

Notes on "Imagine" by John Lennon
 Tempo: about 86 bpm (slower is TOTALLY fine)

This song is actually rather easy to play once you get the hang of it. While I doubt you really need a backing track for it, using it will definitely help keep in time with the piano itself.

The structure in this song is very easy to understand, and the PDF I have provided will make it even easier. The blue in the tab below indicates picking hand fingers. The chord shapes are very easy and very logical. Here are the parts to it:

Intro and Verse (until the very last measure, which builds toward either another verse or into the chorus)

C				Cmaj7				F					
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	3	0
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3			
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T			

This is repeated VERY frequently until you reach the end of the verse. At that point you play the following:

F		Am/E		Dm7		F/C		G		C/G		G7
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	5	0
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	5	
3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	
						3	3					
1	0							3				3
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T

Next is the chorus, which is rather similar to the above tab in many ways.

F		G		Cmaj7		E7		F		G		Cmaj7		E7	
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0
2	2	4	4	0	0	1	1	2	2	4	4	0	0	1	1
	3	3	5	5	2	3	3	5	5	2	3	3	3	2	2
				3	3	3	0	2	2			3	3	3	0
1		3					0			1		3			0
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T

F		G		Cmaj7		E7		F		G		C			
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1
2	2	4	4	0	0	1	1	2	2	4	4	0			
	3	3	5	5	2	3	3	5	5	2	3	3	0	2	
				3	3	3	0	2	2			3	2		
1		3					0			1		3		3	0
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T

F		G			C
2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	3	3	5	5
2	2	4	4	5	5
	3	3	5	5	3
1		3			
T	T	T	T	T	T

