

TRACK 10

New Orleans Funk

SWING 16THS, ♩ = 88

The musical score is written for four instruments: Guitar, Organ, Bass, and Drums. It is in 4/4 time with a swing feel. The tempo is 88 beats per minute. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The piece is divided into four measures, each two measures long. The guitar and organ play a melodic line with A7 chords. The bass line is simple and rhythmic. The drums provide a syncopated groove with a strong backbeat.

Notes on New Orleans Funk (Track 10):

- This groove has a strong sixteenth-note swing feel.
- The drums provide a strongly syncopated feel. The snare, in particular, is reflective of the New Orleans marching band tradition. Note that unaccented notes in the snare are ghosted.
- Every instrument operates in a two-measure phrase.
- The layers above the drums are mostly concerted but the drums seem to generally groove on their own. This type of loose relationship between the drums and the other instrumental layers is typical of New Orleans funk.