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The purpose of this paper is to analyze Gregory Porter's approach in the "Liquid Album" which was released in 2013 and awarded as the best male vocal Grammy. Porter's melodic phrases are smooth and tension tones can increase the engagment of the listeners and construct the movement of the song. Furthermore, the repeating phrases can create space and cause delaying the starting point on different beats. Most of the phrases are built with neighboring tones and he used such kind of tones to delay either at the beginning of the phrase or end of the phrase and created emotional feeling for the listeners. In creating variation phrases, using non-harmonic tones can produce smooth phrase and more engaging in jazz.



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CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

In the music industry, jazz is known to be one of the earliest type of music. In fact, most of the music genre that are known today are derived and developed based on it. Jazz is defined as "an American culture and distinguished by flexible rhythmic tempo, as a base accompanied with improvisation of solo and ensemble on basic tunes and chord patterns". ¹ It was introduced in the state of New Orleans by the African American communities in 1900s. Generally, today jazz singers approach jazz music by studying the various music techniques, phrasing and ways of harmony approach which are learned from the past performances of the other jazz masters.

There had been numerous big names that rose to fame in jazz. Among them are Bassie Smith, Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole who had been famous jazz singers through out of the years. There had been lots of talented artists who gave valuable contributions to development of jazz music. However, less attention was given to the new upcoming jazz musicians of today who are arguably as equally as talented as those who were mentioned above. Hence, this study will mainly focus on a famous contemporary jazz singer, Gregory Porter in which will delve on his approach of phrasing to jazz music.

Gregory Porter is song writer and a jazz vocalist who is known for his unique vocal abilities that suits contemporary music styles. In the music industry today, such talent is rarely seen. In fact, most singers today are influenced by the soul and R&B styles. However, Porter is known to be unique given his ability to create simple phrasing in jazz. He had released eight albums since 2010 in which he was awarded the "Best Jazz Vocal Album" for his album names Liquid Spirit in 2013 and Take Me to the Alley in 2016. Interestingly, he has a distinct baritone voice which is thick, warm and mixed with a fresh vital style that become his unique style. Moreover, Porter's style is influenced by a combination of various singers, such as King Cole,

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¹ (biography, 2007 #6)

Bill Withers, Johnny Hartman and Joe Williams. In fact, he was also recognized as a singer who share a similar style and echoes of Nat King Cole's mellow baritone.²

This research aims to study Gregory Porter's singing style from the 2013 Grammy award winning album, "Liquid Spirit". Specifically, the research would like to analyze how he approach the phrasing in jazz by delving into the combination of gospel music and R&B. Majority of the songs from the album were his own originals. This album is significantly chosen for the study as it was in this record where he earned the best jazz vocal award. The concept of the rhythm in this album was a combination of different types of music such as jazz, gospel, R&B and soul music. It can be said that Porter's composition style is mainly based on the simple harmony and chord progressions. Most of his compositions were created to fit his baritone vocal range. Moreover, some of his songs' rhythm, melody and style are influenced by popular music. Interestingly, Porter provided a fresh and innovative approach to jazz as he sang popular music in this album. Despite earning a Grammy award, this album has not been fully analyzed. Hence, this study is dedicated in analyzing Porter's approach in phrasing by transcribing and hope that it may contribute to provide new guidelines of phasing for new jazz learners.

1.2 Objectives

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1.2.1 To analyze the phrasing approach to jazz music of Gregory

² https://www.last.fm/music/Gregory+Porter/+wiki

CHAPTER 2 REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

2.1 Introduction

This chapter will first present an history overview of the Gospel music history. Later it will provide a review of literature on Blue and Rhythms (R&B) and the last will be about the biography of the singer Gregory porter including the significance of his vocal vocalists who had influenced.

2.2 Overview of the Gospel Music

2.2.1 Gospel Music

Gospel music is known as a sacred vocal music. In fact, it is recognized as one of the important genres of contemporary African-American music. It is pioneered from the culture of the African-American church community which includes a combination of euphoric, rhythmic and spiritual experience. It is generally known for the blending of feelings, emotions, communal and soulful music which expresses the collective condition of an individual's religious experience. Furthermore, it is a kind of music which focuses on the vocals wherein piano is used as the main instrumental accompaniment to shape the genre. In the early days, the Gospel music was always complemented mainly by piano and organ instruments.³ During late 1800s, the churches in the south of the United States introduced many styles of music, including African-American spirituals, hymns and holy songs in their worship services. Among the gospel music, the African-American gospel music is one of the most popular styles that has transpired in the music history.

Originally, this music is complemented by only hand-clapping and footstomping, thus not requiring any use of instruments. However, in the late 1930s, Thomas A. Dorsey, a famous composer who is also known as the "Father of Gospel Music", changed the pattern of gospel music. He created the so-called "gospel blues"

³ https://www.loc.gov/collections/songs-of-america/articles-and-essays/musical-styles/ritual-and-worship/african-american-gospel

which comprises of blues and jazz with traditional religious hymns which became known as the "Dorsey Song" and the choral gospel blues style (Harris, 1992). Most of his songs were composed with sixteen measure sessions using blues styles and choosing flatted thirds and sevenths and off-beat melodic accents (Samuel & Floyd, 1995). However, Dorsey's style was not accepted by the music industry, specifically that of the gospel society in the beginning when such style was introduced. It was rejected due to its differences from the traditional gospel style as it combined ragtime, blues and jazz. Nonetheless, this style of gospel music was later accepted in 1930s as an innovative style of traditional gospel type.

2.2.2 Significant style of Gospel Music Styles

There are various styles of gospel music known among musicians. Some of the significant styles included quartet style, contemporary gospel, praise and worship and traditional gospel. Among them, the quartet style which is usually led by male singers together with tight harmonies is the most popular style of gospel. For the other styles such as traditional and contemporary gospel, the differences are easily determined. he traditional type of gospel is more basic which make it relevant for choir singing while the contemporary gospel is more compatible for solo artists. The fourth style on the other hand which is the praise and worship is led by a praise singer followed by small group of singers which is usually performed by the congregation as a gospel music.

2.3 Rhythm and Blues (R&B)

R&B music is the combination of the soulful singing and strong backbeat. It is created by the African-Americans between the end of World War II (1941-1945) and the early 1960s. After World War II, "Jump Blues" became the most successful style of rhythm & blues followed by "Blues Crooner" style which is a combination of both blues and pop singing. Jump Blues were composed of combos which basically makes up the rhythm section alongside with the horn players. This type of music was emphasized on hard-swinging, boogie-woogie-based party music, spiced with

humorous lyrics and wild stage performances. During its peak, "Tympany Five" managed by Louis Jordan was the most influential Jump Band in 1939. In the late 1930s, King Cole Trio recorded jazz music together with piano, bass and guitar instruments which were considered more spread out making it more popular in the post war period than Blues Crooners. Nonetheless, some artists such as Charles Brown, a pianist and singer became one of the great examples of the most successful Blue Crooner.

Among R&B styles, Chicago Electric Blues is a distinctive as it was derived from the Mississippi Delta tradition of Charley Patton and Robert Johnson. The authors (Starr & Waterman, 2007) argued that the Rural Blues tradition had faded which paved the way for a new style called Chicago Electric of Blue to emerge during World War II. Moreover, it is also studied that the group called "Doo-Wop" took part by initiating a style of singing harmony in Rhythm & Blues which was not used in the early post-war days.

During early 1940's and early 1950's, the most famous R&B recordings were created by the "Jump Band" which was mainly influenced by swing. During 1949, the Billboard magazine initiated the term "Rhythm & Blues" which replaced the term "Race" as a marketing label. During that time, "R&B" was recognized as an ensemble music consisting of a vocal unit either solo or group, a rhythm unit, using electric guitar, string bass, piano and drums or a supplementary unit generally accompanied by the saxophone and sometimes other winds (Southern , 1983). Later, the name was noticed by the African-America artists. The styles under this R&B music have different characteristics such which can be described as more energetic, earthly and powerfully expressive. Mostly, this music pattern is adopted from the pre-war African-American styles in which majority of the performances was conducted by the black Americans who mostly performed on popular song.

