

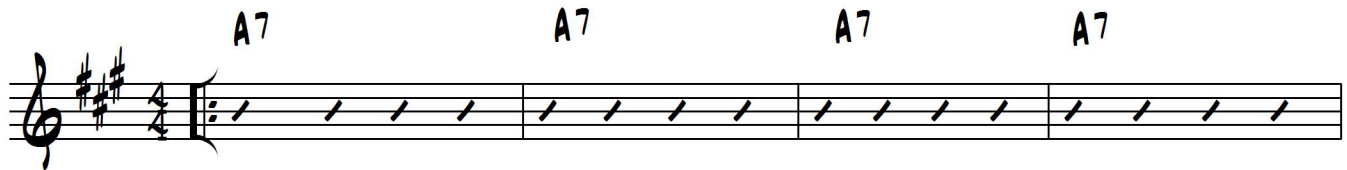
12 Bar Blues:  
Roman Numerals

The image displays three staves of musical notation for a 12-bar blues progression in 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are represented by short horizontal dashes on the staff lines. Roman numerals are placed above the staves to indicate the chords for each bar.

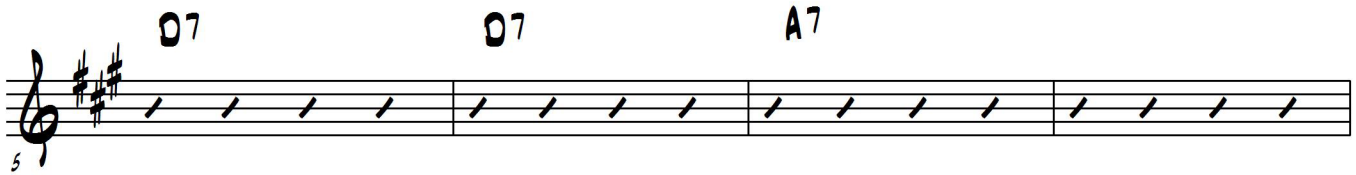
Staff	Bar 1	Bar 2	Bar 3	Bar 4
1	I	-	-	-
2	IV	-	I	-
3	V	IV	I	-

# BASIC BLUES PROGRESSIONS

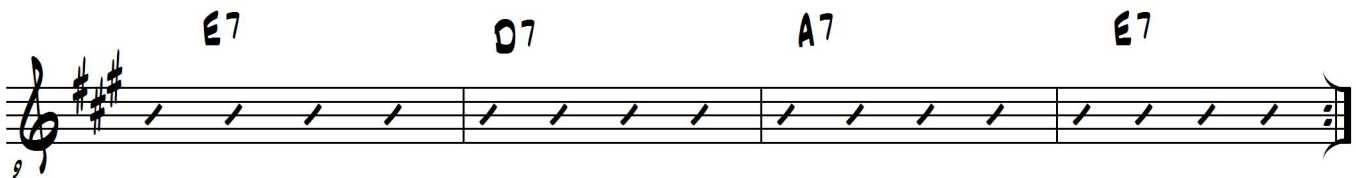
A7 A7 A7 A7



D7 D7 A7



E7 D7 A7 E7



**Bessie\_Smith - Mean Old Bedbug Blues**

**lyrics**

Gals, bed bugs sure is evil, they don't mean me no good

Yeah, bed bug sure is evil, they don't mean me no good

Thinks he's a woodpecker and I'm a chunk of wood

When I lay down at night, I wonder how can a poor gal sleep

When I lay down at night, I wonder how can a poor gal sleep

When some is holding my hand, others eating my feet

Bed bug as big as a jackass, will bite you and stand and grin

Bed bug as big as a jackass, will bite you and stand and grin

Will drink all the bed bug poison, turn around and bite you

again

Something moan in the corner, I went over and see

Something moan in the corner, I went over and see

It was the bed bug mother prayin', Lord, gimme some more to eat

**Bessie Smith – Reckless Blues**  
**lyrics**

When I wasn't nothin' but a child  
When I wasn't nothin' but a child  
All you men tried to drive me wild

Now I'm growin' old  
Now I'm growin' old  
and I've got what it takes to get all of you men told

My mama says I'm reckless, my daddy says I'm wild  
My mama says I'm reckless, my daddy says I'm wild  
I ain't good lookin' but I'm somebody's angel child

Daddy, mama wants some lovin'  
Daddy, mama wants some huggin'  
Darn it pretty papa, mama wants some lovin' I vow  
Darn pretty papa, mama wants some lovin' right now