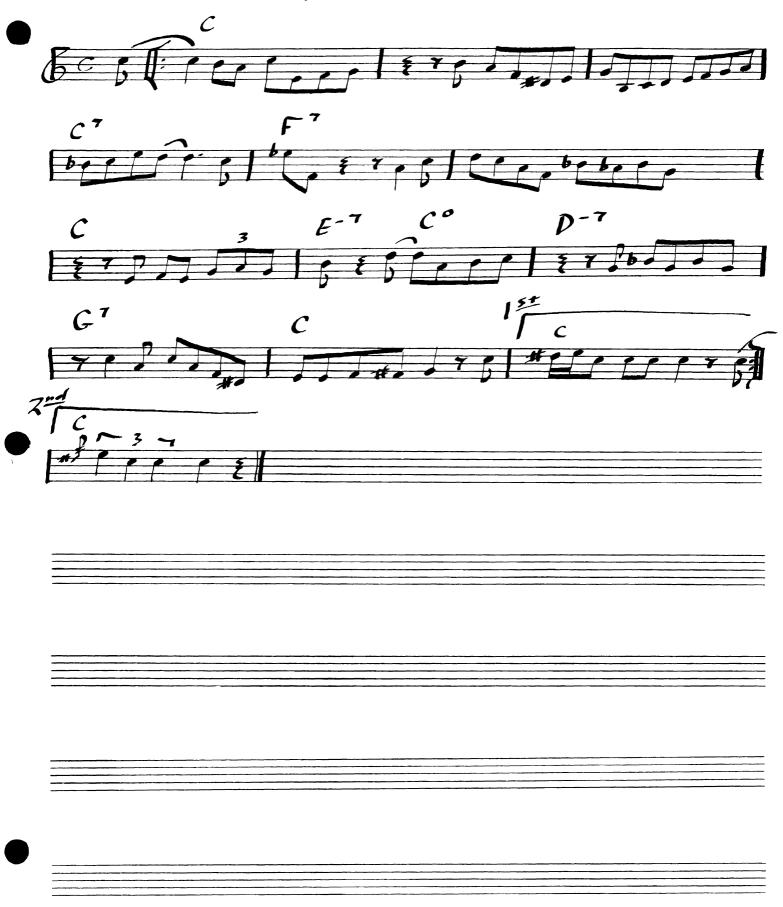






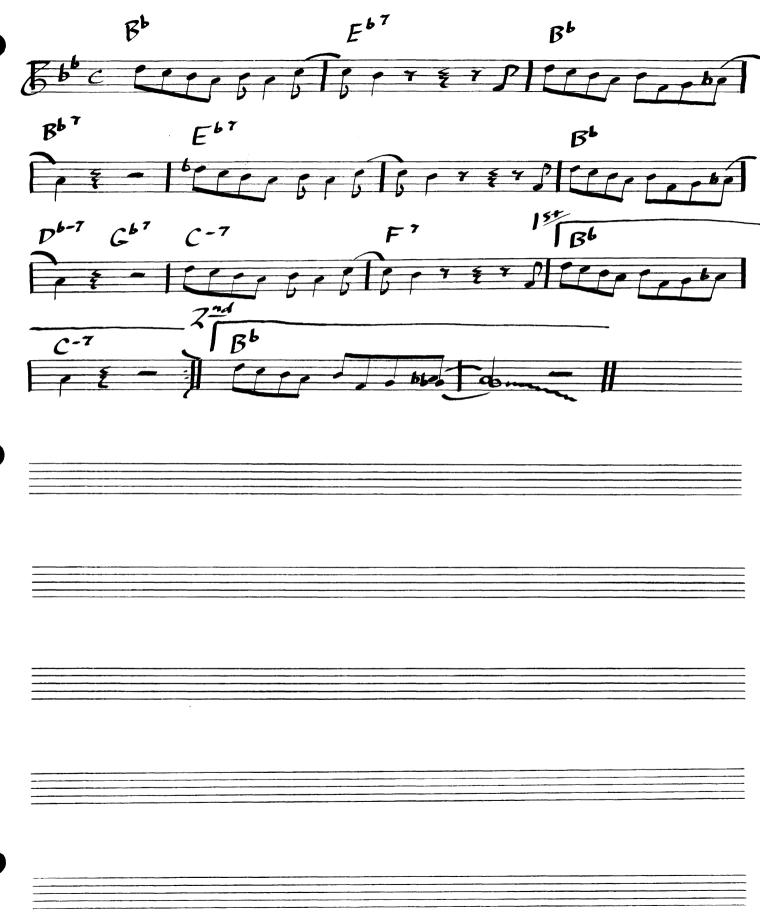


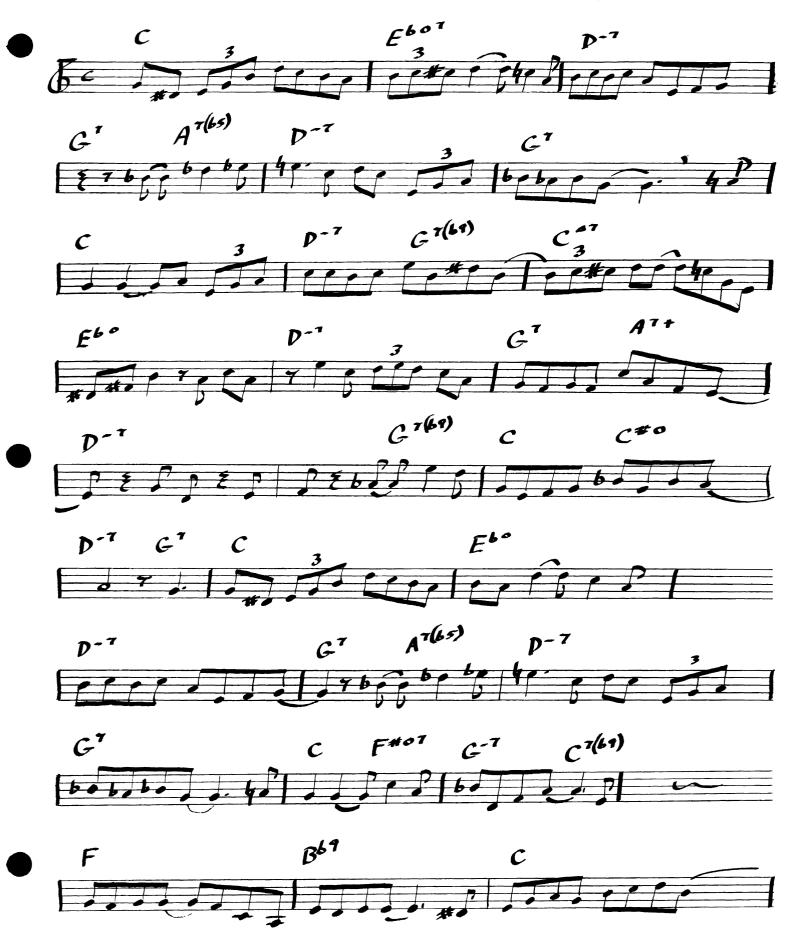


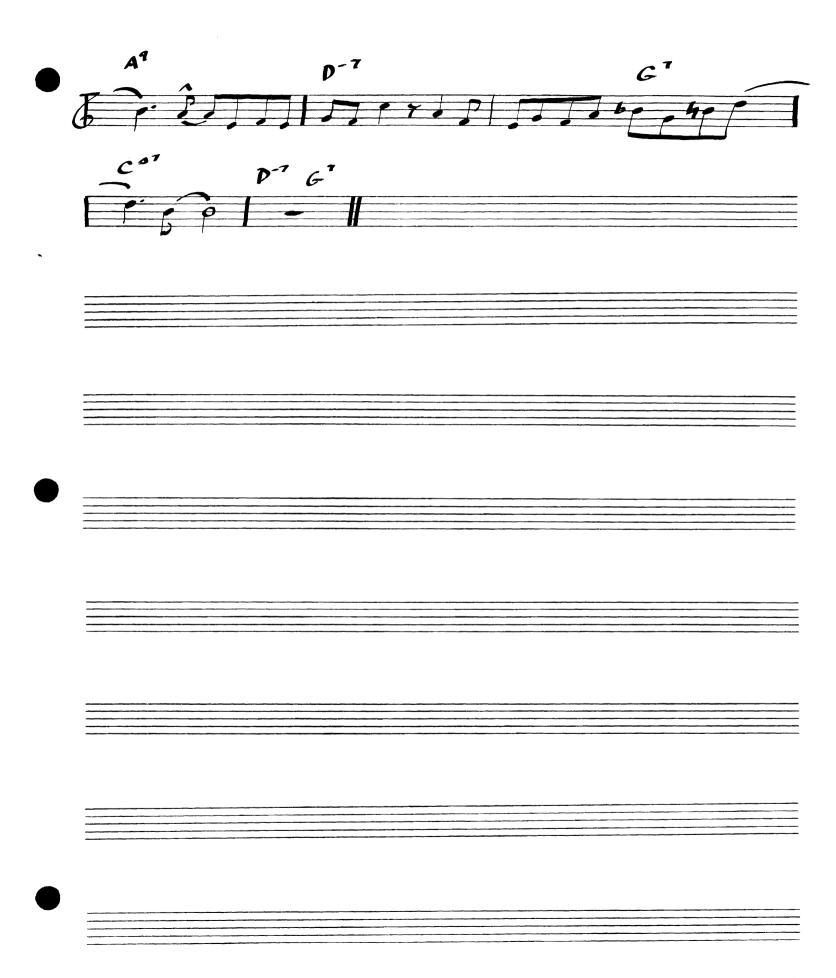


BONGO BOP











CELEBRITY (COND'T)