There are many popular R&B music performers and artists such as Ray Charles, Little Richard and James Brown who are from Georgia state are mostly well-known and influential due to their innovative styles. In 1946, the popularity of swing music faded although its music for dancing remained. With that, most musicians at that time moved from performing swing to R&B. Actually, the R&B artists of today came from the big band era which all performed swing. It was at the time wherein the

swing genre faded where members of big bands form small combos that focused on the R&B style in which both vocal and arrangements were accompanied by saxophone and piano. In further development of the R&B genre, electric guitar and bass were added in order to increase the volume and intensity with the purpose of creating new sound which would make the music compatible for radio and jukeboxes.

2.4. Gregory Porter

Gregory Porter is a well-known jazz artist, a soul and gospel vocalist song writer for his unique voice in contemporary music history. Since he was young, he was influenced by the records of Nat King Cole which were mostly played by his mother. During his early childhood, his objective was to become an athlete star. According to an interview from Ivan (Porter, 2014), Porter was a singing athlete who was better known for his singing than his sportsmanship. He was good at singing since he was young and many people appreciated him for his talents, particularly in singing gospels. It can be said that his ability to sing spiritually which perfectly fits the gospel genre was initiated from church due to his mother being an assistant. At church, people usually sang the gospels with blues. Hence, Porter became familiar to such kind of music since then.

As for his sportsmanship ability, Porter received a football scholarship from the San Diego State University. However, it was unfortunate that the jazz musician could not join because of his serious shoulder injury. During his rehabilitation period, he joined the jazz jam session and spent most of his time in the music library. During a performance in a local jazz club, he met Kamau Kenyatta, who was saxophonist, composer and pianist. Later, Kenyatta became his mentor who had the opportunity to sing together with flutist Hubert Laws in his 1998 album. Porter was trained to lead in a new musical play called "It Ain't Nothing But the Blues," which became famous on Broadway.⁴ It was in this musical wherein Porter was recognized for his talents. In fact, various talent scouts placed Porter as a front cast in which he had the opportunity to attract the attention of Wynton Marsalis, a famous trumpeter, composer and artistic

⁴ https://www.allmusic.com/artist/gregory-porter-mn0001682702/biography

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director of the Jazz at Lincoln center in New York City. After that musical, Porter was given another break in which his third album, Liquid Spirit was released making it the most popular jazz album in music history (Petridis, 2016).

Throughout his music career, Porter has released six albums. It was in 2010 where he was able to release his first own album named "Water" which was immediately followed by the second album called "Be Good" in 2012 and then "Liquid Spirit" in 2013, which was awarded as the 2014 Grammy award for "Best Jazz Vocal Album" which hit the record of Jazz music of over 20 million streams. Furthermore, in 2016 another concert album name "Live in Berlin" was delivered to the public.⁵

2.4.1 Significance of Gregory Porter's voice style

Gregory Porter has a unique voice which can care or confront, embrace or exhort citation. His first album "Water" was popular wherein he exhibited his incredible degree of vocal mastery and reflect the pattern of blues, gospels and soul. Due to his upbringing, it can be assumed that such kind of music has influenced his music styles in life. In addition to that, his vocal weaves seamlessly sounded with warm tones established by his core band.

2.4.2 Influential persons for Porter's Singing Style

There are some famous persons who gave inspiration on Porter's singing style such as King Cole, Joe Williams and Donny Hathaway who are all pastors in order to evoke his own style which will distinct from other jazz musicians in the world. His uniqueness can be heard in his seven original compositions. "But Beautiful" and "Skylark" are some of the music where his unique vocal abilities can be heard which focused on emotional elements of jazz classics. On the other hand, his mentor Kenyatta helped and influenced him in establishing the echoes of Cole's mellow baritone which is compatible to his own voice.

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Biography of Gregory Porter

According to interview from Ivan (Porter, 2014). Porter became a popular jazz singer from a sport man. He was good at singing since he was young and many people appreciated him for his talents in singing gospel songs. It can be said that Porter's singing spiritual was initiated from the Church due to his mother who was a sort of pastor. Many people from Texas and Arkansas attended the Church at Bakersfield and they usually sang the gospel with blues. It can be said that Porter is familiar with that pattern of music since he was young. Although he is good at sports people more recognized him for his amazing voice. He got the sports scholarship from the SanDiego state university he could not join because of his serious shoulder pain. During his rehabilitation period, he joined the jazz jam session and spent his time in the university of music library by singing. As his sound was recognized by the scouts (Porter found himself fronting the cast of Broadway musicals). Finally, he released his own album "Water "in 2010. It is noticed that Porters is more interested in voices with seasoned.

2.4.3 Significance of Gregory Porter's voice style

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2.4.4 Influential persons for Porter's Singing Style

There are some famous person who have influence on Gregory Porter's singing style are King Cole, Joe Williams and Donny Hathaway who are the pastors from the Church. He was supported by Hathaway or Cole in shaping for his vocal styling and to appear his own style for the overview of the world. His uniqueness can be seen in his seven original compositions and the some classic songs such as "But Beautiful" and "Skylark" focusing on emotional feeling create his albums more

persuasive. Furthermore, he was recognized by Kenyatta that he can put the echoes of Cole's mellow baritone in his own voice. ⁶

2.4.5 Nat King Cole

Nat King Cole is famous for his soft baritone voice and he is the very first African-American to host a television series. His musical fame came from his soft baritone voice while performing in big band and jazz genres. "Sweet Lorraine" had become his first hit when he recorded that in 1940 (Scott, 2000).

He was born on March 17,1919 and he had begun his career as a jazz pianist. He started playing piano with the help of his mother and he also trained for a classical music in his early teenage although he abandoned it later to become a jazz pianist.

In the 1950, he became famous as a well-known solo performer. After he had produced his several hits such as "Nature Boy", "Mona Lisa", "Too Young" and "Unforgettable", he had a chance to collaborate with the America's top legends such as Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and also with well-known arrangers such as Nelson Riddle ("Nat King Cole biography", 2007).

According to ("Nat King Cole biography",2007), Nat King Cole has faced ups and downs in his career as his record charts declined in the late 1950s. However, the situation did not last long and his record "Rambin Rose" earned the number two spot on the billboard pop charts in 1962. But his last appearance on these pop charts was in 1964.

In 1956, Nat King Cole made his debut on the television series as the first African-American performer in America's television history. After his series did not get on anymore in 1957 due to the lack of sponsorships, he appeared on other series. His first starring role was in the drama "St. Louis Blues" in 1958 and his final appearance was in 1954.

"Love" has believed to be his final record. In 1964, he found out that he had suffered from lung cancer and after months later he passed away just in his 45. Since his death, his music has endured. His delivery of "Christmas Song" has become a

⁶ https://www.last.fm/music/Gregory+Porter/+wiki

holiday classic and other his signature songs are still selected for films and television soundtracks frequently.

2.4.6 Bill Withers

William Harrison Withers Jr. also known as Bill Withers was born on July 4,1938. He is a singer- songwriter and musician. His works are recorded and performed between 1970 to 1985 including his famous hits such as "Lean me on", "Ain't No Sunshine", "Use me", "Just the two of us", "Lovely Day" and "Grandma's Hands" (Mike,2010).

Before his debut in music industry, he had served in the US Navy. His first album came in 1971. To support financially for his musical efforts, he had worked as a builder - building toilets for airplanes but his songs got attention to the Clarence Avant at Sussex Records. He later earned a recording contract with the label. In the middle of 1970s, he switched to the Columbia Record Label.

He was a successful song-writer as well. After working with Booker T.Jones, Withers put out his first album in 1971. After following year, he earned his biggest hit in his career "Lean on Me" and he also reached to the top on the pop and R&B charts in 1972. After switching his contract to Columbia Record Label, he earned number one hit with "Lovely Day" in 1977 (Bill Withers Biography, 2015). After ten years in 1987, he earned his second wave of success when he released his trademark song "Lean on Me" and received a Grammy Award as a song-writer.

