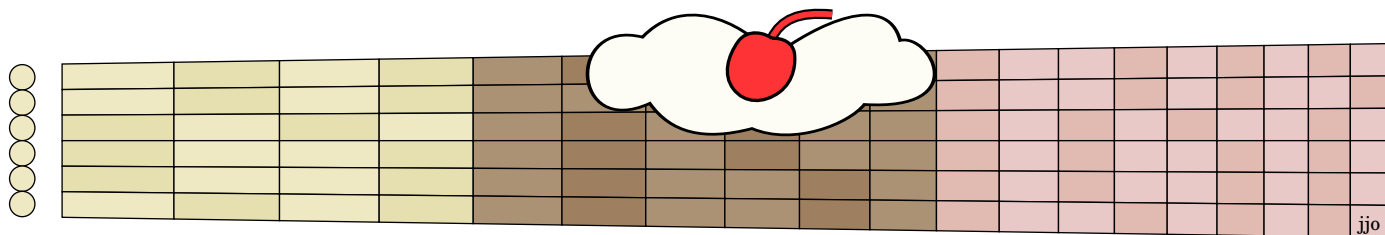


July Fretboard Exercises

Ice Cream Sightreads!



Hear that ice cream truck coming . . .

Exercise 1: I 0 II 1 III 5 IV 3 V 2 VI 5 VII 1 VIII 5 ⑤



Exercise 2: I 1 II 1 III 3 IV 5 V 2 VI 5 VII 1 VIII 4 ⑤



Exercise 3: I 0 II 2 III 5 IV 4 V 4 VI 5 VII 1 VIII 5 IX 4 X 4 XI 5 ④ ⑤



Exercise 4: I 0 II 4 III 6 IV 3 V 4 VI 6 VII 1 VIII 5 IX 1 X 3 XI 7 ④



Exercise 1	Mills(1907): Red Wing	1
Exercise 2	English(1852): Pop Goes The Weasel	1
Exercise 3	WinnerJ(1869): Little Brown Jug	1
Exercise 4	Johnson/Moll/King(1927): I Scream, You Scream, ... for Ice Cream.	1

“The song we love to hate” is how Forbes described the Mister Softee jingle in New York city where Mayor Bloomberg finally reached a compromise allowing the song only during transit. Wikipedia also lists 15 other songs often played by ice cream trucks in the United States where **July is National Ice Cream Month!**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEJyOqpAPzU> (Forbes on Mister Softee)
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mister_Softee#Jingle (Bloomberg's compromise)
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_cream_van#In_the_United_States_and_Canada
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Ice_Cream_Month

Exercise 1, used on the Front Range, is an inappropriately happy tune about an Indian maid losing her brave in battle. Woody Guthrie adapted it as “Union Maid” about a union organizer.

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Wing_\(song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Wing_(song))
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YFXafPf_2Q&t=35s (Sheet Music Singer)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veaODmOTIRI&t=15s> (ice cream truck)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRwr5R8T7eY&t=10s> (Woody Guthrie, 1940)

Exercise 2 was an 1850s English dance craze without agreement as to what the lyrics meant.

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pop_Goes_the_Weasel#Meaning_and_interpretations
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7liCzjJ5Aw> (ice cream truck)

Exercise 3 is an old drinking song that gained new popularity during prohibition.

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_Brown_Jug_\(song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_Brown_Jug_(song))
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuEg32EMXr4> (ice cream truck)

Exercise 4 is better known for its long title than its tune, except for the four bars it shares with Irving Berlin's “God Bless America” (... stand beside her, and guide her...). The lyricist, Howard Johnson, is NOT the same Howard Johnson who made 28 Flavors of ice cream famous.

- [...pedia.org/wiki/Ice_Cream_\(I_Scream,_You_Scream,_We_All_Scream_for_Ice_Cream\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_Cream_(I_Scream,_You_Scream,_We_All_Scream_for_Ice_Cream))
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howard_Johnson_\(lyricist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howard_Johnson_(lyricist)) (wrote these lyrics)
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howard_Johnson%27s (famous for 28 Flavors)
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0pfP_MD6xA&t=69s (Fred Waring, 1930)

Play the chords! All four exercises use just C, F and G (or maybe G7). Give it a try!

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