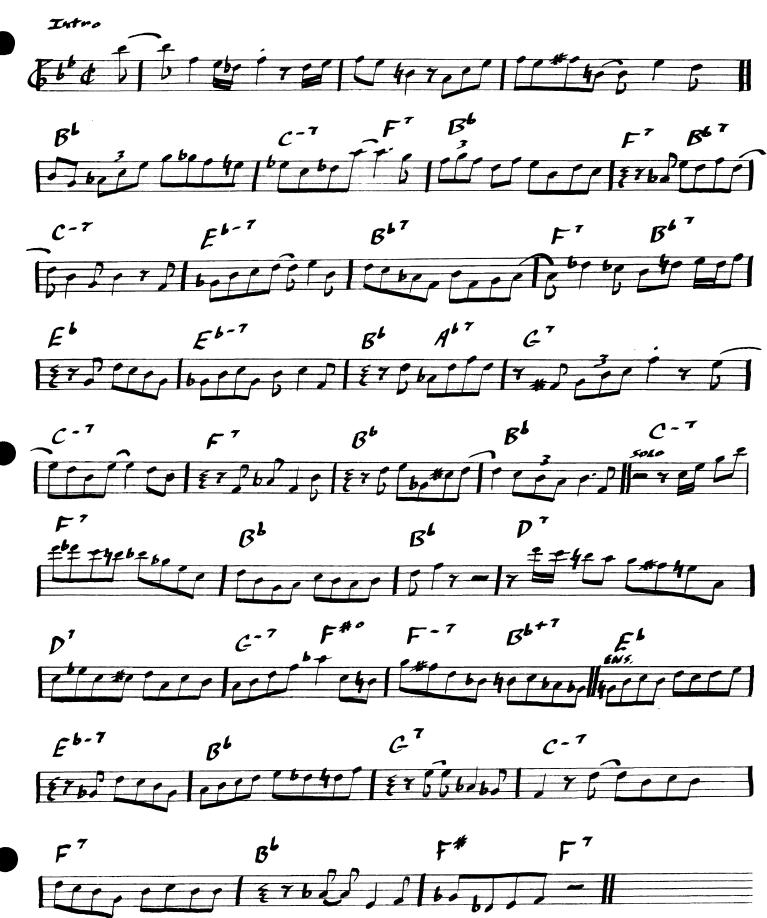


Bb "When I Get Too CHARLIE'S WIG

Old To Dream" CHARLIE'S WIG

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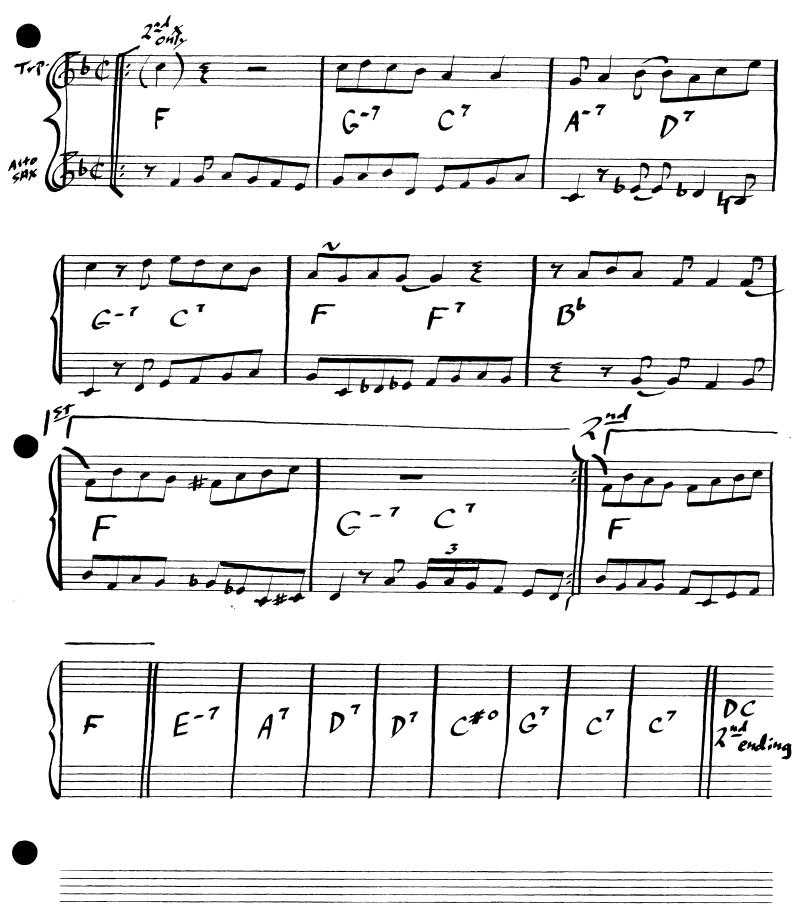
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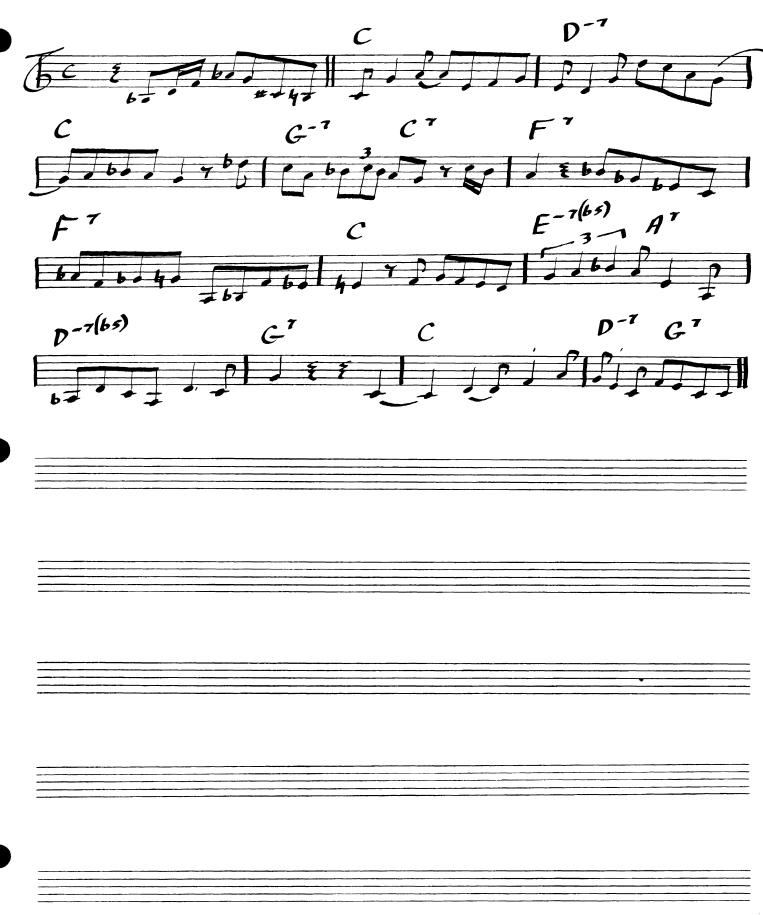


