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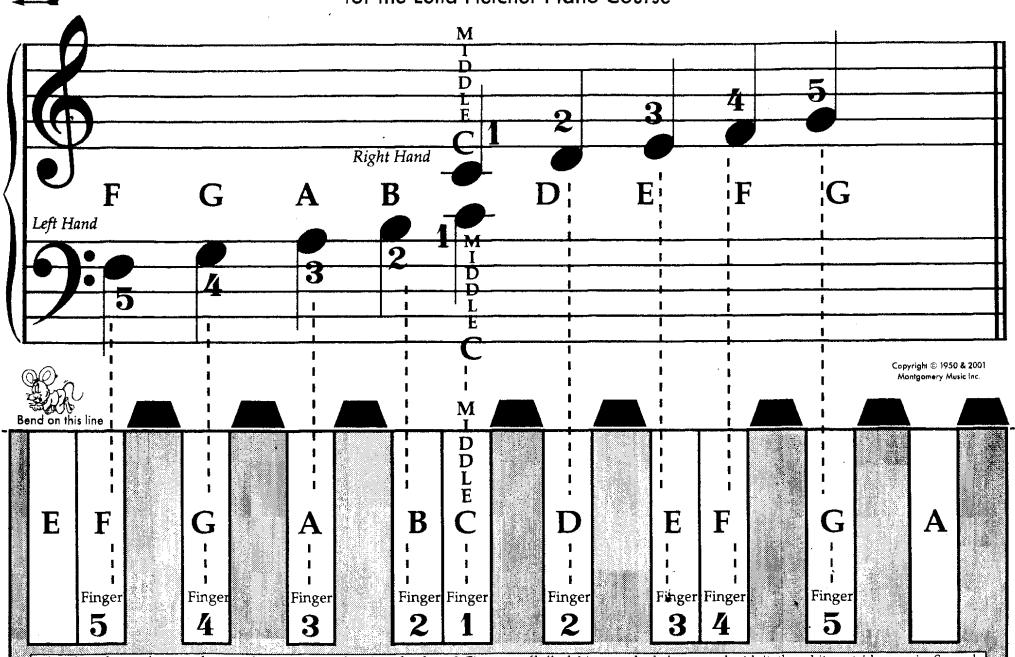
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for the Leila Fletcher Piano Course



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FOREWORD

The Books of the Piano Course are numbered consecutively, not to represent the various grades in music, but as a presentation of a continuous course in music education. The Piano Course is designed to meet the requirements of the average pupil, and is graded to allow the average pupil to make sound, steady progress, and to enjoy the immediate satisfactions of fluent reading. The material used in the course has been tested by actual experience in teaching large numbers of students, and the results from its use are: 1. Greater interest in music study. 2. Better musicianship, and 3. Fewer students who discontinue music study through loss of interest or through discouragement.

The Study of Music should be a delightful experience. Almost every child comes to their first lesson with happy anticipation. The use of suitable musical material, logically presented, will undoubtedly advance the pupil's interest in music.

The Piano Course is dedicated to a four-fold purpose: the development of the ability to read music fluently and interpret it artisically, the establishing of a sound and comprehensive piano technic, the nurturing of the creative musical talant, and the fostering of a lasting appreciation of music.

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BOOK

A CD recording is available for all tunes in this book. The recording features both practise and fully orchestrated accompaniments tracks. Some tunes are available as free downloads in MP3 format from our website.

THE LANGUAGE OF MUSIC

MUSIC SHOULD BE LEARNED AS A LANGUAGE IS LEARNED: by listening, by singing and playing easy songs and pieces, and as education progresses, by learning the grammar of music. Each new fact should be presented MUSICALLY before being explained technically. For example: the pupil should learn to play several major scales before being taught the pattern of tones and semitones by which the major scale is constructed. In this way, the ear is trained and becomes the guide. This is most important - and especially so for the musically gifted pupil. It is

of course, the method by which we learn our native language:

the child listens to simple words and short phrases, and learns by imitation to say these words and phrases: later, speech becomes fluent and the child is taught to read and write easy words in short sentences; then, as their reading and writing progresses, they begin the study of grammar. In teaching music, this is the method we must use, if we are to give the tonal memory and imagination the opportunity to flourish.