By the end of 1980s, he decided to focus more on his family and given up performing. He has earned a lot for his contributions to his music. He in inducted into song-writer hall of fame in 2005. His life and music became the subject of the 2009 documentary Still Bill.

2.4.7 Johnny Hartman

Johnny Harman was an American jazz singer who had specialized in ballads. He rose above the other singers to become the most commanding smooth balladeer between 1950s to 1960s. He was born in Chicago and he started singing while he was serving in the army. He started his music education while he was in college and he started performing in his mid-40s.

His first LP was released in 1956 with Songs from the heart which is recorded for Bethlehem and featured by the quartet. Later in that year, he recorded his second "All of me" which was virtually off-record until 1963.

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, he landed his works in the range of jazz and pop standards albums for ABC, Perception and Blue Note. According to (AllMusic, 2018). He recorded just few works during 1970s although he recorded two albums in 1980. Among that two album, "Once in every life" earned him a Grammy nomination just two years before his death in 1983.

2.4.8 Joe Williams

Joe Williams was born in Georgia in 1918. He has started as a gospel group when he was a teenager in 1930s. He worked as a singer and bouncer in the late 1930s and 1940s but he made his debut as a professional soloist in 1937. Although he followed the tour with the Hampton for several years, he did not achieve any breakthrough success. He also sang with Red Saunders at the Club DeLisa in Chicago in 1946 and he sang with Andy Kirk in New York in 1946. During the late 1940s, he performed very few due to his health condition.

By the end of his 30s, he participated in the orchestras led by Jimmie Noone and Les Hite. Finally, in his age of 35, he had earned his huge break when he was hired as the male vocalist in Count Basie's Orchestra. Despite his part in Basie, he also worked with the small groups and quartet in 1962 (ALLMUSIC,2018). Though, he toured consistently during the 70s, his recordings had dropped off until he released the LPs for Delos which are "Nothin' But the Blues and I just Wanna Sing.

After he had won the Grammy Award for Best Jazz Vocal Performance, he entered into the role of popular television series. He participated again with Count Basie's Orchestra and released several albums and remained as the most talented jazz vocalists in the world until his death in 1999.

CHAPTER 3 METHODOLOGY

The main objective of this chapter is to introduce the methodologies that are going to be applied in this paper in order to analyze the phrasing approach of Gregory Porter's in his performance. In this study, the researcher will focus mainly on the album called "Liquid Spirit" which won the Best Jazz Vocal Album at Grammy Awards in 2013. Generally, most of the songs from this album have not been transcribed and the researcher will transcribe all the songs from this album. Furthermore, this paper will analyze how Gregory Porter creates variation and phrasing in his performance in order to create significant effects compared to other songs. In this paper, transcribing method will take place by looking at three categories such as the usage of non-harmonic tone as ornamentation, use of motive development and use of articulation affects in Gregory Porter's performance.

3.1 Collecting data

In terms of the data sources, this study will gather the data by transcribing through listening the songs from "Liquid Spirit" album. There are 15 songs in this album,

1 No Love Dying	by Gregory Porter
2 Liquid Spirit	by Gregory Porter

3 Lone Some Lover by Abbey Lincoln / Max Roach

4 Under The Bridges by Gregory Porter
5 Hey Laura by Gregory Porter

6 Musical Genocide by Gregory Porter
7 Wolf Cry by Gregory Porter

8 Free by Nad Najor / Zak Najor / Gregory

Porter

9 Brown Grass by Gregory Porter
10 Wind Song by Gregory Porter

11 The 'In' Crowd by RamseyLewis / Bill Page

12 Moving by Gregory Porter

13 When Love Was King by Gregory Porter

14 I Fall In Love Too Easily by Sammy Cahn / Jule Style

15 Time Is Ticking by Gregory Porter

3.2 Expectations

 To understand Gregory Porter's phrasing approach in his "Liquid Spirit" album

2. To provide guidelines for jazz vocalists to further study phrasing styles and articulation of Gregory Porter.

3.3 Scope of Work

- This study only focus on Gregory Porter's jazz music particularly on the use of articulation effects, motive development and non-harmonic, ornamentation tone.
- This paper will not look into every feature of Gregory Porter's life and will emphasize on the performance of Gregory Porter's performance in "Liquid Spirit" album.



CHAPTER 4 The Use of Non-Harmonic Tones as Ornamentation in Gregory Porter's Performance

This chapter focuses on Gregory Porter's use of non-harmonic tones as ornamentation. Non-harmonic tones are more significant in jazz music composition and improvisation. Porter uses non-harmonic tones in simple melody to start the melodic phrasing.

4.1 Non-harmonic Tones

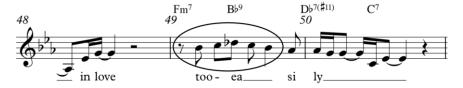
Non-harmonic tones (Non-chord tones) or embellishment tones are notes that are not part of the chord or implied harmony. Non-harmonic tones are most often discussed in the context of the common practice period of classical music, but they can be used in the analysis of other types of tonal music such as Western popular music. Over the centuries of music history, tones which were considered to be non chord tones came to be viewed as chord tones, such as the seventh in a seventh chord. In 1940s-era bebop jazz, tones were usually considered as non-chord tone. They can be distinguished depends on how they are applied in the phrases. The most important significance is whether they occur on a strong or weak beat and thus are accented or unaccented. In this study, researcher will study about non-harmonic tones as ornamentations divided in four groups. They are (1) passing tones, (2) neighboring tones, (3) appoggiatura tones, and (4) escape tones.

4.1.1 Passing Tone

Passing tone is one type of ornamentation and it happens between two chord tones to create stepwise motion. In addition, passing tone can occur as an accented note (on strong part of the beat or strong beat) or unaccented note (at the weak part of the beat).

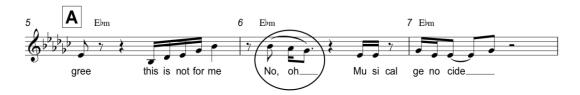
Passing tone is one of the singing methods that are used by Porter's in his performance. He uses passing tone to create the melodic variations. As a result, it produces smooth melodic phrasing from stepwise motions. Examples are provided as below.

Figure 1 Example 4.1 The use of passing tones in "I Fall In Love Too Easily" from measure 48 to 50. (See the song in Appendix page no.109)



According to the above example 3.1, it can be seen that in bar 49 of the song "I falling In Love Too Easily" Bb and Db are the target notes of melody. Porter chooses C as passing tone on 2nd beat to create diatonic line to connect Bb and Db in both ascending and descending direction. However, in the ascending of the melodic line Bb to C is whole step interval and C to Db is half step Interval. And also, in descending of the melodic line Db to C and Bb is same interval. C notes is the tension 9 note in the Bb9 chord. Moreover, Porter created two bar phrases phrasing to start off beat of the first beat in bar 49 and end on third beat of bar 50. He uses passing notes C on the second beat and put the target notes Db on the offbeat of the second beat in measure 49. It can be noticed that by using C passing note it leads to Db from Bb and Db from Bb, this creates smooth melodic phrasing and as tension note increases it engages the listeners by constructing the movement in this song.

Figure 2 Example 4.2 The use of passing tones in "Musical Genocide" from measure 5 to 7 (See the song in Appendix page no.75)



For example 3.2, it can be explained that in Bar 6 of the song of "Musical Genocide" Porter creates melodic variation by using passing note. Bb and Gb notes are the chord tones of Ebm and Gb notes are the target note of the phrasing. Porter used Ab as a passing tone to connect Bb and Gb on the second beat of measure 6. This creates descending diatonic motion Ab, 11th for Ebm chord and also second degree of the Gb Major scale. Porter created phrase which started on the off beat of first beat and put the Ab as a passing tone on the second beat (weak beat of 4/4). It can be seen that using Ab as a passing tone can create a smooth melodic line and tension note make the lines more attractive.

