

Traditional Blues Structures

Traditional Standard

1	1	4	1
5	4	1	1

Or

1	1	4	1
6	5	1	5

Traditional 12-bar

1	1	1	1 ⁷
4	4	1	1 ⁷
5	4	1	1

Muddy Waters Variation

4	4	1	1 ⁷
4	4	1	1 ⁷
5	4	1	1

Mississippi Delta Variation

1	4	1	1 ⁷
4	4	1	1 ⁷
3	4	1	1

Gospel Variation

1	4	1	5
1	4	1 5	1
4	1	1	5
1	4	1 5	1

Forms

1 TONIC	3	4 A-MEN	5 or 5 ⁷ RESOLUTION
A	C [#]	D	E
B	D [#]	E	F [#]
C	E ⁷	F	G
D	F [#]	G	A
E	G [#]	A	B ⁷
F	A	B ^b	C
G	B ⁷	C	D