Theoretical explanations must follow music-making wherever possible, and not precede it.

THE FIRST LESSONS OUTLINED

In the following Lesson-Procedure Outline, the material is not divided into separate lessons, as the number of difficult musical facts that can safely be taught at any one lesson varies with different pupils. The teacher will need to consider the age and development of the pupil, the adaptability, the musical background, and so on. Class teachers too, will have definite limitations in lesson planning: the number of pupils in the class, the amount of time alloted for the lesson,

- Teach D on the Keyboard.
 (Between the TWO black keys.)
- 2- Teach the finger numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. (Use the rhyme on page 8 for this.)
- 3- Teach BY IMITATION "The Sun Rising in the Morning" page 4 (Played on two D's.)
- 4- Teach BY IMITATION "The Birds Began to Sing," page 5 (Played on the TWO BLACK KEYS.)
- 5- On the Keyboard, teach C, D, E. (D is already known, C, D, and E are the three white keys that touch the TWO black keys. "C, D, E, the melody rising.")
- 6- Teach BY IMITATION "The Breeze." page 5. (Played on the two groups of black keys.)

the age of the pupils plus previous musical experience, must all be considered. It is advisable that the instructor decides how much to teach at a lesson. For the beginning lesson, the first three points will be sufficient for some pupils; others may learn five points, and again others even more, but it is better to GO SLOWLY at the beginning, as it takes time and some repetition to establish new musical facts and good playing habits.

- 7- On the Keyboard, teach F, G, A, B.

 (F, G, A, and B are the four white keys that touch the THREE black keys.)
- 8- Show the piano key diagram with the letter-names of the keys on page 6, so that the pupil can refer to it at home when necessary.
- 9. On the Keyboard, review keys C, D, E, and teach BY IMITATION "The March Hare," page 5.
- 10- On the Keyboard, teach C, B, A. (Going downwards from C. "C, B, A, the melody falling.")
- 11- Teach BY IMITATION "Stormy Weather." page 5.
- 12- Next, teach the C-D-E and C-B-A Exercises, page 5, BY IMITATION. Do not show the pupil the notes.

- 13- Show the pupil how to cut out the KEYBOARD CHART, (first detach chart from inside of book cover), and how to place it on the piano keyboard. Stress MIDDLE C near the piano manufacturer's name.
- 14. Now teach "Setting up Exercises" and "Here We Go!" on page 9, using the NOTES. These two exercises are for co-relating NOTES and KEYS; do NOT count.
- 15- Show the pupil the one-count note, and the two-count note, page 10.
- 16-Teach "The Flyer" page 10, from the NOTES. When the pupil can play it fairly well, play the duet part with the student, to emphasize rhythm. (The second parts should generally be played lightly and rhythmically; the pupil hears both harmony and rhythm much better when their own solo part stands out.)
- 17- "The Flyer" and all pieces following, should be learned from the notes in three ways:
 - a) Playing and saying the letter-names.
 - b) Playing and counting aloud. (The pupil should say the counts, softly, rhythmically, in a rather staccato or detached manner. Never allow a pupil to sing the counts!)
 - c) Playing, and singing or saying the words of the text.

Note:

Teachers who wish to use less rote-playing at the beginning may omit "The March Hare" and "Stormy Weather" in point 9 & 11. These may be taken up later.

REVIEW past lessons regularly. By reviewing, the pupil learns to play up to the time and with expression; the notes on the staff become familiar; they gain keyboard facility, and technique improves. The review work should be far enough back that the pupil has not been practising it for about two weeks.

MEMORIZING is one of the very best forms of musical training. Memorizing should begin with the first pieces. Each lesson assignment should contain a small piece of memory work.

A SECOND PART (duet part) has been provided for several pieces in the book, as an aid to the pupil in hearing the harmonic background that an experienced player hears in ones mind when playing a melody or scale. The use of a Second Part will enrich the pupil's experience, and will improve the feeling for rhythm, harmony, phrasing and inflection. The Second Part should be used ONLY when the pupil can play the right notes, with the right fingers, at a fairly steady tempo. The pieces are primarily SOLOS, but may be used either as solos or duets. Pedal may be used with the Second Part, at the player's discretion.

