

I Love Coffee, I Love Tea - Circle of Fifths

Chords on scale degrees in G-flat

You can build a chord on every note of this scale. Play these chords in G-flat Major saying the chord names out loud. Notice that chords I, IV and V (upper case Roman numerals) are the major chords. Chords ii, iii and vi (lower case Roman numerals) are the minor chords.

Piano

Chord "one" I Chord "two" ii Chord "three" iii Chord "four" IV Chord "five" V Chord "six" vi Chord "seven" vii

I Love Coffee, I Love Tea Chord Progression

Play the chord progression below, saying the chord names aloud as you go. A-flat to D-flat to G-flat is a Circle of Fifths. Notice in the second example that chord II is major.

G-flat a-flat D-flat G-flat G-flat A-flat D-flat G-flat

I ii V I I II V I

Let's experiment with the Circle of Fifths

Each chord becomes V of the next chord. Some are minor, but that's okay in a circle of fifths chord progression. Play it as written, then experiment making some of the minor chords major.

G-flat C-flat F B-flat E-flat A-flat D-flat G-flat

I IV vii dim iii vi ii V I