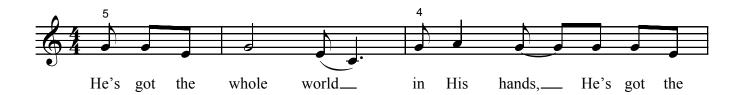
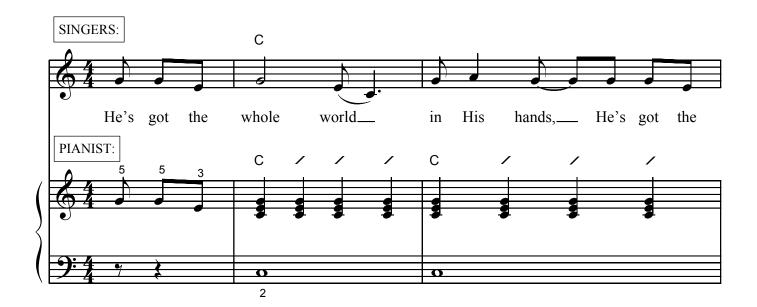
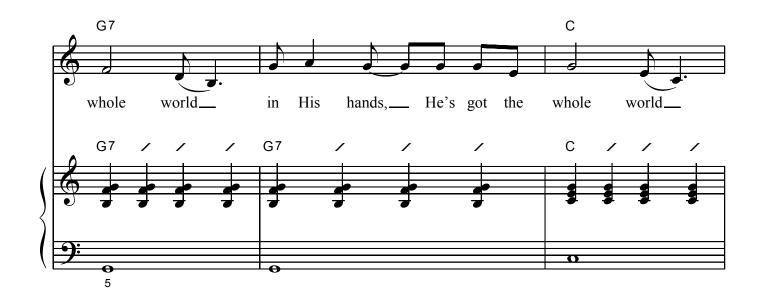
## A New Way of Playing

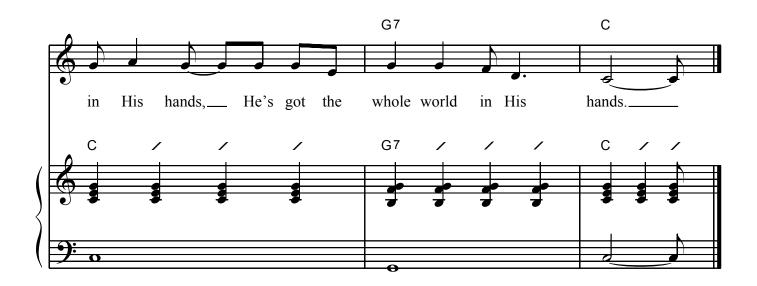
NORMALLY, WHEN YOU SEE MUSIC LIKE THIS, YOU PLAY THE NOTES EXACTLY AS WRITTEN:



IN THE "SING-A-LONG" (accompanimental) STYLE, THE SINGERS SING THE MELODY, WHILE THE PIANIST PLAYS CHORDS (in the right hand) AND A BASS LINE (in the left). SO – THE PIANIST NEVER ACTUALLY PLAYS THE MELODY, EXCEPT MAYBE THE PICKUP NOTES (to help the singers get started).







NOTICE THAT THIS SONG ONLY USES TWO CHORDS - C and G7. PRACTICE THE PIANO PART ABOVE SEVERAL TIMES UNTIL IT FEELS EASY TO YOU.

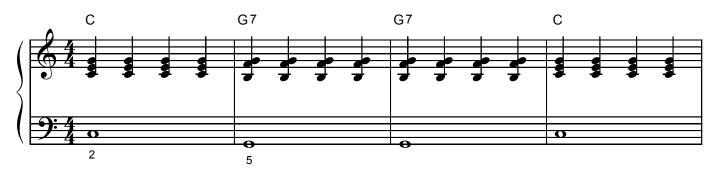
## **Accompanimental Styles**

There are many different ways of playing in this accompanimental approach. The first we will learn is called "block chord style."

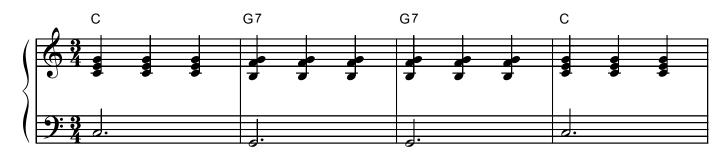
In this style, the right hand plays blocked chords (triads) on every beat of the measure, and the left hand plays a single bass note on the first beat of every measure.

Here are some examples:

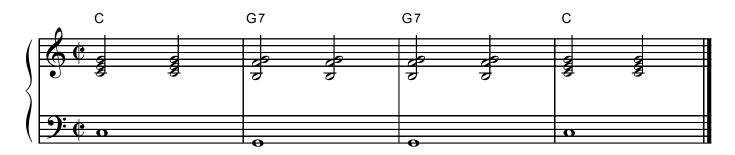
BLOCK CHORD STYLE - 4/4 TIME (four chords in the right and one bass note in the left)



BLOCK CHORD STYLE - 3/4 TIME (three chords in the right and one bass note in the left)



BLOCK CHORD STYLE - 2/2 TIME (two chords in the right and one bass note in the left)



PRACTICE EACH OF THE ABOVE EXAMPLES UNTIL THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE TO YOU!