BEGINNERS should practise not longer than ten minutes at a time. More will be accomplished in this way. The young pupil concentrates better in short periods. Accomplished musicians find they get better results by practising in short periods, with an interval of change or rest between practice sessions.

ROTE PLAYING

THE PIECES PRESENTED HERE, TO BE TAUGHT BY IMITATION, ARE PERHAPS THE MOST VALUABLE PART OF THE BEGINNER'S PIANO BOOK.

ROTE PIECES are valuable because, in playing them, the pupil has only two things to think of: the SOUND (tone) being produced, and the simple mechanics of PLAYING the piano keys. If a pupil BEGINS by playing with a soft, clear, pleasing tone, and by LISTENING to the VERY FIRST notes played, it will not be difficult for the student to continue to produce good tone when they progress to playing from the printed notes.

If, however, the pupil begins by playing with attention focused upon the intricacies of musical notation, the student will not be so able to hear the tone they produce because they will be too fully occupied with note-reading, finding the right keys, using the right fingers, and counting the note-values.

THE TIME TO TEACH A PUPIL TO LISTEN-WHEN-THEY-PLAY, IS AT THE BEGINNING OF MUSIC STUDY.

It is often very difficult to teach a pupil to listen when they have formed the habit of playing without giving any attention to the sound!

Rote Playing

The Rote Pieces, with their descriptive titles, and the harmonic backgrounds supplied by the teacher's accompaniment, stimulate the child's imagination. The student is immediately interested in the SOUND of their playing. Follow this up through-out music study. The object is to always make MUSIC.

ROTE PLAYING gives the teacher the opportunity to establish a natural, comfortable playing position. Muscular rigidity, which causes harsh and uncontrolled tone, is usually the result of mental tension. A somewhat relaxed hand arm

are necessary for finger independence and tone control. Demonstrate to the pupil how easily the piano keys are played: when depressed they drop only a short distance, less than half an inch! When the pupil regards playing as easy and natural, they will play with a more relaxed, more flexible arm and hand. In beginning music, have the pupil listen when playing, and play as naturally as possible.

Good playing conditions affect the tone; good tone will induce good playing conditions - the usual cause and effect circle.

No. I - The Sun Rising in the Morning



THE SUN RISING IN THE MORNING should be played softly and rather slowly. Finger 3 of both hands, plays this piece. The finger plays in the centre of the keys and not near the sides. The arm should be free, the elbow loose, the wrist flexible. Touch the surface of the key about to be played, with the finger tip; then push the key down gently so that it sounds softly.

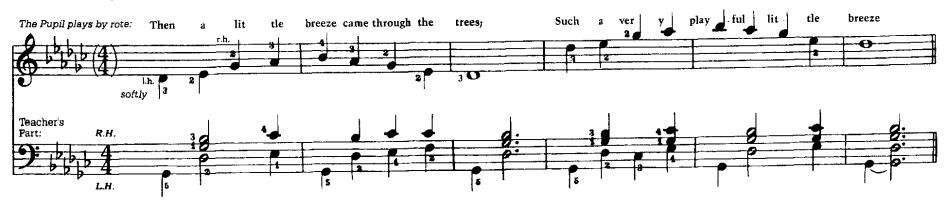
No. 11 - The Birds Began to Sing



THEN THE BIRDS BEGAN TO SING is played on the TWO black keys. It should be played mezzo-piano, with the thumbs. It may also be played with the second fingers, and again with the third fingers. The words (text) supply a rhythmic sense of balance which is caught by the pupil. Use the words in teaching this piece.

Rote Playing

No. III - The Breeze



THE BREEZE is played on the TWO black keys (left hand), and the THREE black keys (right hand). It is played mezzo-piano and legato. Legato may be likened to finger-walking; each key is released when another key is played, not before, not after. For the pupil inclined to hold down more that one key at a time, this rhyme is helpful: "Don't collect them, Just CONNECT them!" The pupil who plays in a detached way is "hopping down the street, not walking." The hands must be comfortable and easy, the wrists flexible, and the tone pleasing. (Later, The BREEZE may be played on the white keys (D, E, and G, A, B) using the same fingering, the accompaniment being played in the Key of G Major.)