Figure 3 Example 4.3 The use of passing tones in "Musical Genocide" from measure

32 to 34 (See the song in Appendix page no.76)



For example 3.3, it can be expressed that In Bar 33 of the song "Musical Genocide" Porter's chooses Ab passing note to connect with Bb and Gb as in Bar 6. It can be seen that phrase started on the off beat of the second beat and Ab passing note leads to Gb. It is obvious that Porter used same approach that phrase started on off beat of first beat in 6 measures. Nonetheless, Ab passing note is on beat of the third

beat in the bar 33. It is cleared that first beat and third beat are the strong beats in 4/4 meter. Thus, this Ab passing note is the accented passing note. This is a descending diatonic which moves to target note. Ab is the non-chord tone for Ebm and Ab note is the tension 11th note for the Ebm chord and also the second degree of the Gb Major scale. Therefore, using Ab accented passing note can build smooth variation phrase through song emotion melodic line.

Figure 4 Example 4.4 The use of passing tones in "Water Under The Bridges" from measure 23 to 24 (See the song in Appendix page no.70)



The above example 3.4 illustrates that in Bar 24 of the song "Water Under The Bridges" Porter chooses G and F passing notes to connect with Ab and Eb notes. In this phrase, G and F notes are double passing notes and descending diatonic motion to target Eb from Ab. Double passing tones fill the interval of a perfect fourth between two chord tones and occur in a weak rhythmic position. Ab and Eb notes are the chord tones of Ab and Eb chords and it make perfect fourth interval between Eb to Ab, passing notes of G and F is used in off beat of the third beat. On the other hand, G and F note are the non-chord tones for Ab chord and G note is the Major 7 tension note and F note is the tension 13 note for Ab chord. However, from the side of the Eb Major scale G note is the 3rd degree and F is the second degree. Use passing tones G and F creates lead to the target note Eb and smooth descending melodic line.

Figure 5 Example 4.5 The use of passing tones in "Brown Grass" from measure1 to 3 (See the song in Appendix page no.87)



From the above example 3.5, it can be described that in bar 2 of the song "Brown Grass" Porter chooses F passing note to connect Eb note from Gb note. In this phrase, Gb note is the minor 3rd degree and chord tone of Ebm chord when Eb note is the perfect 5th degree and chord tone of Ab chord. It is observed that passing note F is the non-chord tone and the 9th for Ebm chord. He uses F passing note in off beat of second beat (weak beat of 4/4) and diatonic descending motion to target Eb note. Thus, F passing note also create very smooth melodic phrasing and the listeners engagement is also increased by the tension note.

4.1.2 Neighboring Tone

Neighbor tone is another type of ornamentation and similar to passing tone. It can also be called a melodic embellishment that happens between the chord tones. Nonetheless, a complete neighboring tone usually occurs between the two instances of the same chord tones. Likewise the passing tone, movement from the stable tone to the neighbor tone and back will always be by step.

Generally, a complete neighbor can be either accented or unaccented although the unaccented is more common. It is one of the singing methods that are applied by Porter in his singing performance. He used neighbor tone in order to create the melodic variation and riffs in his melody. As a result, the note delay the starting of the target note and approaching to target and creates the variations of melodic lines. The followings are the examples of Gregory Porter's use of neighboring tones.

Figure 6 Example 4.6 The use Neighboring tones in "Water Under Bridges" from measure 11 to 12 (See the song in Appendix page no.69)

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The above example demonstrates that in bar 12 of "Water Under Bridges" Porter applied Eb neighboring note in second beat to connect the target note F form F. Eb is non-chord tone and minor 7 tension notes for the Fm7 chord. He used F to

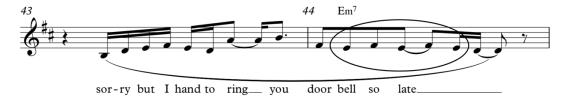
connect Eb and G. That moves continue by means of diatonically to target notes through neighboring notes. In this phrase, Porter used G to F and Eb same descending motion in Fm7b5 and Abm6 chord. He chooses F note to connect both melodic lines. It is observed that Eb neighboring notes creates lead back to chord tone and support repeated melodic phrase.

Figure 7 Example 4.7 The use Neighboring tones In "Water Under Bridges" from measure 13 to 14 (See the song in Appendix page no.69)



Example 3.7 demonstrates that in bar 14 of "Water Under Bridges" Porter used F neighboring note in off beat of the second beat to connect Eb to Eb. F is the non-chord tone and tension 9 notes for the Eb chord. In this phrase, Eb note steps up motion to F note and step down motion back to Eb form F note. Eb is the tonic degree of the Eb major scale and this phrase descending direction can end with tonic note in second off beat. However, Porter used F neighboring note between the two tonic notes and created as grace note effect. From the lyrics side, the word "spend" has to produce two sounds during speak or singing. Similarly, for this phrase in order to sing the lyric "spend" it has to use two notes. Actually, in this place he can Eb note instead of F neighboring tone. However, ending phrase by using F neighboring tone before Eb notes makes listener more interesting for this song.

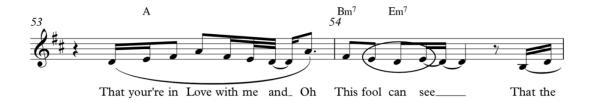
Figure 8 Example 4.8 The use Neighboring tones in "Hey Laura" from measure 43 to 44 (See the song in Appendix page no.74)



The above example 3.8 can be described that in bar 44 of the song "Hey Laura"

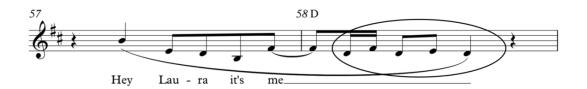
Porter creates F# neighboring notes to connect Eb from Eb notes. F# note is the non-chord tone and tension 9 for Em7 and use on beat of second beat in bar 44. Step up to F# form Eb and step up off to Eb from F#. This is a diatonically motion to target note. In this phrase, Porter applies F# neighboring note in order to lead back to the chord tone and creates ending of the phrase with trills.

Figure 9 Example 4.9 The use Neighboring tones in "Hey Laura" from measure 53 to 54 (See the song in Appendix page no.74)



For example 3.9, it can be described that in bar 54 of "Hey Laura" song, Porter applies D neighboring tone on second beat and connect with E. In this phrase, Porter uses neighboring notes is same situation in example 3.6 in bar 45. D note is a non-chord tone and minor 7 tension degree for Em7 chord. While studying E note on up beat of the first beat, he uses E note as anticipation before the Em7 chord, step down to D Neighboring note and step up (or) lead back to E chord tone. It is clear that D neighboring note makes a smooth connection between the same note. In terms of the scale side, D note is the tonic of the D major scale and 7 degree (leading note) of the E minor scale. Therefore, the phrase ending with D neighboring note of E in Em7 chord makes feeling of mournfulness to listeners.

Figure 10 Example 4.10 The use Neighboring tones in "Hey Laura" from measure 49 to 50 (See the song in Appendix page no.74)



Porter uses neighboring notes to create variation and Riffs in his phrasing. The above example can be explained that in bar 58 of the song "Hey Laura", D note and F# note are the chord tones of D major chord. E note is non-chord tone and tension 9 degree for D major as well. Porter creates two bar phrase start from second beat of bar 49 to third beat of bar 50. In bar 50 D note is the target note for ending phrase. He creates Riffs connect to F# chord tone skid up from D, skid down to D from F#, step up to E neighboring note from D and step down (or) lead back to D form E note. It is obvious that using E neighboring note creates motion of the melodic line and smooth in Riff while tension 9 sound increases the engagement between the listeners and the song.

4.1.3 Appoggiatura

Appoggiatura is similar to neighbor tone and grace note, though it is accented. It is approached to stable notes by leaped and followed by step usually down, however, always in the opposite direction of the preceding leap to a more stable tone (typically a chord tone). The appoggiatura is often written as a grace note prefixed to a principal note and printed in small character, without the oblique stroke.

Porter uses Appoggiatura notes to create melodic Variation and thus notes introduces late back a bit with beat and some notes started on strong beat. He uses appoggiatura to create accented notes on strong beat in his phrasing. Examples are given as below.

