



# 12 Bar Blues Improv Activity

Accompaniment part:

With a slow, steady beat

E $\flat$

5 A $\flat$  E $\flat$

9 B $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$

## *How to create your improv:*

**Elementary students:** Create a melody in quarter notes using the black keys while your teacher plays the duet part above.

**Late elementary students:** Create a melody on the black keys using two or three different rhythmic patterns while your teacher plays the duet part above. (Hint: decide on your rhythms first by creating a few silly sentences!)

**Intermediate students:** Play the part above with your left hand and create a melody using the black keys with your right hand. Start with one simple rhythm in your melody, then add more as you are able!