No. IV - The March Hare



THE MARCH HARE - playing UP the Keyboard.

No. V - Stormy Weather



STORMY WEATHER - playing DOWN the keyboard

No. VI - C-D-E Exercise

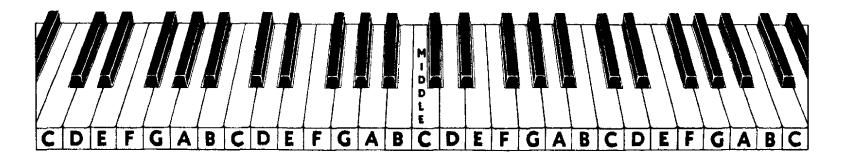


C-B-A Exercise



The C-D-E and C-B-A exercises are in preparation of the first pieces that will be played by note. Teach the exercises by immitation only; do NOT show the pupil the notes. Have the pupil say the letter-names of the keys as he plays them. C-D-E and C-B-A should be played legato-finger-walking on the white keys.

LETTER NAMES OF THE PIANO KEYS





The FIRST SEVEN LETTERS of the alphabet, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, are used as NAMES for the PIANO KEYS.

The Piano Keyboard has WHITE keys and BLACK keys. The BLACK keys are grouped in TWOS and THREES.

The white key named D is between the TWO BLACK keys.

"Look for TWO BLACK KEYS, to find the D's."

(Find different D's. Find highest D, and lowest D.)

C, D, and E are the three white keys that touch the TWO black keys. (find different C-D-E's.Find highest C-D-E; and lowest C-D-E.)



G and A are within the THREE BLACK keys. (Find different G-A's; look carefully for G-A's.)

F, G, A, and B are the four white keys that touch the THREE black keys. (Find different F-G-A-B's. Find lowest F-G-A-B; and highest F-G-A-B.)

Notice that MIDDLE C is in the centre of the keyboard.

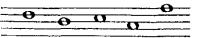
Note to Teacher: Review the Piano Keyboard often to make sure that the pupil is thoroughly familiar with it and can find any key quickly and easily.

Drill: Find D's; find C-D-E's; find G-A's; find C-D-E-F-G's; find A-B-C-D-E's; find single keys: D's, A's, etc.

HOW MUSIC IS WRITTEN

This is a STAFF of five lines:

NOTES are written on the lines, and in the spaces between the lines:



The TREBLE CLEF opplaced on the staff, makes this the TREBLE STAFF:

The BASS CLEF placed on the staff, makes this the BASS STAFF:

In PIANO MUSIC, the Treble Staff and Bass Staff are connected by a BRACE:



LETTER - NAMES OF NOTES



NOTE VALUES and TIME SIGNATURES

This is a one-count note: (quarter-note, 1 beat)

A two-count note: (half-note, 2 beats)

A three-count note: 6. (dotted half-note, 3 beats)

A four-count note: (whole note, 4 beats)

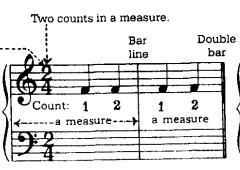
From bar line to bar line is a measure.

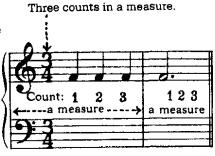
A double bar line marks the end of a piece.

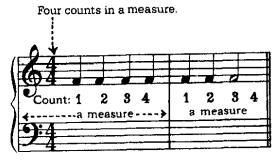
The TIME SIGNATURE is placed at the beginning of a piece:

The UPPER figure tells how many counts (beats) in each measure.

