

# Learn to Transpose with Heart and Soul

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Trad. arrangement

To transpose music is to play it higher or lower. Move it an octave or choose a new key!

Step 1: Memorize the music in the original key and position.

*Swing*

I          vi          IV          V

Notice:

- Both thumbs start on the same letter name, an octave apart
- The LH goes down a skip (3rd), down a skip, up a step (2nd)
- The RH plays broken chords, made of skips (3rds)
- The RH follows the LH letters

Step 2: Transpose to G, starting with both thumbs on Gs.

Notice:

- Both thumbs start on the same letter name, an octave apart
- Keep all the LH and RH skips and steps the same as before
- Did you play a key that doesn't sound right? Can you pinpoint it?
- What key will make it sound right?
- When you solve the secret you'll understand transposing. Changing music into a new key means you add or take away sharps or flats to make a true change into the new key signature.