

Composing: Ground Bass

Below are some ideas on ways to vary the original themes of Pachelbel's Canon.

Pachelbel's Canon - Ground Bass

BASS LINE

Vary the rhythm

Add passing notes

OR

HARMONY

Add passing notes:

Use a syncopated rhythm

MELODY

Change the rhythm to a dotted rhythm, add passing notes:



Use syncopation combined with passing notes:

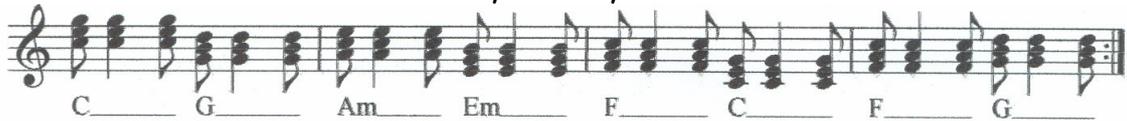


OR



CHORDS

Vary the rhythm:



Play individual notes of the chord:



- These are simply examples, as there are of course many other ways to vary your arrangement. You can develop the original themes in any style of your choice.