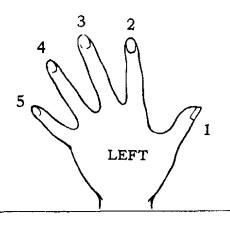
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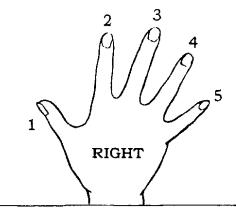
HOW THE FINGERS ARE NUMBERED FOR PLAYING THE PIANO



Memorize this Rhyme:
TOMMY THUMB is finger ONE;
FINGER THREE is the tallest finger;

FINGER FIVE is the smallest finger.

POSITION AT THE PIANO



Adjust the height of the chair so that the fore-arm and hand are about level.

The feet rest on the floor. If the feet do not reach the floor, use a foot rest.

The music should be placed slightly below eye-level, and not too far back....so that it can be read with ease.

Practise by daylight, if possible. When you practise by artificial light, be sure you have sufficient light, and that the light is placed so that it falls on the music page.



The back of the hand is held fairly level, so that the 4th and 5th fingers are in good playing position. The fingers are curved, to play on the soft finger tips just back of the finger nails.

(The finger-nails should be kept short enough that they do not click on the piano keys.)



Fingers are curved too much.





BAD:

Fingers are too straight, which makes playing awkward.



The fingers lift and drop from the knuckle. There should be a feeling of looseness at the knuckle. The knuckles curve outwards, they do not sink in. The finger tips are firm; when the key is played the finger tip does not "break" in.



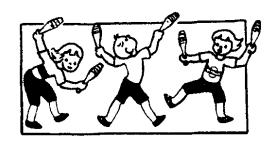
The thumb lifts and drops from this joint. The thumb should feel loose at this joint. The thumb plays on its side. It is always over the keys. When the fingers are nicely curved, the thumb will naturally remain over the keys.



Play in the centre of each key, and not near the side of the key. Go slowly and watch to see that each finger is in the centre of its key.

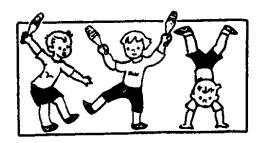
<u> FOOL</u>

TO THE TEACHER: The exercises on this page are designed to CO-RELATE NOTES, KEYS and FINGERINGS. Have the pupil play them in two ways: first, play and say the letter-names; second, play and say the fingering numbers. DO NOT count the note-values. Counting is begun more advantageously with the pieces "The Flyer", "Off to the Circus", etc.

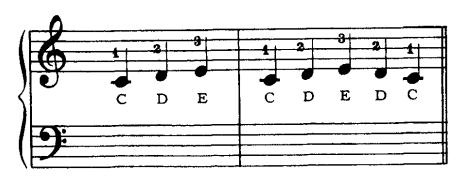


Setting Up Exercises

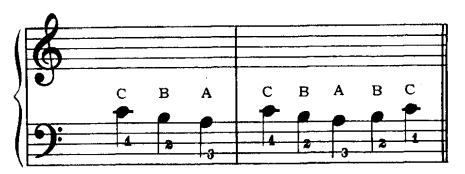
First, play and say the letter-names of the notes. Second, play and say the finger-numbers.



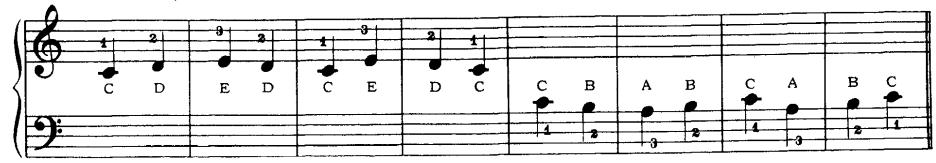
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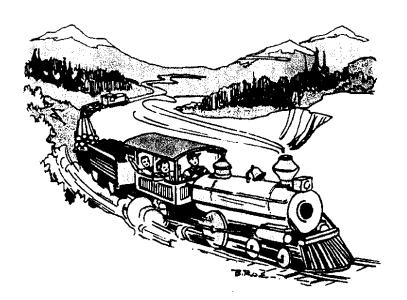


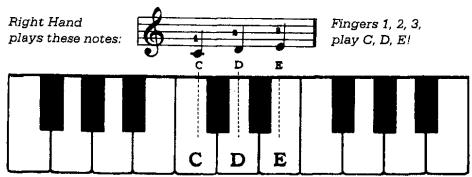
LEFT HAND NOTES are: Middle C, B, A. Left Hand Notes have stems turned Down:



Here We Go!







