



# Beginner Level Piano Progression by Ear

Six-Quarter Detailed Plan [This plan will take 1.5 years to Complete]

## Overview:

This plan is designed to guide beginner piano students who are learning to play by ear. Over the course of six quarters, students will progressively develop their skills in major scales, diatonic triads, inversions, and ear training exercises, all while learning six foundational songs that help reinforce these skills. Each quarter introduces two major scales, their corresponding diatonic triads, and inversions. Ear training exercises increase in difficulty each quarter, helping students build strong recognition skills in intervals and chord progressions.

## Progression in Piano Skills



## Quarter 1:

Scales: C & G Major Scales  
Triads: C & G Diatonic Triads  
Inversions: C & G Inversions  
Ear Training: Interval recognition (Major/minor 3rds)  
Song: "Amazing Grace"

## Quarter 2:

Scales: D & A Major Scales  
Triads: D & A Diatonic Triads  
Inversions: D & A Inversions  
Ear Training: Basic Chord Progressions (I-IV-V)  
Song: "Grateful"

## Quarter 3:

Scales: E & B Major Scales  
Triads: E & B Diatonic Triads  
Inversions: E & B Inversions  
Ear Training: Recognizing intervals (4ths, 5ths)  
Song: "Imagination"

## Quarter 4:

Scales: F & Bb Major Scales  
Triads: F & Bb Diatonic Triads  
Inversions: F & Bb Inversions  
Ear Training: Chord progressions with dominant 7ths  
Song: "Thank You Lord"

## Quarter 5:

Scales: Eb & Ab Major Scales  
Triads: Eb & Ab Diatonic Triads  
Inversions: Eb & Ab Inversions  
Ear Training: Advanced Ear Training (Hearing Modulations)  
Song: "Sean's Scale Exercise"

## Quarter 6:

Scales: Db & Gb Major Scales  
Triads: Db & Gb Diatonic Triads  
Inversions: Db & Gb Inversions  
Ear Training: Recognizing cadences and ending chords  
Song: "Sean's Final Beginner Challenge"

You can fully master playing Beginner Songs on the Piano by Ear in as little as 1 to 2 years