



LESSON 5

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Lesson 5 – Solo 1

This first solo is over a chord progression similar to something like Led Zeppelin's, "Stairway To Heaven." This is actually a really common chord progression and a fairly common feel, so this solo will show you how to use all of the ideas we've talked about so far in an actual solo.

First, let's check out the whole thing:

Am G F G Am G

F G Am G F G

Am G F G

If we break it into the individual licks we have:

Lick 1:

Musical notation for Lick 1 in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff shows notes for Am, G, and F chords. The guitar tablature staff shows fret numbers: 7, 5, 8, 5, 7, 7, 5, 7, 5, 7. 'full' markings are placed above the 7th and 5th frets.

Lick 2:

Musical notation for Lick 2 in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff shows notes for G, Am, G, F, and G chords. The guitar tablature staff shows fret numbers: 7, 5, 7, 5, 9, 8, 10, 8, 10, 8, 10, 8, 9, 7, 5, 7, 5, 5, 8, 5, 7, 5, 7, 5, 7. A 'full' marking is placed above the 7th fret.

Lick 3:

Musical notation for Lick 3 in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff shows notes for Am and G chords. The guitar tablature staff shows fret numbers: 10, 10, 8, 10. 'full' markings are placed above the 10th and 8th frets.

Lick 4:

Musical notation for Lick 4. The top staff is in 4/4 time with a treble clef. It features a sequence of notes with slurs and accents, corresponding to the chords F, G, Am, and G. The guitar tablature below shows fret numbers: 8, (8), 5, 8, 5, 7, (7), 5, 7, 5, 7, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 7, 5, 7, 5, 7. Three 'full' annotations with arrows point to the 8th, 7th, and 5th frets.

Lick 5:

Musical notation for Lick 5. The top staff is in 4/4 time with a treble clef. It features a sequence of notes with slurs and accents, corresponding to the chords F and G. The guitar tablature below shows fret numbers: 10, 10, 8, 10, (10), 8, 10. Two 'full' annotations with arrows point to the 10th and 10th frets.

And then we put them all together and we get the whole solo:

Lick 1 **Lick 2**

Am G F G Am G

full full

T 7 5 8 5 7 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 7 5

A

B 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5

Lick 3 **Lick 4**

F G Am G F G

full full full full

T 7 5 5 8 5 7 5 7 5 7 10 10 8 10 8 (8) 5 8 5 7 (7) 5 7 5 7 5

A

B 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5

Lick 5

Am G F G

full full

T 3 5 3 5 3 5 7 5 7 5 7 10 10 8 10 (10) 8 10

A

B 3 5 3 5 3 5 7 5 7 5 7 10 10 8 10 (10) 8 10