Figure 11 Example 4.11 The use Approgramment tones in "Water Under Bridges" from measure 23 to 24(See the song in Appendix page no.70)



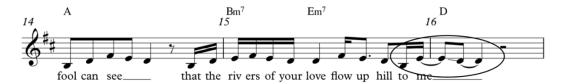
According to the example 3.11, it can be illustrated that in bar 23 of the song "Water Under Bridges" on beat of the fourth beat, Eb notes is a appoggiatura tones and connect to F chord tone of Bb7 chord from Gb notes. And it skips down to Eb appoggiatura note form Gb note and steps up to F note form Eb. The latter Eb note stand for non-chord tone and tension 11 note for Bb7sus4. In this phrase, Porter uses Eb Appoggiatura tone create contour of melody to conjunct motion and as a tension 11 song produce melody to pathos.

Figure 12 Example 4.12 The use Appropriatura tones in "I Fall In Love Too Easily" from measure 5 to 8 (See the song in Appendix page no.108)



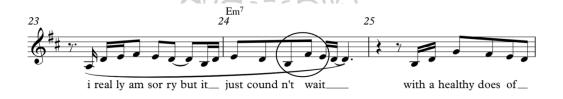
For example 3.12, in bar 6 of the song "I Fall In Love Too Easily" Porter uses D appoggiatura note on beat of the second beat and connect to Eb and G notes by skipping down from G to D and step up to Eb form D . Actually, such kind of motion is diatonically moving in the Eb major scale and contour of melody disjunctive motion G to D interval. In this phrase, D note is non-chord tone and tension 9 note for Cm7 and subtonic or leading note in Eb major scale. Moreover, it is observed that D appoggiatura tones creates changing the direction of contour and lead to the Eb note as ending of the phrase with tonic note. It is studied that using appoggiatura tone can create chord tone to be up beat of the beat.

Figure 13 Example 4.13 The use Appoggiatura tone in "Hey Laura" from measure 14 to16 (See the song in Appendix page no.72)



The above example can be described that in measure 15 and 16 of the song "Hey Laura", the singer uses E appoggiatura note in off beat of the fourth beat and connect to D from Bb note while moving diatonically in D major skip up to E appoggiatura note from B and step down to D from E note. E note is a non-chord tone and tension 9 note in D major chord. Porter also applies E appoggiatura note for ending of the phrase and it changes the shape of melody to up and lead back to tonic note.

Figure 14 Example 4.14 The use Appropriatura tone in "Hey Laura" from measure 23 to 25 (See the song in Appendix page no.73)

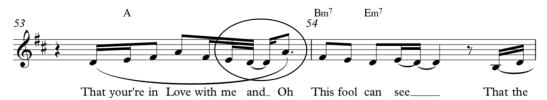


The above example demonstrates that, in measure 24 of "Hey Laura" Porter used F# as an appoggiatura tone to connect B and E on the second beat. The motion is chromatically skip up from B to F# and step down to E. and F# is the non-chord tone and 9 tensions for Em7 chord. Therefore, using F# as an appoggiatura tone creates changing in the shape of melody direction and making it smooth in connecting with the target note. The tension notes pass between the two chords and that sound produces more attraction for the listeners as well.

4.1.3 Escape Tone

And escape tone or ecappe'e, is a kind of incomplete neighbor tone that is unaccented, preceded by step (usually up) from a chord tone, and followed by leap (usually down, but always in the opposite direction of the preceding step).

Figure 15 Example 4.14 The use Escape tones in "Hey Laura" from 53 to 54(See the song in Appendix page no.74)



To illustrate the example of using escape tones it can be seen clearly in example 3.14. It can be described that in bar 53 of the song "Hey Laura", Porter uses D escape note before the fourth beat step down from E note and skips up to A note. In this measure 53 and 54, the first phase connect the second phrase by means of call and response. It can be seen that D appoggiatura note leads contour of melody line up to A note and supports the connection with the second phrase. Furthermore, D note is a non-chord tone and tension 11 note for A major chord. Thus, tension sound creates engagement in melody. Porter applies escape tone before the last beat and sustain on beat of the fourth beat and the target note reaches up beat of the that beat as he wants to sing the chord tone late.

Figure 16 Example 4.15 The use Escape tones in "Water Under Bridges" from Measure 48 to 51 (See the song in Appendix page no.71)





The above example 3.15 illustrates that in measure 49 of the song "Water Under Bridges" Porter uses F appoggiatura note to connect Ab from G note ,step down to F form G and skip up to Ab from F with mix contour motion diatonically in Eb major scale. It is noticed that F note is non-chord tone and major 7 tension note for

Eb chord. Therefore, using F appoggiatura creates changing the shape of melody direction and making it smooth in connecting with the target note. As Tension notes pass between the two chords the sound that it produces create more attraction for the listeners as well.

Figure 17 Example 4.16 The use Escape tone in "No Love Dying" from measure 4 to 5 (See the song in Appendix page no.57)



The example demonstrates that, in measure 4 of No Love Dying Porter used C as an escape tone to connect Db and Eb on the second beat. This creates an ascending diatonic motion. C is the non-chord tone and 9 tensions for Bbm chord. Therefore, using C as an escape tone creates changing the shape of melody direction and making smooth in connecting with the target note. As Tension notes pass between the two chords and that sound produces more attraction for the listeners as well.

Figure 18 Example 4.17 The use Escape tone in "No Love Dying" from measure 20 to21(See the song in Appendix page no.58)



The example 3.17 can be described that in measure 20 of the song "No Love Dying " the singer creates Db escape note on off beat off second beat and connect Ab from Eb note. Eb moves diatonically half step down to Db and skip up to Ab from Db. Db is a non-chord tone and tension 11 note for Ab chord. Porter applies Db escape tone as appoggiatura to change contour melody and tension sound that creates better for the song.

Chapter 5 The Use of Motive Development in Gregory Porter's Performance

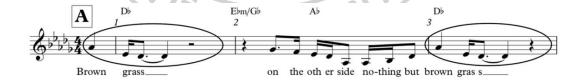
Motive is known as the smallest structural unit possessing thematic identity. Generally, it is considered as the shortest subdivision of a theme or phrase that maintains its identity as a musical idea. A harmonic motif is a series of chords defined in the abstract, that is, without reference to melody or rhythm. A melodic motif is a melodic formula, established without reference to intervals. A rhythmic motif is the term designating a characteristic rhythmic formula, an abstraction drawn from the rhythmic values of a melody.

Any motif may be used to construct complete melodies phrases, themes and pieces. Musical development uses a distinct musical figure that is subsequently altered, repeated, or sequenced throughout a piece or section of a piece of music, guaranteeing its unity. Porter used motive development to create strong structure of the song.

5.1 Rhythmic Displacement

Rhythmic displacement is the act of shifting a line rhythmically. In other words, an entire line is moved forward or backward by a certain number of beats.

Figure 19 Example 5.1 The use of Rhythmic displacement in "Brown Grass" from measure1 to 3 (See the song in Appendix page no.87)



The above example 4.1 demonstrates that in measure 1 and 3 "Brown Grass", Porter used 3 notes motif on fourth beat of incomplete bar before measure 1. It can be observed that the phrase finished on second beat of measure 1. Moreover, the same motive used again in bar 3, second motive phrase start on first beat and finished on third beat. Porter used 3 notes motive as rhythmic displacement and created call and response phrase.

Figure 20 Example 5.2 The use of Rhythmic displacement in "No Love Dying" from measure 4 to 11 (See the song in Appendix page no.57)



The above example 4.2 demonstrates that Porter used the same motif as rhythmic displacement in "No Love Dying". At the beginning, motif started on upbeat of third beat in measure 5 and finished on second beat of measure 7. Likewise, he used the same motive phrase again in measure 7 to 11. But the second phrase started on forth beat of measure 7 and finished on third beat of measure 9. In this second phrase he changed notes value and used rest at ending of the phrase. In these measures 5 to 7 and 7 to 11 Porter used the same phrase in different beats, the former on is offbeat of third beat in measure 5 and the latter one is started on offbeat of fourth beat in measure 7. Therefore, it created more space between the two repeated phrases and make the starting of second phrase later than first phrase.