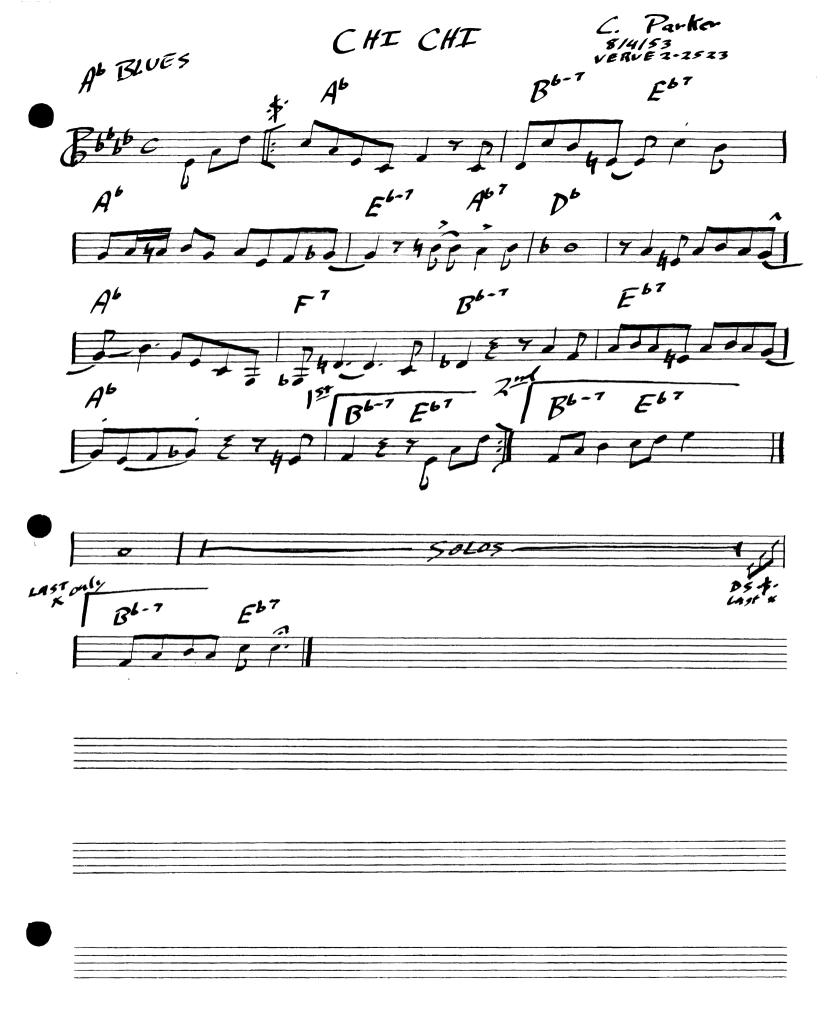
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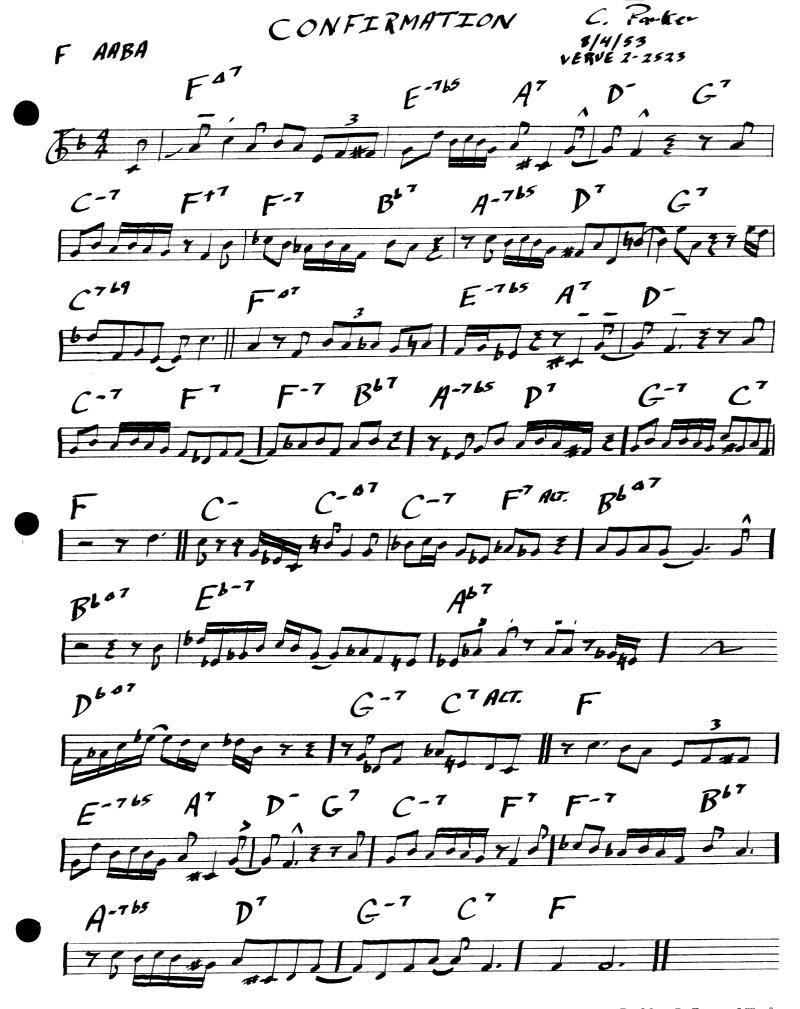
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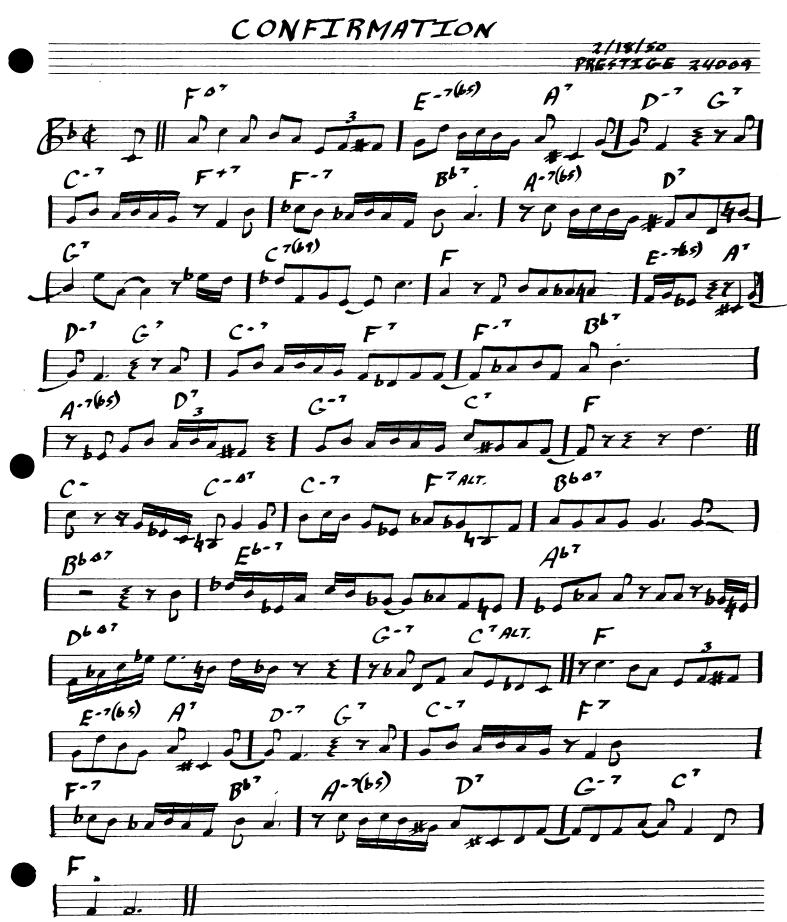
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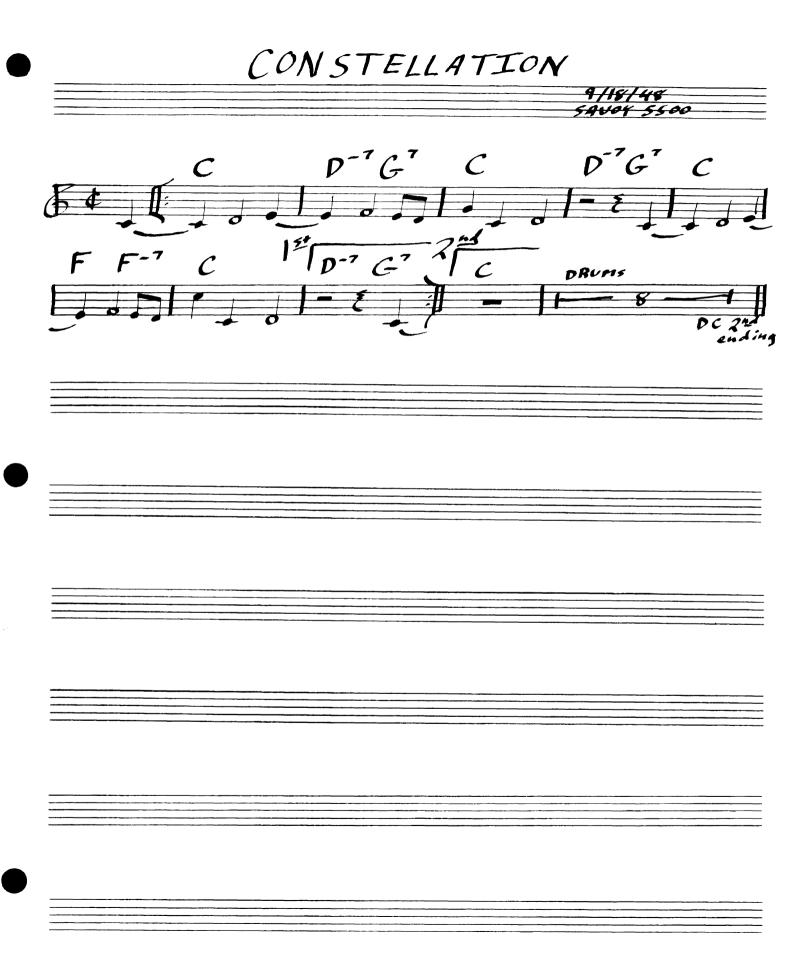




