

LICK OF THE WEEK

T-Bone Walker *Goin' to Chicago*

This lick is from a performance by the great T-Bone Walker, on the Count Basie tune, *Goin' to Chicago*. It's an 8-bar lick in a rocking, R&B style – one that's been used in numerous tunes, even the Beatles used it.

It consists of a I chord (G7) arpeggio (a chord played one-note-at-a-time) with the bottom note on the 6th string, to open the lick. After 4 bars, it moves up to a IV chord (C7) arpeggio, with the bottom note on the 5th string. After moving back to the G7, it moves to the V chord (D9) strummed, and then moves down to the IV (C9) chord, strummed. It finishes with a G minor pentatonic lick, using notes from patterns 1 and 2.

It's really pretty simple. Try it when you are playing rhythm in a jam session. You can even use it at a slow tempo.

The video is posted on the homepage.

Enjoy.
JG