Figure 21 Example 5.3 The use of rhythmic displacement in "Water Under Bridges" from measure 43 to 45 and 48 to 50 (See the song in Appendix page no.71)









The above example 4.3 demonstrates that Porter used the same motive as rhythmic displacement in "Water Under Bridges." At the first motive, he started phrase on offbeat of second beat in measure 43 and finished on second beat of 45. Besides, he used the same motive again in bar 48 to 51. Similarly, the second phrase also started on offbeat of fourth beat in measure 48 and finished on first beat of measure 51. In these measures 43 to 45 and 48 to 51 Porter used the same phrase in different beats, the former on is offbeat of second beat in measure 43 and the latter one is started on offbeat of fourth beat in measure 48. Thus, it created more space between the two repeated phrases and make the starting of second phrase later than first phrase.

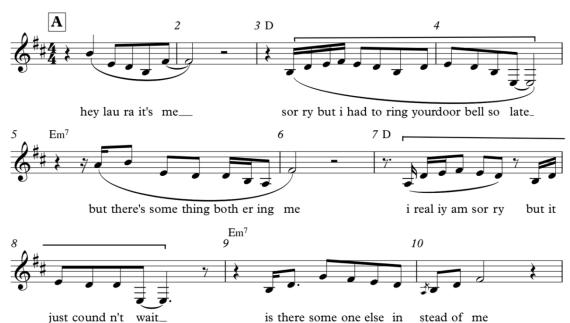


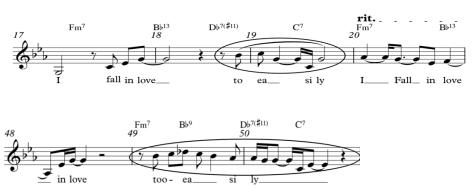
Figure 22 Example 5.4 the use of rhythmic displacement in "Hey Laura" from measure 1 to 10(See the song in Appendix page no.72)

The above example demonstrates that Porter used the same motive as rhythmic displacement in "Hey Laura". For the beginning, the phrase started on second beat in measure 3 and finished on fourth beat of measure 4. Moreover, he used the same motive again in bar 7 to 8. In this second phrase he started on upbeat of first beat in measure 7 and finished on fourth beat of measure 8. In these measures 3 to 4 and 7 to 8 Porter used the same phrase in different beats, the former one is offbeat of second beat in measure 3 and the latter one is started on offbeat of first beat in measure 7. Thus, the two repeated phrases and created the starting of second phrase earlier than the first phrase.

5.2 Melodic displacement

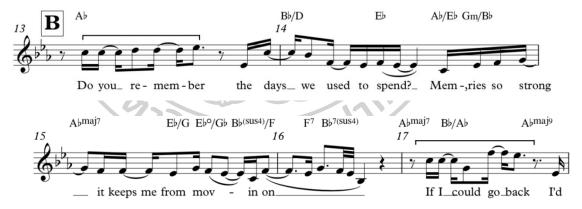
Variations of the melody of a motive can be produced through melodic displacement. The pitches will change, but the graphics of the melody will remain intact: if the melody of the motive ascends, the melody of the variation will also ascend, but in different intervals.

Figure 23 Example 5.5 The use of melodic displacement in "I Fall In Love Too Easily" from measure 17 to 19 and 49 to 50 (See the song in Appendix page no.108)



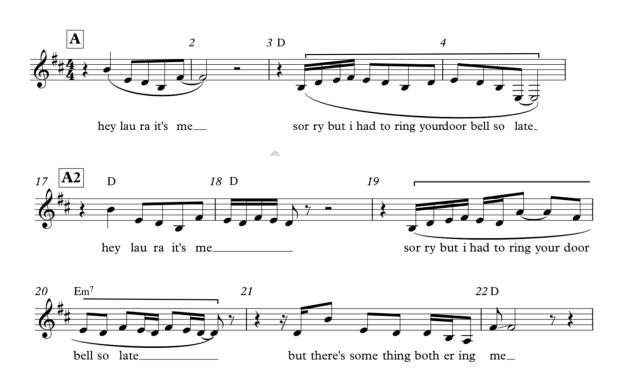
The above example describes that Porter used same motive in measure 18 to 19 and 49 to 50 in "I Fall In Love Too Easily". The 4 notes motive was used on offbeat of fourth beat in measure 18 and finished on third beat of measure 19. Meanwhile, the same motif was used again as offbeat of first beat in measure 49 and finished on third beat. On the other hand, in this second phrase, he developed the 4 notes motif with passing tones and neighboring tones. Porter used motif in order to change the beat and created variation of phrase.

Figure 24 Example 5.6 The Use of melodic displacement in "Water Under Bridges" from measure 13 to 17 (See the song in Appendix page no.69)



The above example describes that Porter used same rhythmic phrase in measure 13 and 17 in 'Water Under Bridges''. In measure 13, he created phrase with C, D and Eb as 16 note, 8 note and dotted 8 note. It can be noticed that the phrase started on beat of first beat and finished on upbeat of third beat in measure 13. Furthermore, he used the same rhythm but used G instead of D on second beat and F instead of D in measure 17. In these two phrases Porter used melodic displacement created to improve motif and variation phrase.

5.7 The use of melodic displacement in "Hey Laura" from measure 3to 4 and 19 to 2(See the song in Appendix page no.72 to 73)



The above example demonstrates that Porter used same motive as melodic displacement in "Hey Laura". At the first two bar motive started on second beat of measure 3 and finished on fourth beat of measure 4. Moreover, he used the same motive again in measure 19 to 20. Nonetheless, in this second phrase Porter used A on upbeat of third beat instead of D and E form first phrase in measure 19. In addition, he used F#, E and D as sequence on second beat and third beat of measure 20 instead of B an G from first phrase. In these two phrases Porter used melodic displacement created to improve motive and variation phrase.

5.3 Anticipation

An anticipation is essentially an otherwise stable tone that comes early. An anticipation is typically a non-chord tone that will occur immediately before a change of harmony, and it will be followed on that change of harmony by the same note, now a chord tone of the new harmony. It is typically found at the ends of phrases and larger formal units.

Figure 25 Example 5.8 The use of anticipation in "No love dying" form measure 55 to 56 (See the song in Appendix page no.60)



The above example demonstrates that, in measure 55 "No Love Dying", Porter created Db anticipation tone at offbeat of the third beat which is situated within Ab chord and before Db chord. Db is not only non-chord tone but also 11 tensions note for Ab chord. It can be observed that Db anticipated a beat before the Db major functional chord because it intended to be sounded and foreshadowed by a melody note that creates a form of suspension.

Figure 26 Example 5.9 The Use of anticipation in "I fall in love too easily" from measure 25 to 28 (See the song in Appendix page No.109)



The above example describes that in measure 27 of "I fall in love too easily", Eb is used within Bb 7 chord as anticipation tone on offbeat of that fourth beat before Eb major 7. In this phrase, Eb is non-chord tone and also 11 tensions note for Eb7 chord. However, it is chord tone for Eb major 7, Eb anticipated a beat before the Eb major 7 functional chord as it intended to be sounded and foreshadowed by a melody note that creates a form of suspension.

Figure 27 Example 5.10 The use of anticipation in "Brown Grass" from measure 10 to 12. (See the song in Appendix page No.87)



The above the example describes that in measure11 of "Brown Grass", Db is used within Ab Major 7 chord as anticipation tone on offbeat of the fourth beat before Db major7. In this phrase, Db is non-chord tone and also 11 tensions tone for Ab major7. Db anticipated the Db major7 functional chord a beat before it intended to be sounded and foreshadowed by a melody note that creates a form of suspension.