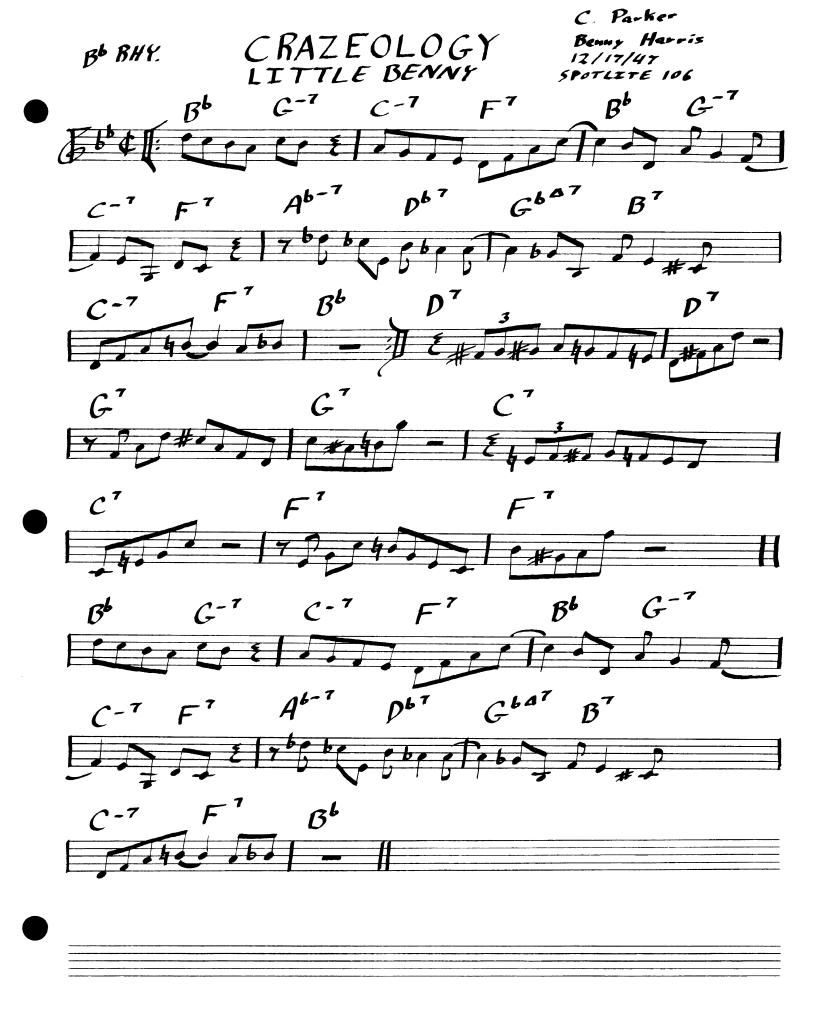


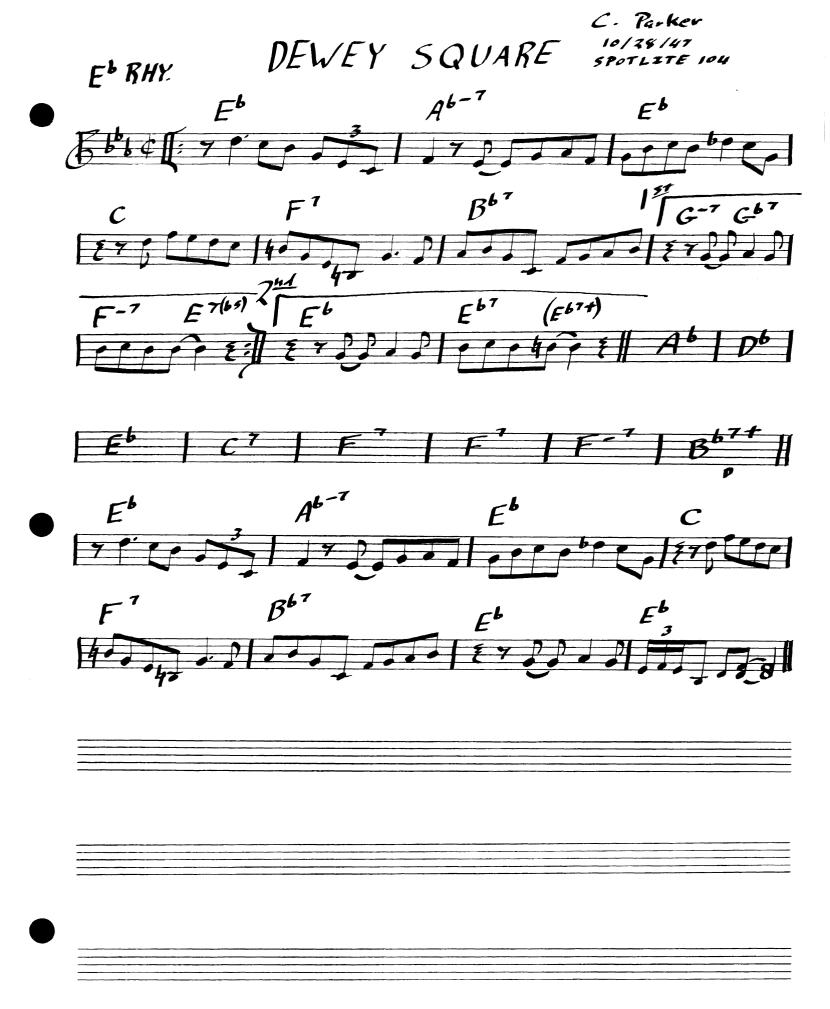


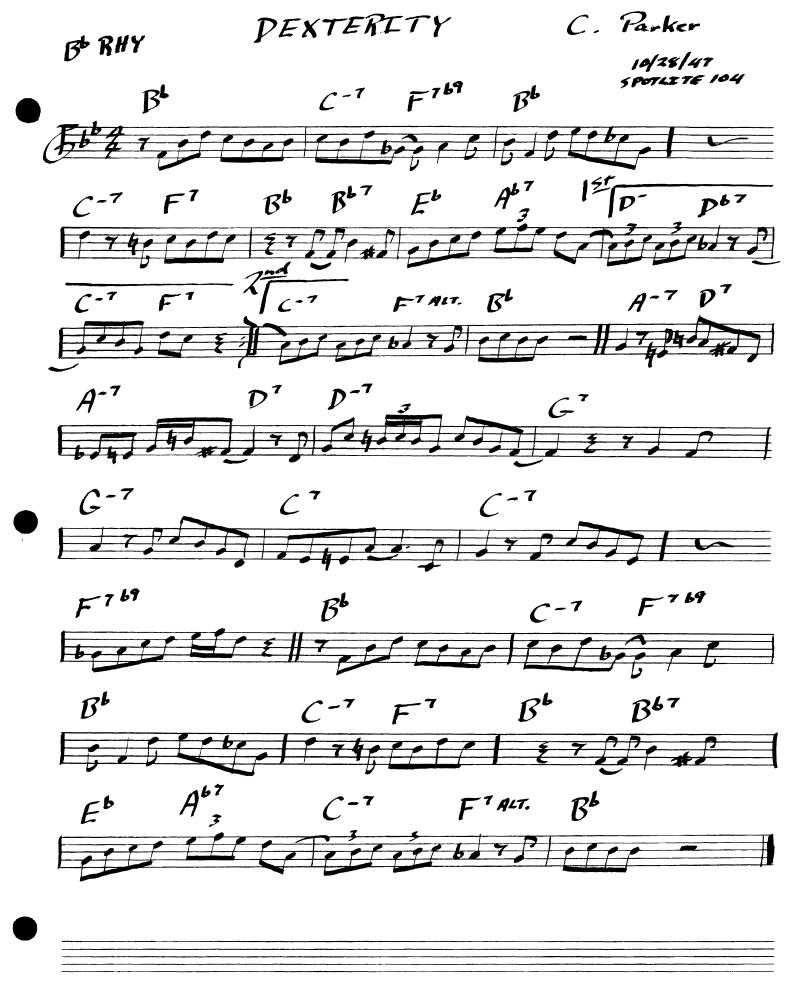








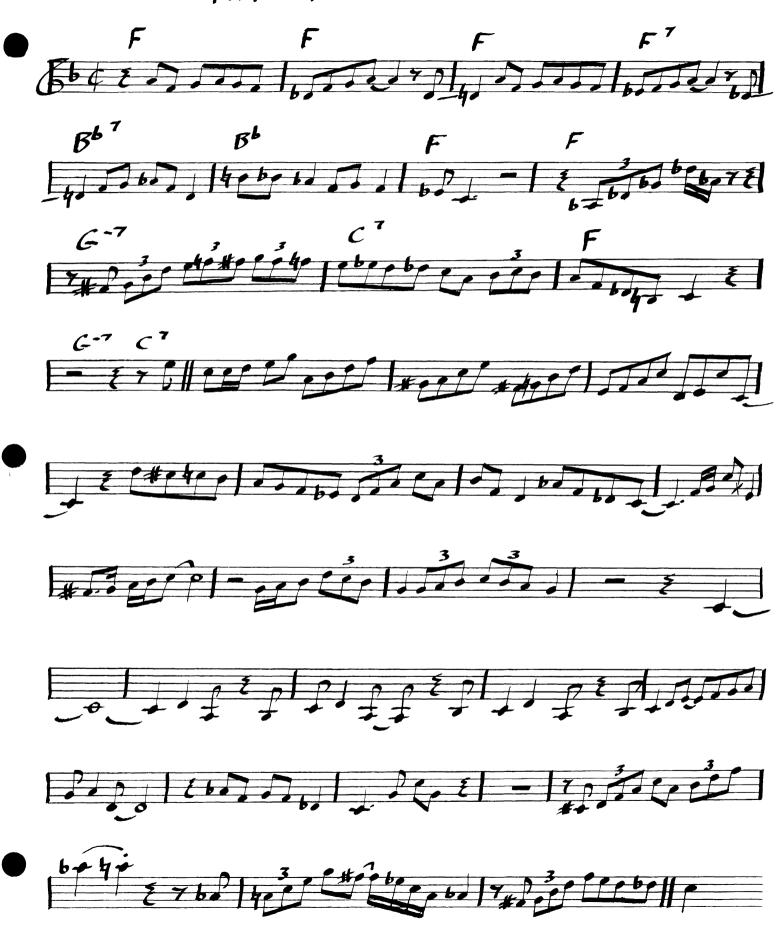


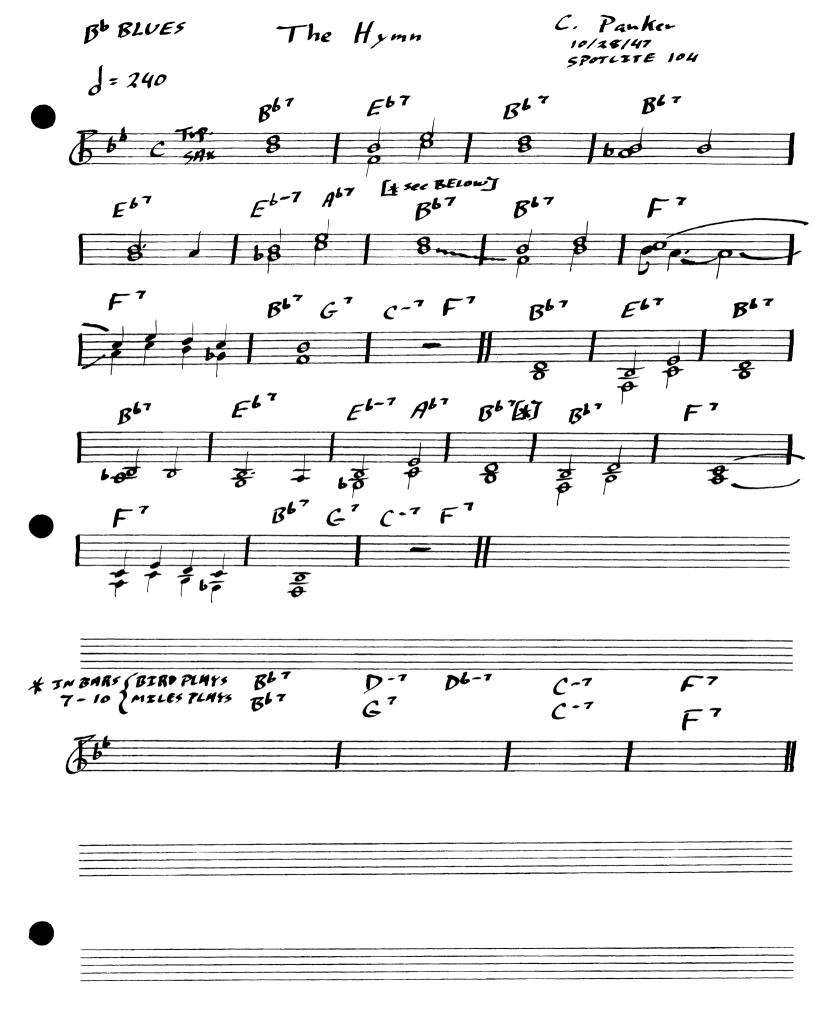




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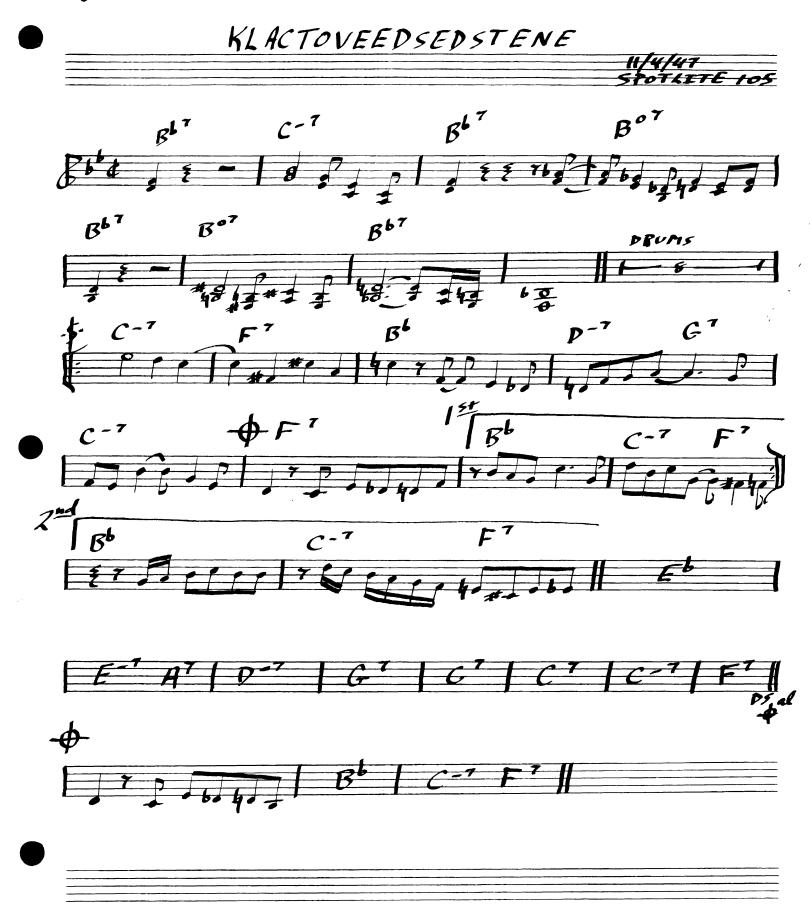






