



Create Your Own Walking Bass Line

What is a Walking Bass Line?

An accompaniment pattern known as a bass line has the left hand play a steady rhythm of individual notes, creating a smooth and continuous "walking" movement between chords. This technique adds a rich and exciting foundation that supports the melodies and harmonies.

Reviewing our "Puzzle Pieces"

Let's combine different left-hand patterns together to create a walking bass line. The four left-hand patterns reviewed are:

1. **Walk-ups:** playing a sequence of notes to transition from one primary chord to another **higher** chord, adding variety and interest to the song, oftentimes beginning on the first note of the scale and ending on the fourth note
2. **Walk-downs:** playing a sequence of notes to transition from one primary chord to a **lower** chord on the keyboard, often moving from the first note of the scale down to the fifth note.
3. **Turnarounds:** a musical phrase or progression that helps transition between song sections, creating closure and guiding the listener to the next part, often using different patterns like the F/G chord in gospel songs
4. **Turnaround loops:** a shortened version of the turnaround that can be looped indefinitely to create a rhythmic excitement on the left hand



Reviewing the Puzzle Pieces – WALK UP/ WALK DOWN

WALK-UP (C-F)

RH	C	/	/	/	F
LH	C C	C C	C D	E ^b E	F

WALK-UP (G-C)

RH	G	/	/	/	C
LH	G G	G G	G A	B ^b B	C

WALK-DOWN (C-G)

RH	C	/	/	/	G
LH	C C	C C	C B ^b	A A ^b	G

WALK-DOWN (F-C)

RH	F	/	/	/	C
LH	F F	F F	F E ^b	D D ^b	C

**Check out Lesson 26 for 20 different Walk-Up and Walk-Down options



Reviewing the Puzzle Pieces – TURNAROUND / LOOPS

TURNAROUND (end of a section)

WRITTEN	C		/		/		/	
RH	C		C		C		F	F
LH	C	A	Bb	B	C	C	G	G
COUNT	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+

TURNAROUND LOOP (C CHORD):

WRITTEN	C		/		/		/	
RH	C		C		C		C	
LH	C	A	Bb	B	C	A	Bb	B
COUNT	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+

TURNAROUND LOOP (F CHORD):

WRITTEN	F		/		/		/	
RH	F		F		F		F	
LH	F	D	Eb	E	F	D	Eb	E
COUNT	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+

TURNAROUND LOOP (G CHORD):

WRITTEN	G		/		/		/	
RH	G		G		G		G	
LH	G	E	F	F#	G	E	F	F#
COUNT	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+



Bless That Wonderful Name of Jesus

Key: C Time: 4/4

STEP 1: FIND YOUR CHORDS

Intro:

C / G / C / / /

Chorus 1:

C / / / C / / /

Bless that wonderful Name of Jesus

F / / / C / / /

Bless that wonderful Name of Jesus

C / / / C G/B Am /

Bless that wonderful Name of Jesus

C / G / C / / /

There's no other Name I know

Chorus 2:

C / / / C / / /

There's healing in the Name of Jesus

F / / / C / / /

There's healing in the Name of Jesus

C / / / C G/B Am /

There's healing in the Name of Jesus

C / G / C / / /

There's no other Name I know

Bridge:

C / F F#dim

Jesus (Jesus)



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STEP 2: FIND WALK-UPS and WALK-DOWNS

Intro:

C / **G** / C / / /

Chorus 1:

C / / / / **C** / / /

Bless that wonderful Name of Jesus

F / / / / **F** / C /

Bless that wonderful Name of Jesus

C / / / / **C** G/B Am /

Bless that wonderful Name of Jesus

C / **G** / C / / /

There's no other Name I know

Chorus 2:

C / / / / **C** / / /

There's healing in the Name of Jesus

F / / / / **F** / C /

There's healing in the Name of Jesus

C / / / / **C** G/B Am /

There's healing in the Name of Jesus

C / **G** / C / / /

There's no other Name I know

Bridge:

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Jesus (Jesus)



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STEP 3: FIND TURNAROUNDS

Intro:

C / G / C / / /

Chorus 1:

C / / / / C / / /

Bless that wonderful Name of Jesus

F / / / / F / C /

Bless that wonderful Name of Jesus

C / / / / C G/B Am /

Bless that wonderful Name of Jesus

C / G / C / / /

There's no other Name I know

Chorus 2:

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F / / / / F / C /

There's healing in the Name of Jesus

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There's healing in the Name of Jesus

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STEP 4: FILL IN ANY LONG CHORDS WITH TURNAROUND LOOPS

Intro:

C / G / C / / /

Chorus 1:

C / / / / C / / /

Bless that wonderful Name of Jesus

F / / / / F / C /

Bless that wonderful Name of Jesus

C / / / / C G/B Am /

Bless that wonderful Name of Jesus

C / G / C / / /

There's no other Name I know

Chorus 2:

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The Old Account

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STEP 1: FIND YOUR CHORDS

Intro:

C / G / C //

Chorus 1:

/ C / //

Well, it was a time on earth

F / C /

when in the books of heaven

C G/B Am /

An old account was standing for

G / / /

sins yet unforgiven

C / // F / F#dim

My name was at the top and many things below

/ C G/B Am / G / C //

But I went unto the keeper and I settled long ago

Chorus 2:

/ G / / / C / /

Long ago (down on my knees), Long ago (I settled it all)

/ C G/B Am / G / /

Yes the old account was settled long ago (hallelujah)

/ C / / /

And the record's clear today 'cause He

F / F#dim

washed my sins away

/ C / G / C //

And the old account was settled long ago



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/ **C** / / /

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washed my sins away

/ **C** / **G** / C //

And the old account was settled long ago



The Old Account

Key: C Time: 4/4

STEP 3: FIND TURNAROUNDS

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/ C / //

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The Old Account

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STEP 4: FILL IN ANY LONG CHORDS WITH TURNAROUND LOOPS

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/ C / //

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