

Autumn Leaves

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For SSA and Piano

Duration: ca. 3:05

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French Lyrics by JACQUES PREVERT
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Swing feel (♩ = ca. 160) (♩♩ = ♩³)

B7sus Bbm7(b5)

Am7

G#m7(#5)

mf Stop-time rhythm

G13 F#7(#5)

4

Soprano I

unis. mf

9

Soprano II

The fall - ing leaves _____

Alto

mf

Cmaj7(b5)

Am7

D7

7

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— drift by — my win - dow, — the au - tumn leaves —

Gmaj7 Cmaj7

10

unis.

— of red and gold, —

F#m7(b5) B7 Em

13

unis.

— I see your lips, — the sum - mer kiss -

Am D7sus Ab7 Gmaj7

16

the sun - burned hands ____

- es, ____ the sun - burned hands ____

Cmaj7 F#m7(b5)

19

I used to hold. ____ unis.

____ to hold. ____ Since you

B7 Em

22

25

went a - way ____ the days ____ grow long, ____

Am6/B Gmaj7/B

25

and soon I'll hear old win - ter's song. —

B $\flat$ dim7 Am7 Gm7 Fm7 Em7

28

But I miss you most of all, —

33 *unis.*

G7 F $\sharp$ m7($\flat$ 5)

31

my dar - ling, when

B7($\sharp$ 5) Em7

34

unis. -4

au - tumn leaves start to fall. _____ -4

A2/C# C7 B7 B7(#5) Fmaj7 F#7

37

43

Buh buh do ae oo way ____ oh way _____

G7 Ab7(#5) Am7

41

shu doo dut day ____ doo bu doo ay ____ buh dut dut

D7sus Gmaj7 Cmaj7

44

47

doo ee ae — dat dat vuh doo dut duh — duh —

F#m7(b9) B7(#5) Em7

50

unis. 51

duh bu doo duh — oo ae — dat dat doo duh dut day _

Am7 D7sus D9

53

unis.

— oo ae — day ooh — vu doo ae oo ae — day oh —

Gmaj7 C⁶₉ F#m7(b5)

Solo

56

dut doo day day oh. _____ Since you

Am/B B7(#5) Em7

59

59

went a - way _____ the days _____ grow _____ long _____

Am6/B C13 Am6/B Bm7

62

— duh boo duh duh duh duh da duh duh duh duh duh dut dut —

Bb7 Am7 D13 Abmaj7

67

— boo buh duh But, — I miss you most of all, —

Gmaj7 Cmaj7 F#m7(b5)

65

— my dar - ling. — Buh duh duh duh duh doo 'n

Am F#dim7 Em7 B/D# Dm7 G13

68

duh — 'n oo dut duh buh — buh duh —

A2/C# C7 B7 Bb7(b5) A7

71

end Solo

74

(th) start — t' fall.

F#7 Fmaj7 E

Piano solo

77

Am7 D7 Gmaj7 C/E

81

F#m7(b5) B7 Em7

85

Am7 D7sus D7 Gmaj7 C

p

89

F#m7(b5) B7 Em C/E

Soprano I

95

Soprano II

Alto

Since you went a - way _____

Em6

E7(#5)

Bbm6/C

rhythm in

93

_____ the days _____ grow long, _____ and soon I'll hear _____

Ab2/C

Cbdim

96

_____ old win - ter's song _____

Bbm7

Abm7

F#m7

Fm7

99

102

3
unis.

103

But I miss you most of all, my

A $\flat$ 7 Gm7($\flat$ 5) C7 C7($\sharp$ 5)

105

dar - ling, when au - tumn

Fm7 B $\flat$ 2/D D $\flat$ 7

108

unis.

leaves start to fall, start to fall, —

C7 C7($\sharp$ 5) B7($\flat$ 5) B $\flat$ 9

and I see your lips, _____

Bbm7 Eb9 Ab13

111

the fall - ing leaves, _____ the fall - ing

Dbmaj7 Bbm7 Eb9sus

114

slight rit.

leaves of red and gold. _____

slight rit.

Gm7(b5) Gbmaj7 C7(#5) F5

slight rit.

117

PERFORMANCE NOTES

“Autumn Leaves” is a favorite among the standard jazz repertoire, one that most audiences will relate to strongly. Singers should make the most of the lyrics and should sing without vibrato.

This arrangement is a great tool for teaching the swing feel. The group soli section (bars 42–58) has a concentration of swung eighth notes that tie across the barline or across beat three. In groups of two eighth notes (tied), there should be a sense of triplet to the motion. In groups of four eighth notes, the triplet should be more pronounced on the third and fourth eighths than on the first and second. All sustained notes should be sung with a slight crescendo, except for final cadences.

The vocal solo may be sung either with the whole group or with fewer voices for special effect. Both solos (vocal and piano) may be performed entirely *ad lib.*, at the director’s discretion.

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