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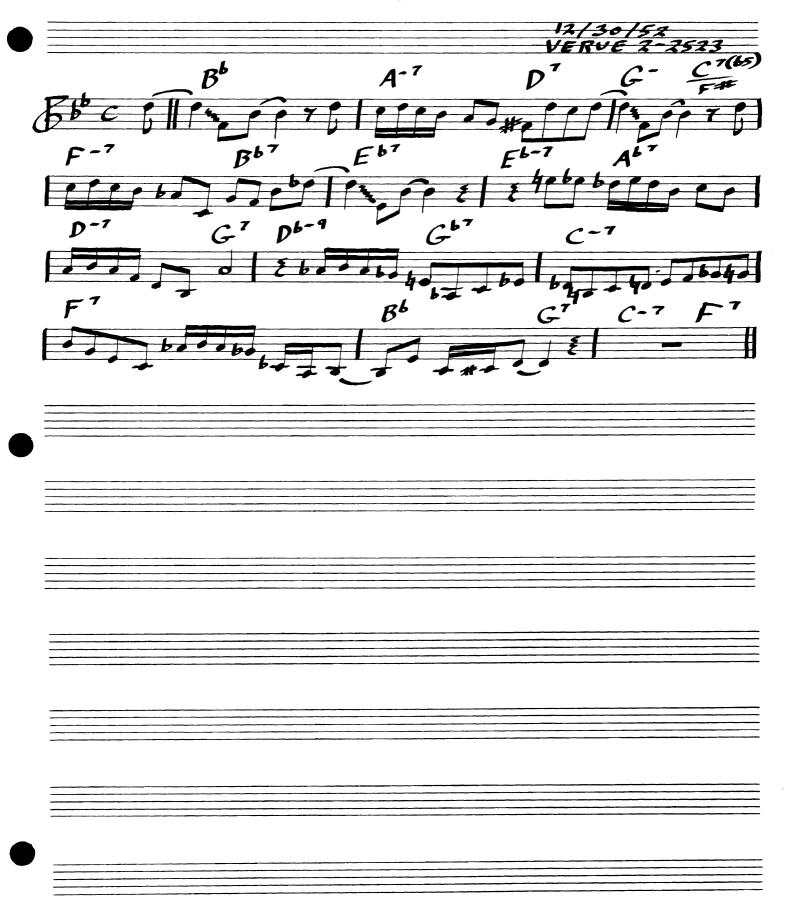
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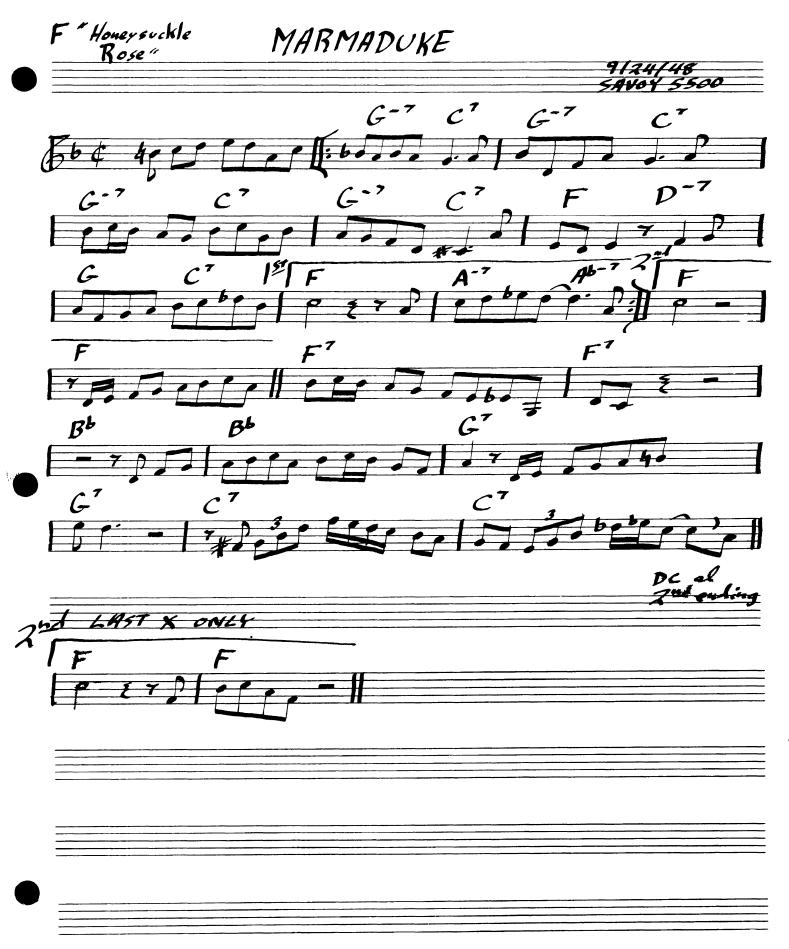
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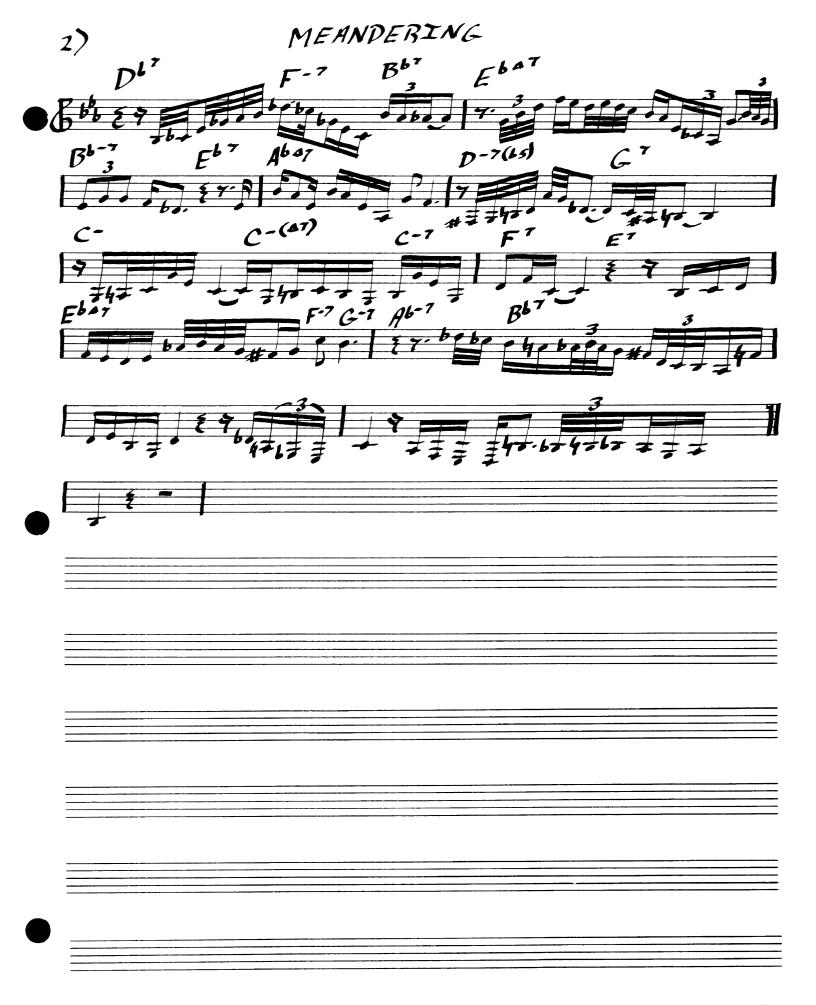