Figure 28 Example 5.11 The use of anticipation tone in "Brown Grass" from measure 7 to 9(See the song in Appendix page No.87)



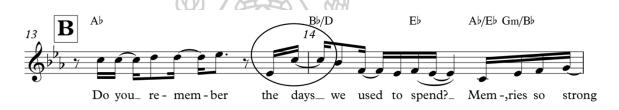
The above the example describes that in measure 8 of "Brown Grass", F is used within Bbm7 chord as anticipation tone on offbeat of the fourth beat before D minor7. In this phrase, F is a 5th chord tone of Bbm7 and also 3rd chord tone for Dm7. F anticipated the Dm7 functional chord a beat before it intended to be sounded and foreshadowed by a melody note that creates a form of suspension.

5.4 Suspension

A suspension is comprised of three cored parts, preparation (accented or unaccented), suspension itself (accented), and the resolution (unaccented). The preparation is also called a chord tone (consonance). On the other hand, the

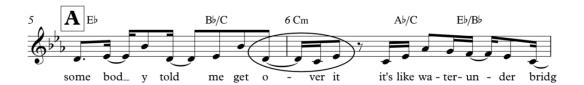
suspension is the same note as the preparation and occurs simultaneous with a change of harmony. The suspension then proceeds down by step to the resolution, which occurs over the same harmony as the suspension. The suspension is in many respects the opposite of the syncopation: if the anticipation is an early arrival of a tone belonging to the following chord, a suspension is a lingering of a chord tone belonging to the previous chord that forces the late arrival of the new chord's chord tone.

Figure 29 Example 5.12 The use of suspension tone in "Water Under Bridges" from measure 13 to 14(See the song in Appendix page No.69)



The above the example describes that is measure 13 to 14 of "Water Under Bridges", C is used as suspension tone on offbeat of fourth beat and step down connect to B. In this phrasing, C is a chord tone of Ab chord. Porter used C as suspension tone created delaying of Bb starting in measure 14.

Figure 30 Example 5.13 The use of suspension in "Water Under Bridges" from measure 7 to 9(See the song in Appendix page No.69)



The above the example demonstrates that in measure 5 to 6 of "Water Under Bridges", D is used as suspension tone on offbeat of fourth beat and step down connect to C. In this phrasing, D is a chord tone of Bb chord. D note created delaying of starting C in measure 6 and tension 9 and thus this makes the music more interesting for the listeners.

Figure 31 Example 5.14 The use of suspension in "No Love Dying" from measure 20 to 21(See the song in Appendix page No.58)



The above the example explains that in measure 20 to 21 of "No Love Dying" Ab is used as suspension tone on offbeat of second beat and stepdown connect to F. In this phrasing, Ab is a chord tone of Ab major chord and created delayed starting of F in Bar 21. Porter used suspension tone for sustaining note to delay in the next chord.

Figure 32 Example 5.15 The use of suspension in "Brown Grass" from measure 19 to 20(See the song in Appendix page No.88)

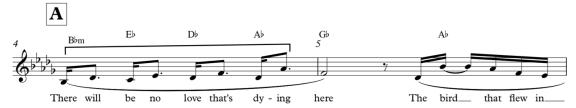


The above example describes that in measure 19 to 20 of "Brown Grass", C is used as suspension tone on offbeat of fourth beat and stepdown connect to Bb. C is a major 7 tension of DbM7 chord. C suspension tone made starting of Bb delayed on first beat of measure 20 and created tension sound for Bbm7.

5.5 Sequence

In music, sequence is the repeating figure of melodic, thus linking and developing musical material. The more or less exact repetition of a melody at another level, higher or lower. If the repetition is only in the melody, with changed harmony it is called a melodic sequence.

Figure 33 Example 5.16 The use of sequence in "No Love Dying" from measure 4 to 5 (See the song in Appendix page No.109)



The above example describes that in measure 4 to 5 of "No Love Dying", Porter created ascending melodic sequence with in Bbm, Eb, Db and Ab in measure 4. He used 3rd interval for each chord, Bb to in Eb and Db to F in Db. In Ab chord, he used perfect fifth interval Db to Ab chord. In this phrase, using of sequences created improvement of melodic lines with same repeated rhythm and motif.

Figure 34 Example 5.17 The use of sequence in "No Love Dying" from measure 18 to 19(See the song in Appendix page No.58)



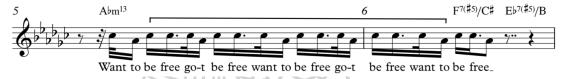
The above example explains that in measure 18 to 19 of "No Love Dying", Porter created descending melodic sequence with different notes values. He used major 2nd interval from Bb (8 note) to Ab (32 note) and from F to Eb, third beat and fourth beat retrograde inversion in measure 18. In measure 19, he used again Bb (8 note) to Ab (16note) and F(16note) to Eb (dotted 8note). These sequences created different notes in order to delay on every beats to listeners.

Figure 35 Example 5.18 The use of sequence in "Brown Grass" from measure 21 to 22(See the song in Appendix page No.88)



The above example describes that in measure 21 to 22 of "Brown Grass", Porter created melodic sequence with Eb Major scale. For instance, Eb step up to F before stepping back down to Eb. On the other hand, Eb to Db it became step down and Db to Eb it became step up by major 2nd intervals in measure 22. These sequences created notes to delay the starting point of every beats to listeners.

Figure 36 Example 5.19 The use of sequence in "Free" from measure 5 to 6(See the song in Appendix page No.82)



The above example demonstrates that in measure 5 to 6 of "Free", Porter created melodic sequences with Cb and Ab notes starting on second beat of measure 5 and ended at upbeat of first beat in measure 6. In this phrasing, Porter used melodic sequences at the middle of the phrase. These sequences created repeated motif and dotted 16 notes created delay of the next not

CHAPTER 7 CONCLUSION

The purpose of this study was to analyze Gregory Porter's approach in the "Liquid Album" which was released in 2013 and awarded the best male vocal at Grammy Award. In this study, 15 songs were analyzed from this album, focusing mainly on Gregory Porter's use of non-harmonic tones such as ornamentation which is mostly used at the beginning of the melodic phrasing. This study shows that Porter's melodic phrases are smooth and tensions tones can increase the engagement of the listeners thereby contracting the movement of the songs. Moreover, the repeating phrases can create space and cause delaying at the starting point of different beats. Most of the phrases are built with neighboring tones, he used such kind of tones in order to delay either at the beginning or at the end of the phrase with the purpose of generating emotional feelings for the listeners. In creating variation phrases, using non-harmonic tones can produce smooth phrase and more engaging mood in jazz music.

The analysis of the 15 selected tunes in this paper illustrates the musical instruments that Porter mostly used in this melodic phrasing. For instance, he applied non-harmonic tones as passing tones, neighboring tones, appoggiatura tone, and escape tone. Furthermore, he used rhythmic displacement, melodic displacement, anticipation, suspensions and sequence for motif development. As such, Porter's melodic phrases are smooth and it is noticed that tension tone can improve the engagement of the listeners and construct the movement of the song. Furthermore, his repeated phrases created space and caused delay at the starting point on different beat. Generally, most of the phrases are built through neighboring tones or non-harmonic tones. He created the delay effect at the beginning or end of the phrase. He used the non-harmonic tone or neighboring to connect the chord tone that can stir the listeners' emotion. In summary, by using non-harmonic tones up to create variation in phrases, the contour of each phrase is smothered and while at the same time, the tension in the music makes it more attractive and pleasant to the ears of the listeners.

In this album, the melody lines which were transcribed from the album are good samples of Gregory Porter approaches melodies. The researcher analyzes

Porters' phrasing by using two main approaches, usage of non-harmonic tone as ornamentation and the usage of motif development. The uses of non-harmonic tone is one of his main approach to phrasing. He created phrases through simple motif, non-harmonic tone as passing tone, neighboring tones, appoggiatura tones, and escape tones to develop variation of the motive. In addition, he applied non-harmonic tones to create smooth motion of phrase and used tension sound to engage the listeners and to connect between the chord tone. Applying motif development is another important approach in Porter's phrase. He used rhythmic displacement and melodic displacement to create variation. Furthermore, his use of melodic displacement creates harmonic, rhythmic and emotional content.

