

Blue Monk

Bass for Standard Key

Abbey Lincoln

Thelonious Monk

Medium Slow Blues [Thelonious Monk 1954] ($\text{♩} = 90$)

B_b⁷ E_b⁷ B_b⁷ B_b⁷

E_b⁷ E^{o7} B_b⁷ B_b⁷

C_M⁷ F⁷ B_b⁷ (F⁷)

Bottom line is melody

Goin' alone, life is your own, but the cost sometimes is dear.
 Bein' complete, knowin' defeat, keepin' on from year to year.
 It takes some doin'.
 Monkery's the blues you hear, keepin' on from year to year.

Life is a school, 'less you're a fool, but the learnin' brings you pain.
 Knowin' at once you're just a dunce, trial and error, loss and gain.
 It takes some doin'.
 Monkery's a slow, slow train, trial and error, loss and gain.

Findin' your one, place in the sun, doesn't come the easy way.
 Shallow ain't deep, nothin' is cheap, measured by the dues you pay.
 It takes some doin'.
 Monkery's a blue highway, measured by the dues you pay.