

# *Acknowledgments*

By James Hober

The history of music is now and again littered with audacious, posthumous tinkering with great composers' works. Hugo Riemann, Donald Tovey, and others attempted completion of J.S. Bach's unfinished Contrapunctus XIV from *The Art of Fugue*. Joseph von Eybler and Franz Xaver Süssmayr tried to finish W.A. Mozart's Requiem. Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov re-orchestrated and reworked Modeste Mussorgsky's opera *Boris Godunov*. And now here I am corrupting and polluting Ted Greene's wonderful V-System. Well, Ted's original pages and notes continue to exist in the digital archives so you can always pry out my contributions and have pure Ted unadorned. I take responsibility for any errors introduced in these V-System explanation chapters.

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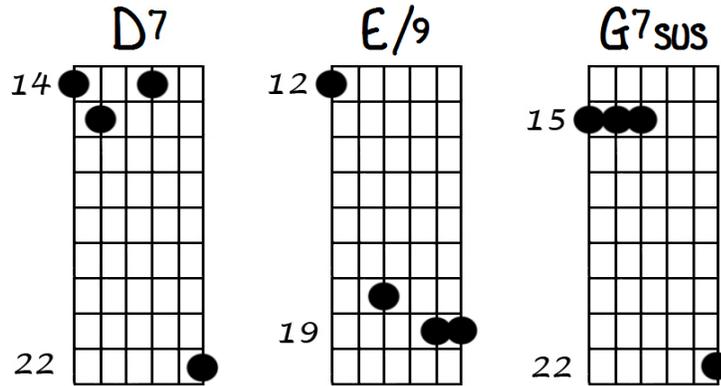
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**Bye!**

And that, my friend, is a little thing called the V-System.

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