Left Hand Accompaniment Patterns

Playing from a fake book or "lead sheet" gives you great flexibility in how you play a song. The simplest way to bring a melody to life is to turn the chords into a good accompaniment pattern.

The best way to learn each of the left hands is to choose a LH pattern and then play 20 different fake songs with that LH pattern. Then choose another LH pattern and play 20 songs with it.

If you play the song more than one time thru, use a different left hand on each chorus. See the example for several different LH patterns with Michael Row the Boat. You can listen to what many different LH patterns sound like by going to the Recordings tab and choosing Demo Impro and then LH Demos.
Examples of LH Accompaniment Patterns with Michael

Simple Block Chords

Four-Beat

Broken Quarter Notes

Alberti 8th Notes

Broken 8th note Triplets