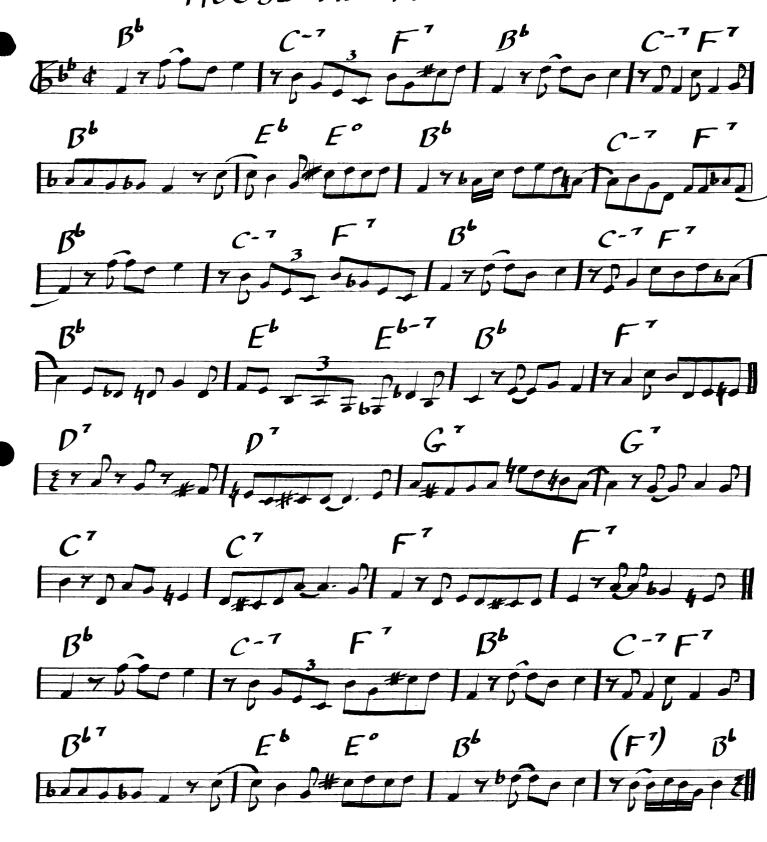






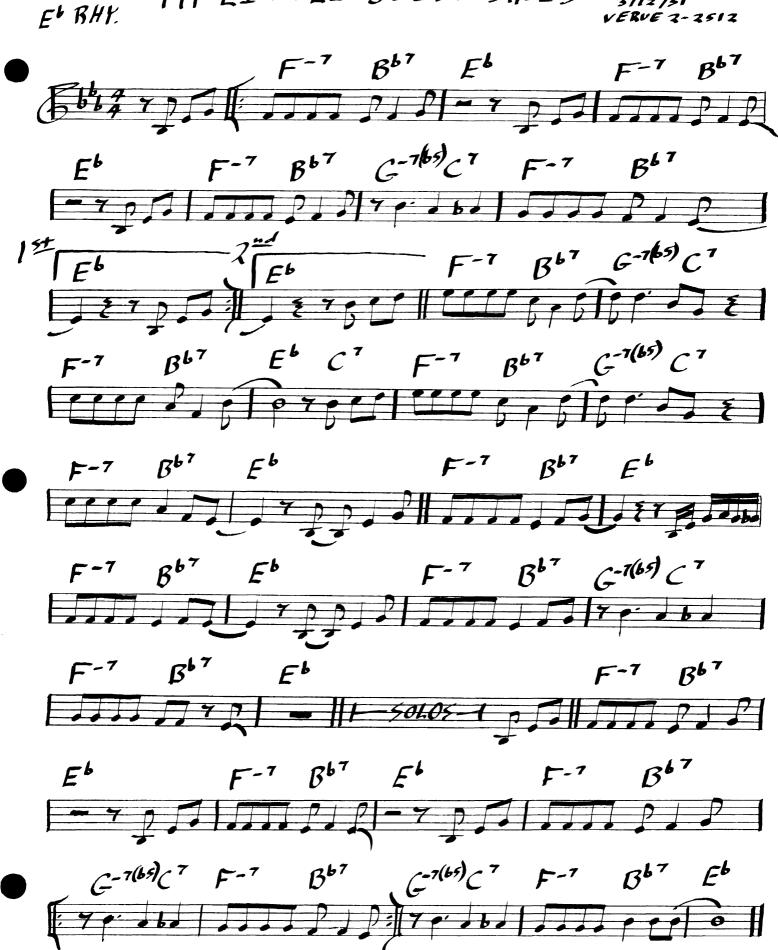
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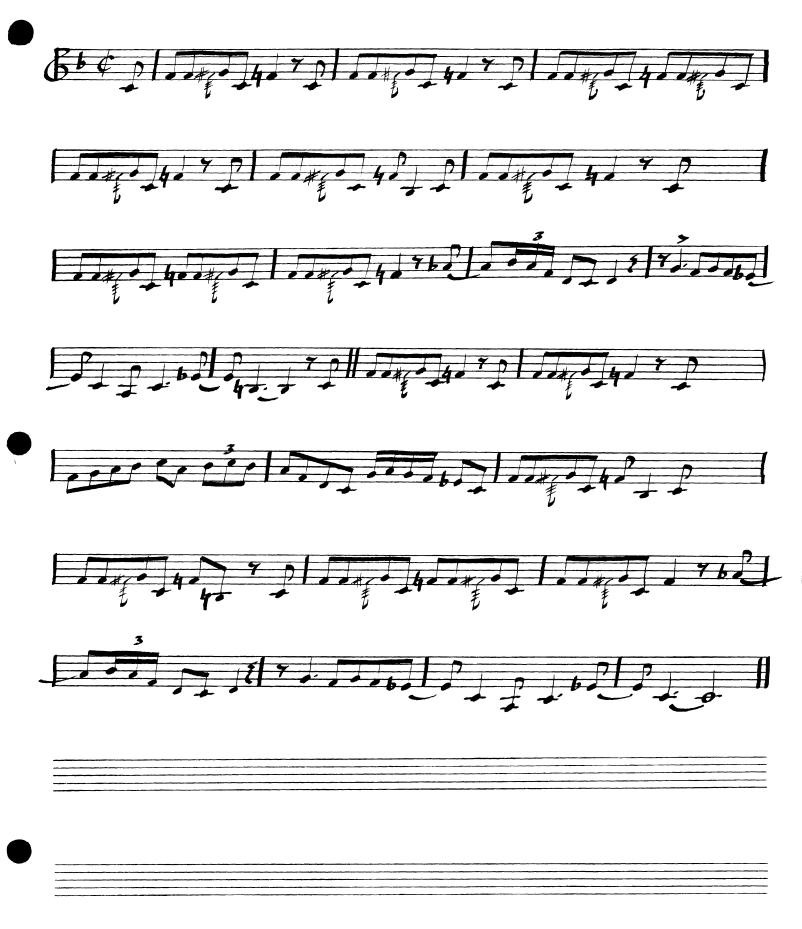


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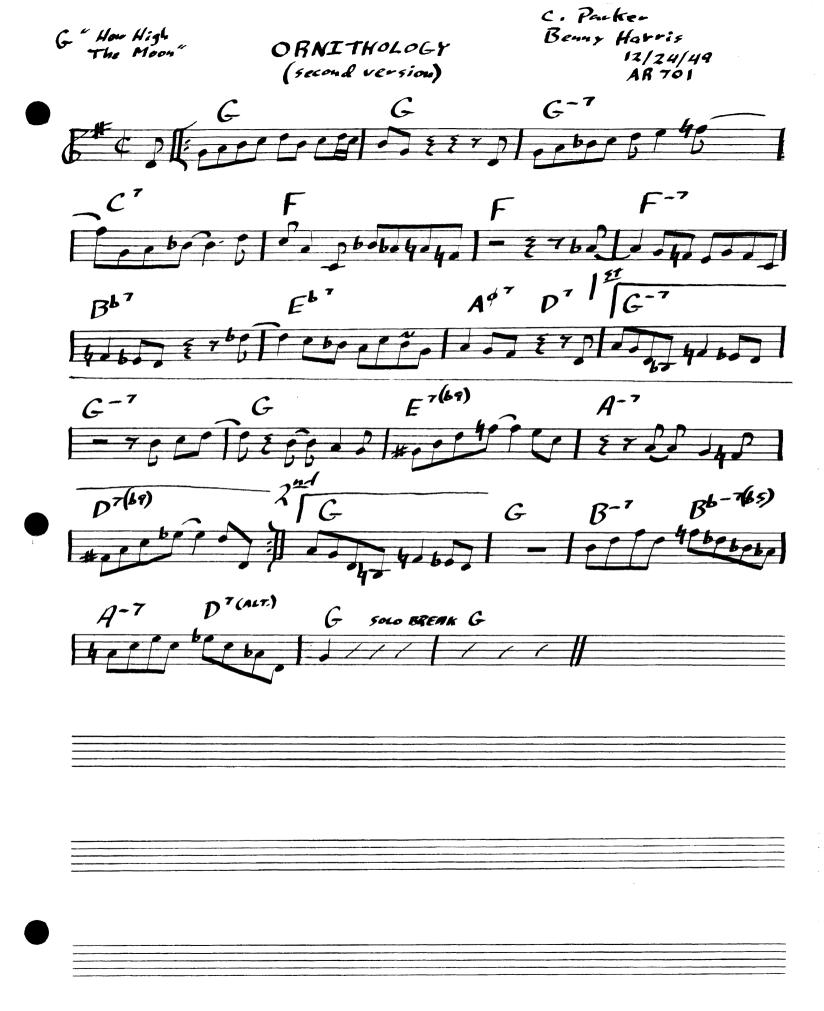


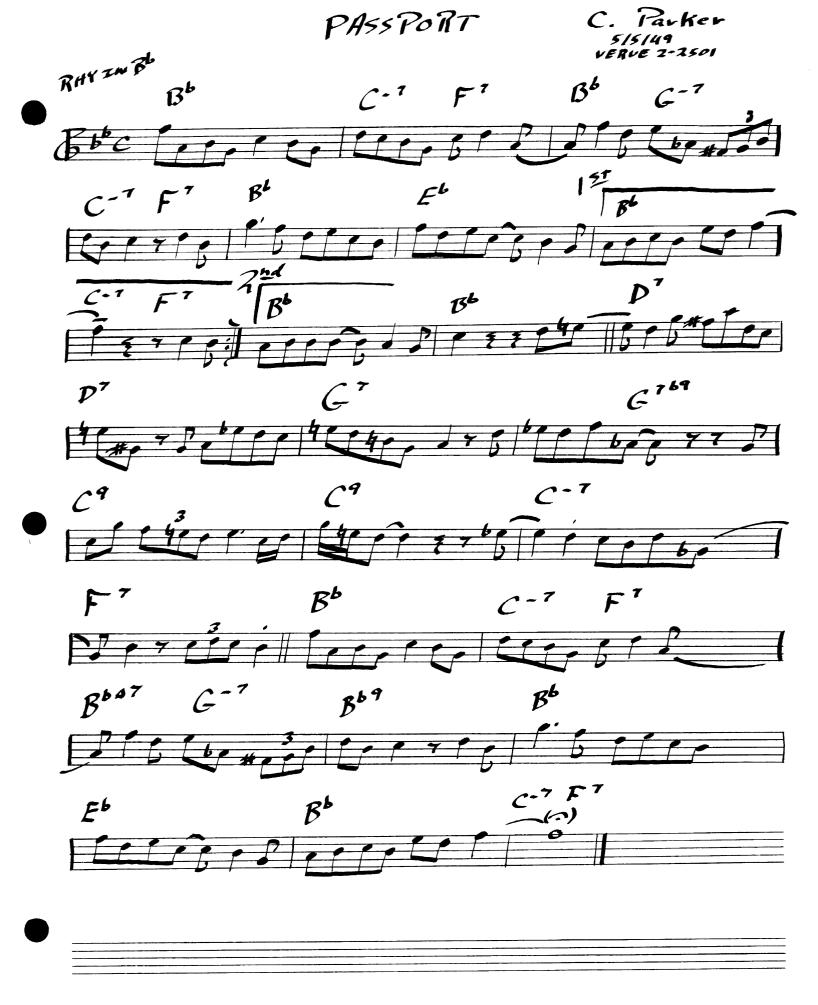
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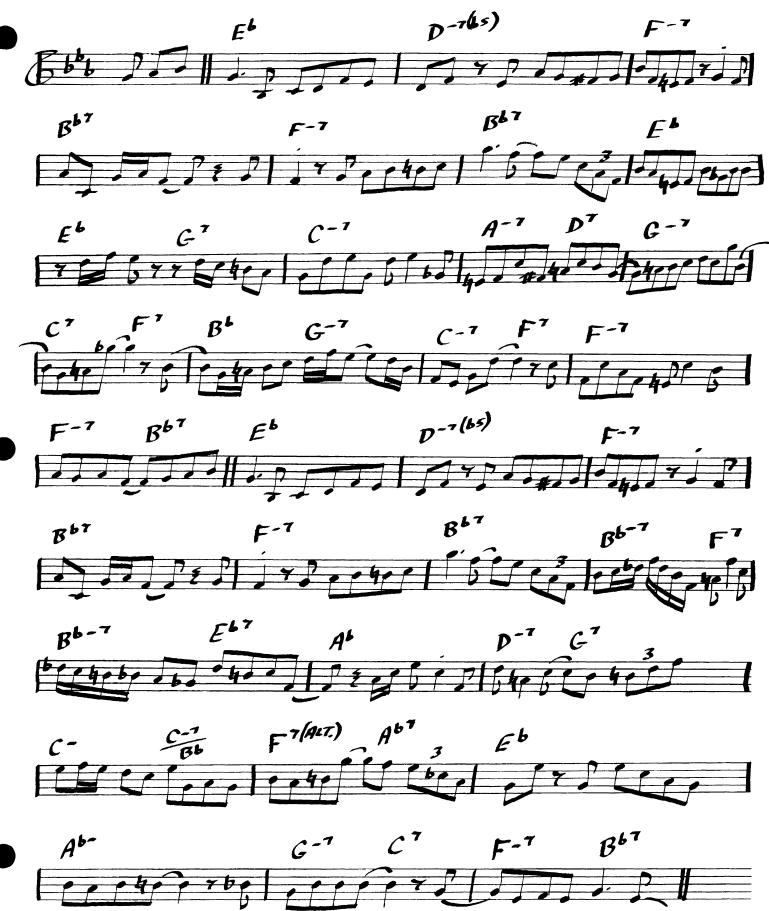




