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# Notes on Play-A-Long D. Liebman

#### INTRODUCTION

These compositions represent my earliest period of writing for Elvin Jones (1971-73) and Lookout Farm (1974-76) on ECM 1039 & 1046. They are representative of post-be-bop and modally-oriented tunes.

**Picadilly Lilly** — is a straight-ahead chord change tune with a mixture of quick root movements and stable pedal points; written for Picadilly Circus, a great square in the heart of London, while on my first trip to England with Elvin Jones (1972).

**Slumber** — was one of my first compositions and very Coltrane-flavored; originally inspired by *Speak No Evil* (Wayne Shorter — Blue Note). In the recorded version, the melody is done rubato.

**Oasis** — was originally conceived harmonically and rhythmically; the melody was written after the improvising was layed down on *Drum Ode* (ECM 1046). Though the meter is 6/4, the feel comes off as duple and not triple. I think of this tune as a major altered blues.

**Loft Dance** — is based on a repetitive, non-stable (as far as key center) chord progression which revolves over and over; use of major, minor and dominant chord qualities; fast Latin-flavored rhythm.

A Brite Piece — was originally written for drummer Pete LaRocca in whose group I gained my first heavy jazz experience (1969-70); its harmonic movement is descending (mostly) major 7th chords, altered with sharp 11ths; the challenge here is to find the common tones through the chords (F# for example); the bridge is different from the recorded version with Elvin Jones.

**Bonnie's Blue** — a straight-ahead blues with some chromatic passing dominant chords; as of printing, this has not been recorded.

**Tomorrow's Expectations** — is a contemporary ballad in the use of some uncommon harmonic movements mixed with more usual progressions; was recorded with guitar (John Abercrombie) and bass (Charlie Haden) on an unreleased A + M; Horizon album (Keeper of the Pass).

**Lookout Farm** — is representative of pedal point modality; the key center is C and for the most part diminished (minormajor flat five); because the piano comping is already recorded, the spontaneous harmonic alterations into other keys are in a sense pre-set; the phrasing is usually eight or sixteen bar cycles.

#### DISCOGRAPHY

TUNE	UNE ARTIST ALBUM TITLE		CAT. NO.
Picadilly Lilly	D. Liebman	"Pendulum" (Live At The Village Vanguard)	Artist's House AH 8
Slumber	Elvin Jones	"Genesis"	Blue Note 84369
Oasis	D. Liebman	"Drum Ode"	ECM 1046
Loft Dance	D. Liebman	''Drum Ode''	ECM 1046
A Brite Piece	Elvin Jones	''Merry-Go-Round''	Blue Note 84414
Bonnie's Blue	Unrecorded		
Tomorrow's Expectations	R. Beirach	''Methusaleh''	Trio Records (Japan Label)
Lookout Farm	D. Liebman	"Lookout Farm"	ECM 1039

Special thanks to my compatriots in Lookout Farm who helped me realize these works.

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# **Picadilly Lilly**

SIDE 1, TRACK 1



# Slumber

SIDE 1, TRACK 2

### By David Liebman



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# **Slumber**

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FORM OF TRACK:

MELODY	S0L0	S0L0	MELODY	CODA
40 bars	32 bars	32 bars	40 bars	0000

Melody chords are played on 1st and 4th choruses. Solo chords are played on 2nd and 3rd choruses.

### **Oasis**

#### SIDE 1, TRACK 3



# **Loft Dance**

SIDE 1, TRACK 4





# **Loft Dance**







# Bonnie's Blue







# **Tomorrow's Expectations**



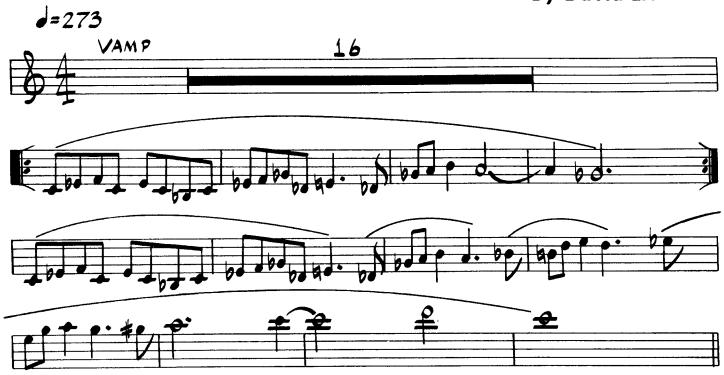




### **Lookout Farm**

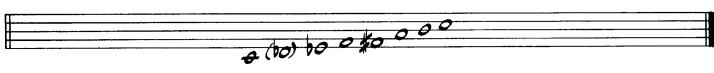
SIDE 2, TRACK 4

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PLAY FREELY OVER C- 1+4



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