

Back To Earth

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Moderately (± 150)

Cm
8va —————— | *loco* | Cm⁶
 5 3 b 1 3 2 b 1 3 1 3 1 3
 3 2 3 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
 f
 3 2 3 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
 V
 1 2 3 5

 Fm⁶
8va —————— | Cm⁶
 5 3 b 1 2 3
 3 3 3 3 3 3
 V
 1 2 3 5
 V
 V
 V
 V
 V

 Fm⁶
8va —————— | Cm
 5 3 b 1 2 3
 3 3 3 3 3 3
 V
 V
 V
 V
 V

 Fm⁶
8va —————— | G7(b¹³)
 5 3 b 1 2 3
 3 3 3 3 3 3
 V
 V
 V
 V
 V

The sheet music consists of four staves of musical notation for piano, arranged vertically. The top staff begins with a Cm6 chord, followed by a G7(69) chord with fingerings 1-2-3, 1-2-3, 1-2, 3-4-3-2. The second staff begins with a C9 chord with fingerings 1-2-3-4, 1-2-5-2. The third staff begins with an Fm6 chord with fingerings 4-3, followed by a Cm6 chord with fingerings 1. The fourth staff begins with a C6 chord with fingerings 1-2-3, 1-2-3, 5-3-5, followed by a Dm7 chord with fingerings 4-3-2-1, 5-5, and a G7 chord with fingerings 1-5-3-5, 2-5-4-2-1, 5-3-1.

1st Improvisation

Cm6
G⁷⁽⁶⁹⁾
C9
Fm6
Cm6
C6
Dm⁷
G⁷

2nd Improvisation

C6
Fm⁷
B_b
f

3 4 2 3 2 1 3 1 2
 1 2 3 4 3 4
 1 3 1

E♭7
 2 3 1 2 3 4
 2 1 2 3 5 4 1 2 3 4

Cm7
 4 3 2 1 1 2 5
 5 4 3 2 1 2 4 1 2 3 4
 3 4 3 1 2 3

F7
 1 2 3 4

B♭
 1

Cm *s'va* *loco* **Cm6**
f

Fm6 *s'va* **Cm6** *s'va*

F_m⁶

G^{13(b9)}

C_m

F_m⁶

G^{13(b9)}

C_m⁶

loco

mp

G^{13(b9)}

C_m⁶

G^{13(b9)}

C_m⁷

p slower to end

G⁷

C_m

F_m⁷

G_m

C_m

molto rit. pp

gradi