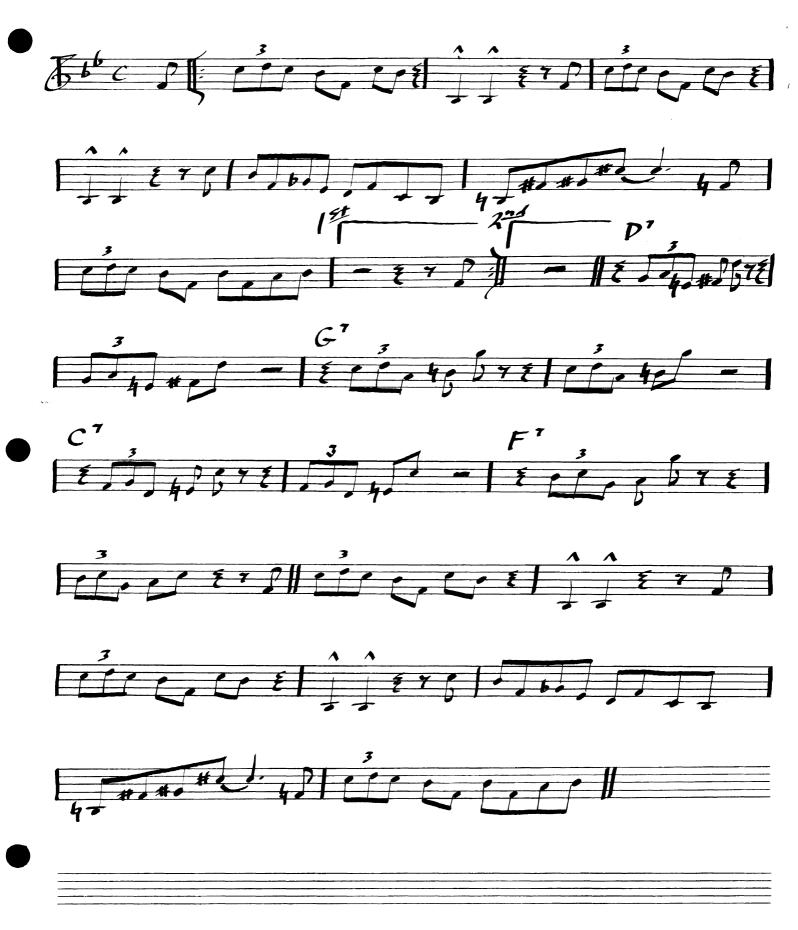
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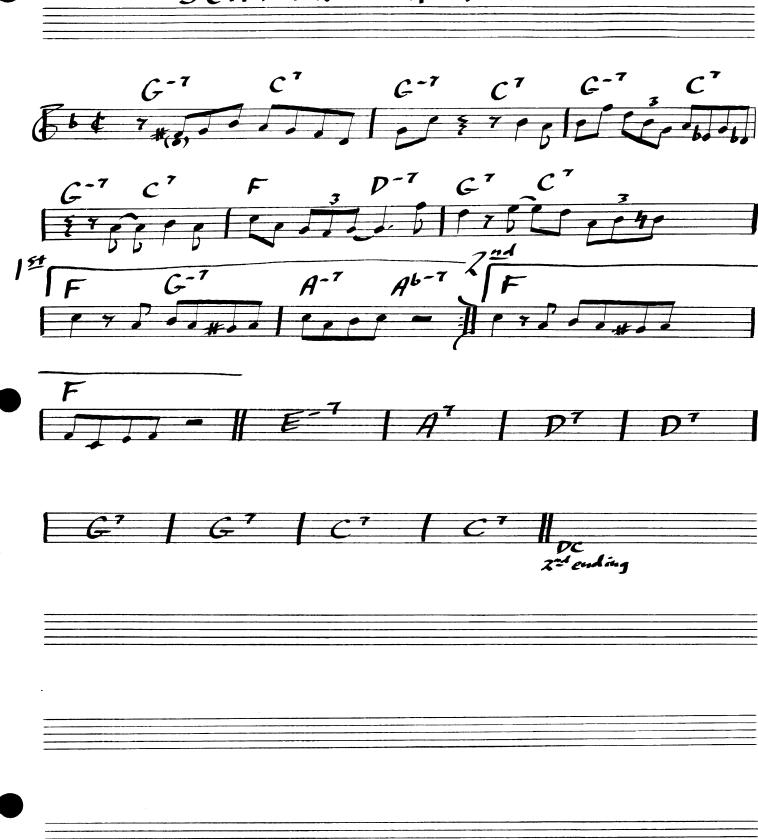


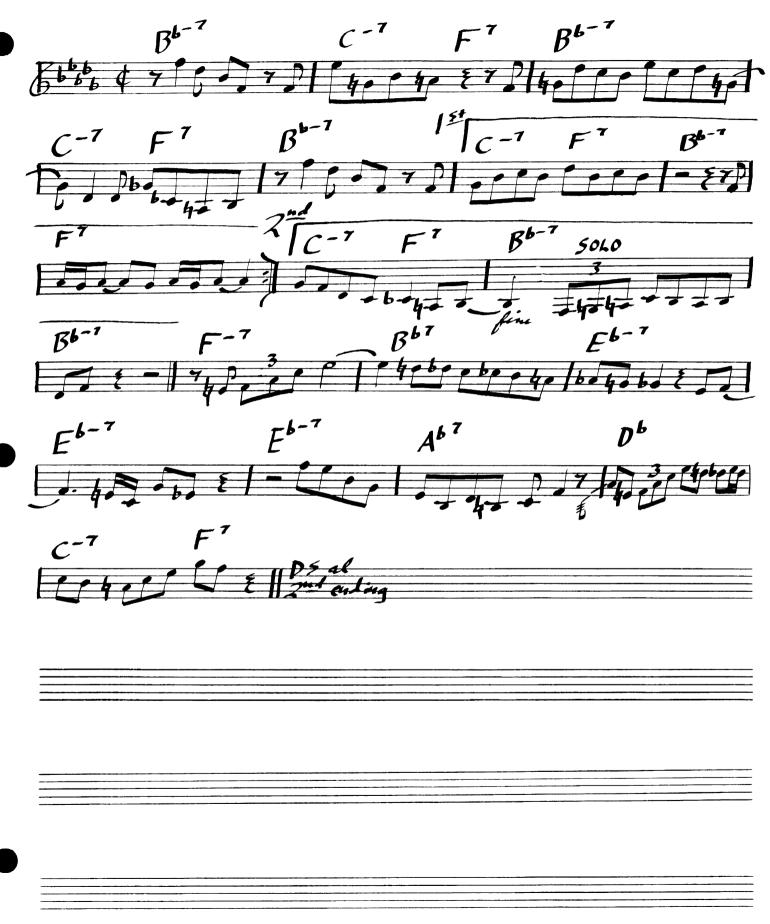
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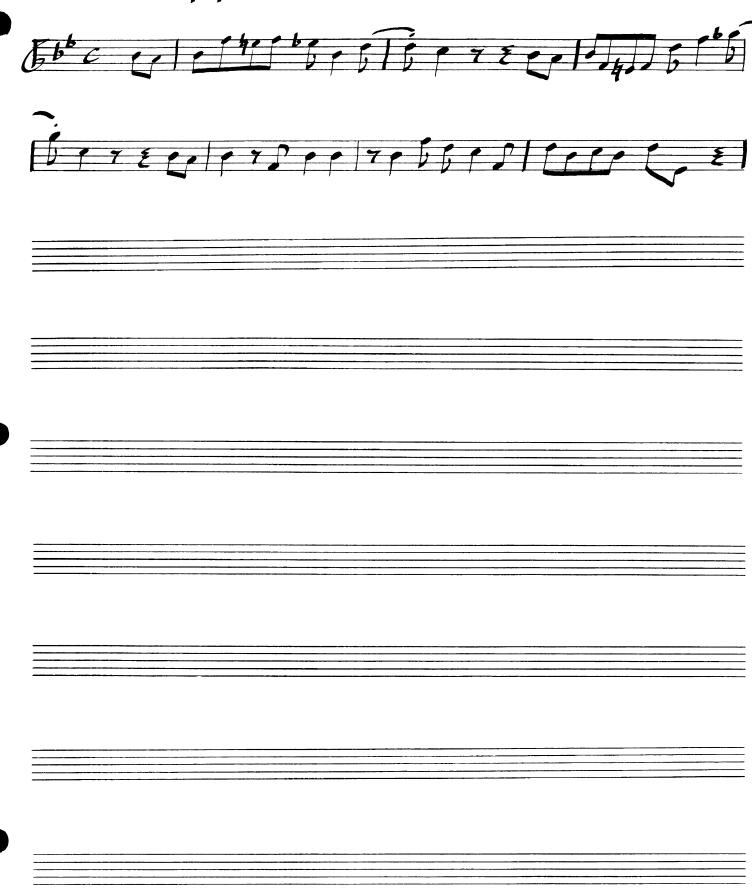