In jazz written composition or improvisation, melody plays an important part in telling stories. Gregory Porter's approach of phrasing is immensely unique thus dubbing it as one of the best examples for contemporary vocalists about phrasing. Besides, his ability to create simple but interesting melodic line in jazz music is also notable. It is important to note that this thesis is not focusing on influence of Nat King Cole on Porter's vocal style although Porter is well known for his resemblance of singing style to that of Nat King Cole.



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APPENDIX

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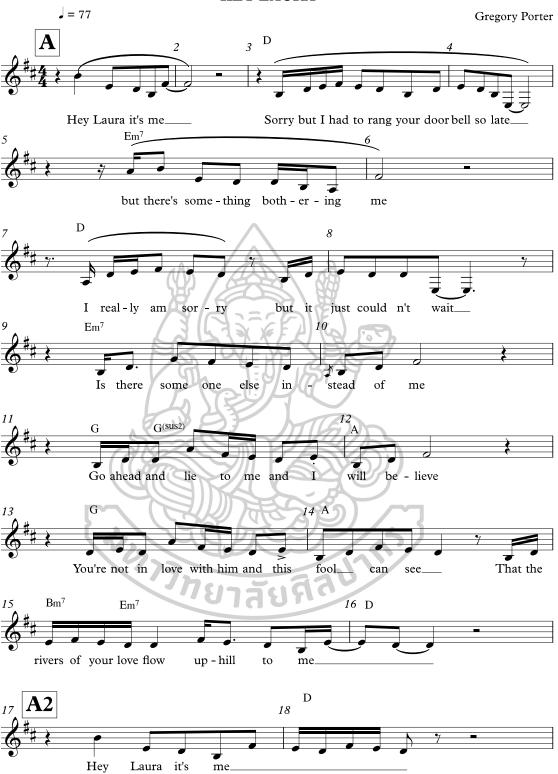
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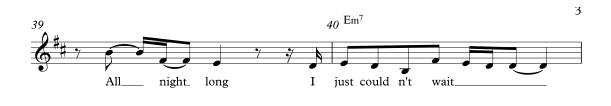




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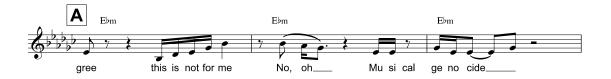




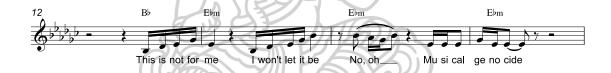
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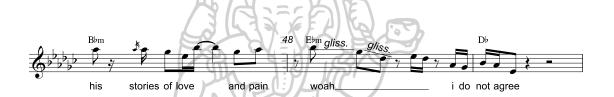




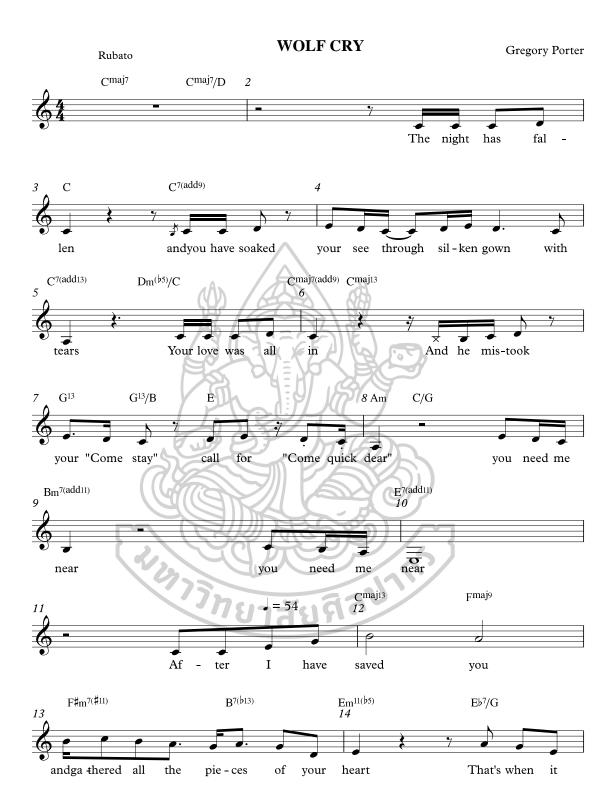


















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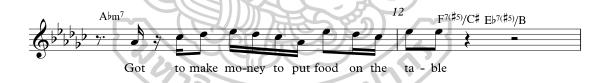
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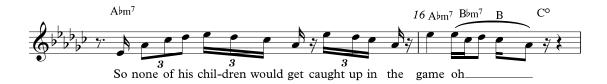
























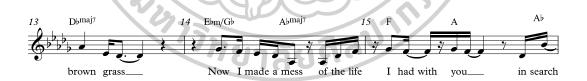
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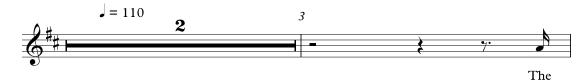
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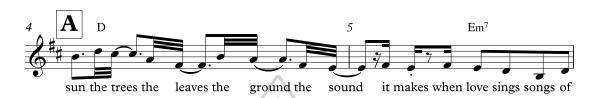
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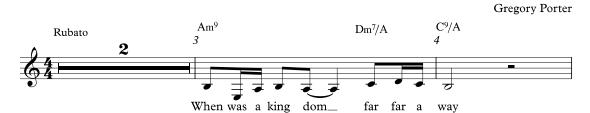






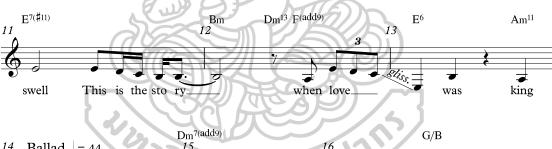


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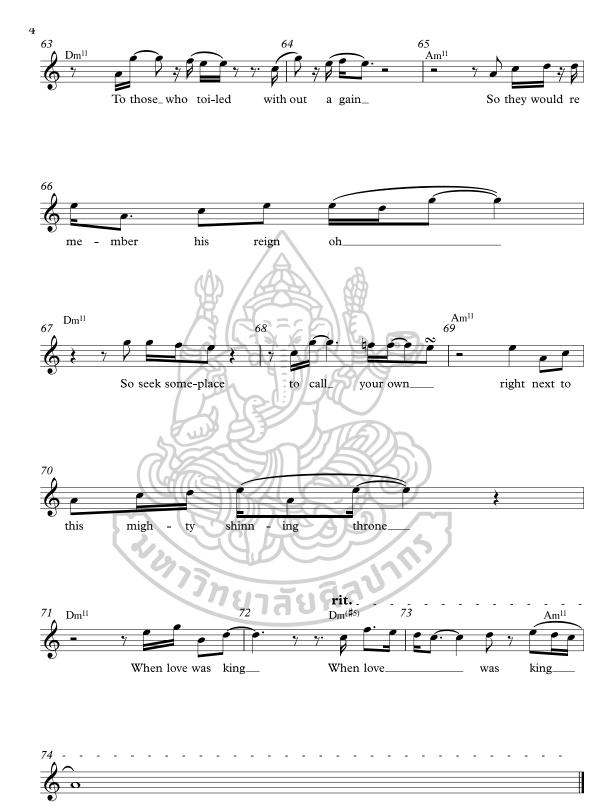












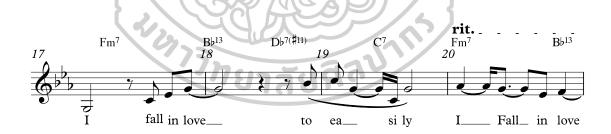
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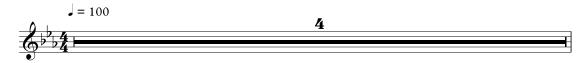






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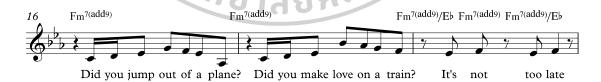
























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