

Yankee Doodle

Early American Folk Song

The musical score for 'Yankee Doodle' is presented in four systems, each containing four measures. The right hand (RH) plays a melody in 4/4 time, with fingerings and counts indicated below the notes. The left hand (LH) plays chords in root position or inversion, with fingerings indicated below the notes. Chord names (C, F, G7) are written above the staff. The score includes a 'Count' line for the first system and an '&' symbol for 8th notes in the third and fourth systems.

1. Right hand plays melody in 4 different positions. Measure 1 starts with finger 2 on C ("B" position; B, C, D, E, F; fingers 1,2,3,4,5) . Measure 7, beat 2 : R.H. 2nd finger crosses over thumb to move to "F" position (F,G,A,B,C).
- Measure 11: R.H. moves to "E"position (E, F, G, A, B). Measure 13: R.H. #2 on "A" (G position: G,A,B,C,D).
2. Left hand plays C chord triads in root position with fingers 5, 3 and 1; F chord in 2nd inversion, fingers 5, 2, 1.
3. G7 chord is B, F, G; played with fingers 5, 2, 1.
4. Letters written over staff are chord names.
4. Count out loud as you play. It helps you focus!
5. Count all of the "ands" in measures with 8th notes. It helps to keep all of the notes on the correct beat.