

ISLAND STRUM VARIATIONS WITH VICTORIA VOX

Rhythm 101:

4/4 time means: 4 beats to a measure & quarter note gets the beat

whole note half notes quarter notes eighth notes

1(2,3,4) 1(2) 3(4) 1 2 3 4 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +
D D D D D D D D U D U D U D U

Understanding the difference between "straight" and "swing":

Rock: Hawaiian Swing / Blues: but sounds like:

5 straight 1/8 notes looks like: but sounds like:

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 3 + 2 3 + 3 3 + 4 3 +
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Calypso / Pop / Folk / Island Strum:

8 beat 3 is silent, however, still use downward motion in between ups (U)

1 2 + 4 + 1 2 + 4 +
D D U D U D D U D U

10 Variation: RD (roll down) on beat 2

Variation: add DS (down short) on 1 and + of 2

1 2 + 4 + 1 2 + 4 + 1 2 + 4 + 1 2 + 4 +
D RD U U D + D RD U U D U DS RD US U DX U DS RD US U DX U

Pop / Rock w/ Chunk (back beat)

14 STRAIGHT

Jazz Swing with Chunk (back beat)

SWUNG.

1 2 + 4 + 1 2 + 4 + 1 2 + 4 + 1 2 + 4 +
D DX U U DX U D DX U U DX U D DX U U DX U D DX U U DX U