

# Rock out with the Dave Matthews Band!

Improvising on your flute with the tune *Say Goodbye*

## **The Dave Matthews Band:**

Performing the flute solo in *Say Goodbye* is the talented LeRoi Moore. He was one of the founding members of the Dave Matthews Band and also played saxophone, oboe, bass clarinet and the penny whistle. The very popular and successful band formed in Virginia in 1991, and they are known for their live performances which feature extended musical improvisation (“jams”) over rhythmic grooves and chord patterns.

## **Definition of *Improvise*:**

(a) to invent, create, compose, or perform with little or no preparation; (b) to produce or make something from whatever is available.

## **Techniques to use while improvising on the flute:**

Play different rhythms

Have moments of silence

Trill

Play low notes

Play high notes

Play scales

Bend your pitch by rolling the headjoint in and out

Overblow notes (use slow air and fast air)

Tongue in different ways (soft tongue, hard tongue, or use different letters to tongue such as “D”, “K”, “F”, “P”)

Different articulations such as staccato, accents, slurs

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Try these different note patterns throughout the flute solo:

**BEGINNING:** C# - D trill, then "slide" to G

OR

a. LOW

b. LOW

c.

d.

TRILL E<sub>4</sub> TO F# AND OVERBLOW  
(USE MORE, THEN LESS AIR)

After the flute solo, try different notes from the A Major scale to play during the rest of the song:

All notes are NATURAL except F#, C#, G#