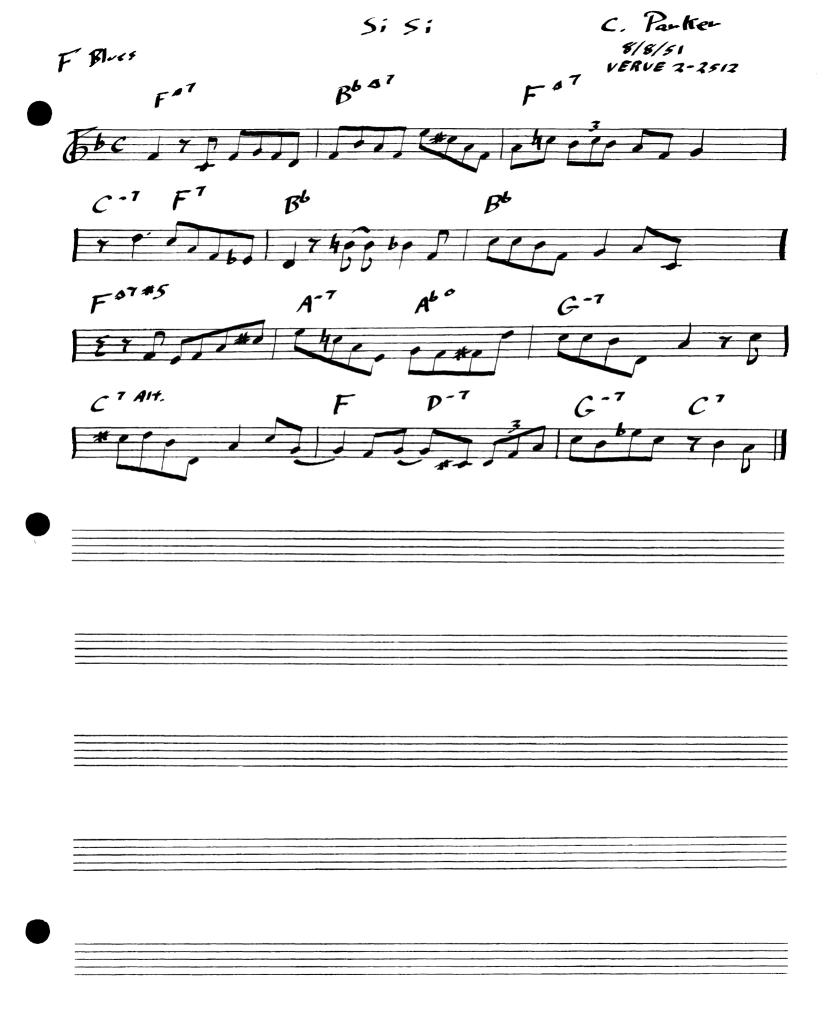




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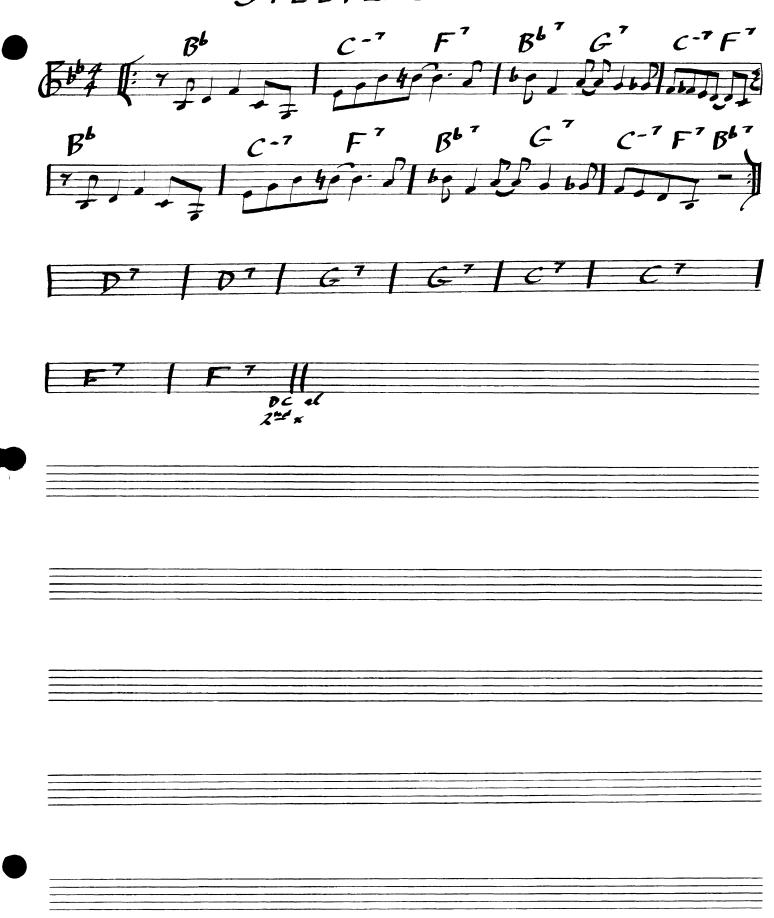


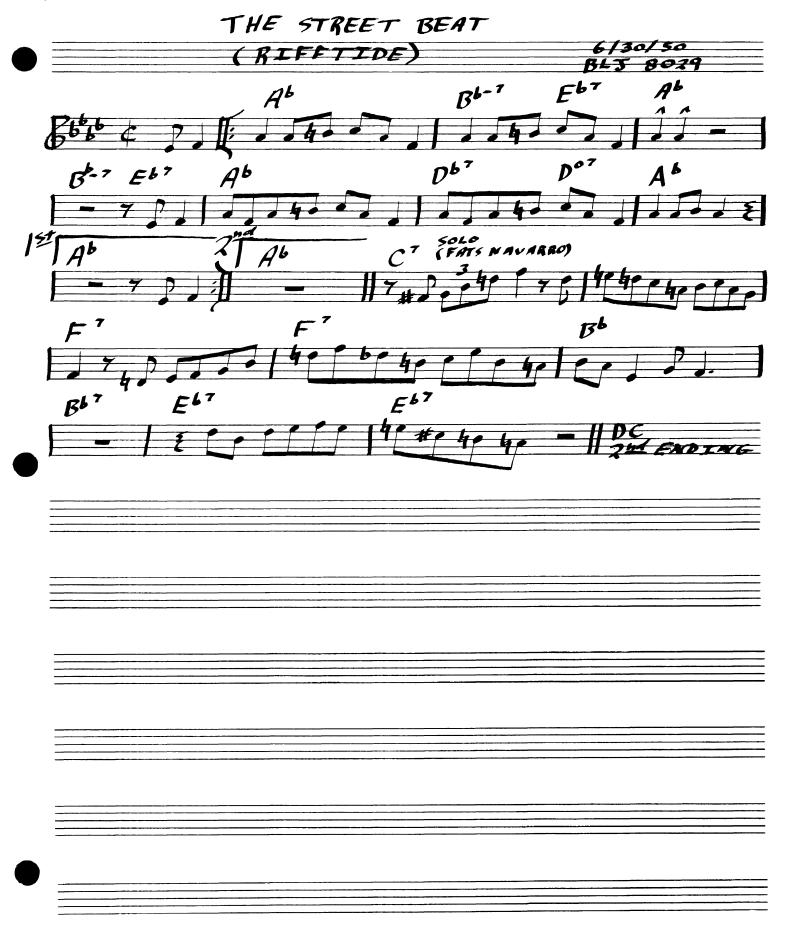


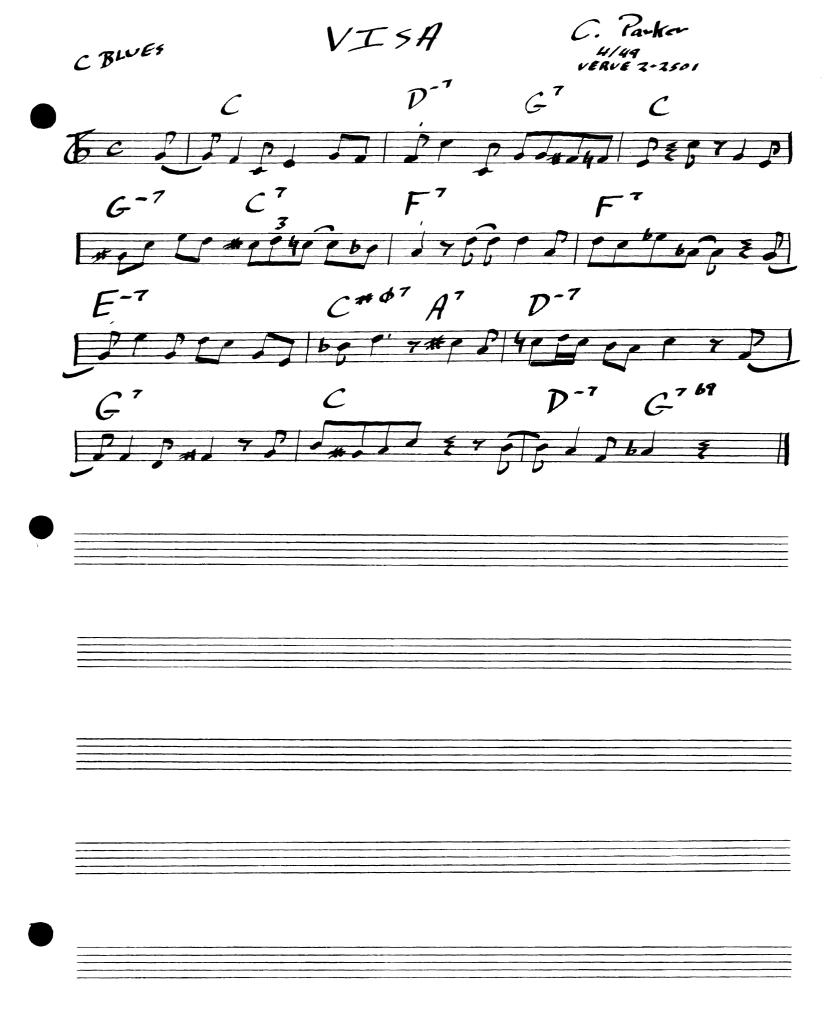
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STEEPLECHASE

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C AABA YARDBIRD SUITE

