

lydian-dominant exploration no 1

the left hand voicings here descend along the circle of fifths in two variations --
both include the 3, b7, 9 and 13 but in differing orders --
one is, in ascending order: 3, 13, b7, 9 -- the other: b7, 9, 3, 13
notice the 9 and 13 notes are preserved but switch roles from one chord to the next

the melody can be thought of as being in lydian dominant, i.e. the scale 1 - 2 - 3 - #4 - 5 - 6 - b7
this mode works wonderfully over dominant 7th chords
the octave in this melody stresses the #4 note (or equally well considered the #11, which highlights its consonance in the context of stacking thirds from the root of the dominant 7th chord)

the melody repeats transposed after 2 bars

try creating a lydian dominant melody of your own to fit over these voicings

also try the other variation of each voicing

The musical score consists of five staves of music, each representing a different variation of a left-hand voicing. The staves are arranged in a grid-like structure:

- Row 1:** G13#11, C13#11, F13#11
- Row 2:** Bb13#11, Eb13#11, Ab13#11
- Row 3:** Db13#11, Gb13#11, B13#11
- Row 4:** E13#11, A13#11, D13#11
- Row 5:** (Continuation of the sequence)

Each staff includes a bass line below the main melodic line. Measure numbers are indicated above the staves:

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