1. The Flyer

CD Track 2-Practise

Time Signature: **2**2 beats in each measure.

-one-count note

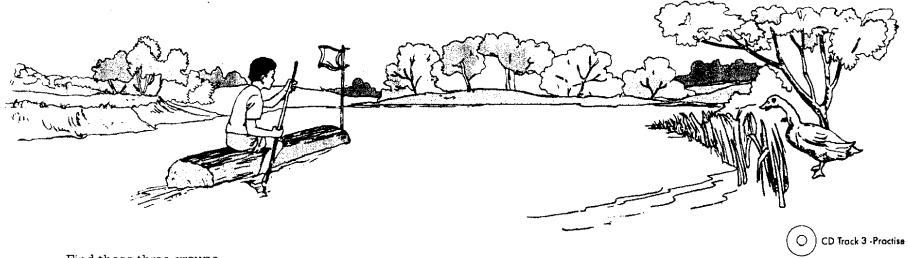
-two-count note

THE FLYER - Second Part (For Teacher or another more advanced pupil)

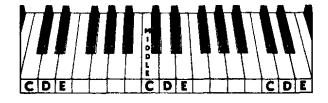








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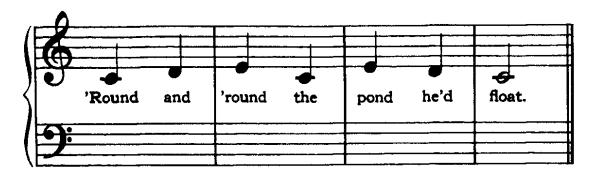
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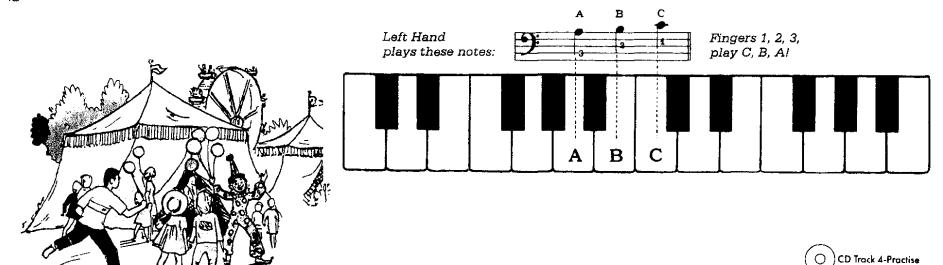




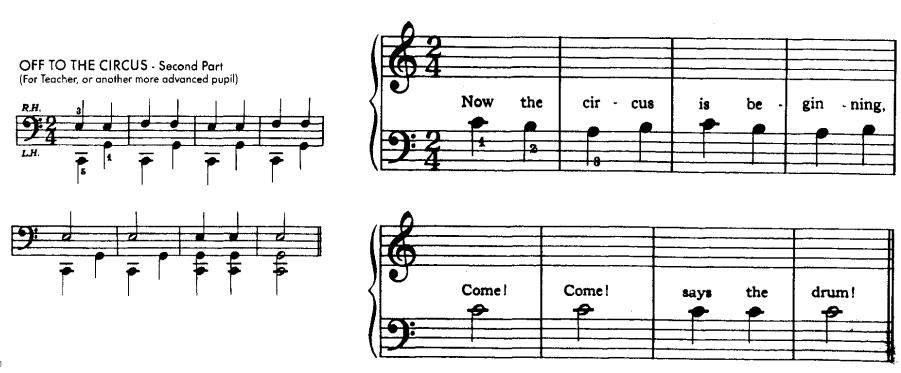
2. The Boatman







3. Off to the Circus

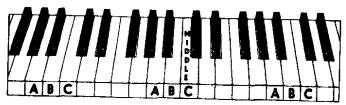




PRACTISE in two or three short periods each day, NOT ALL AT ONCE.

O CD Track 5 -Practise

Find these three groups of A-B-C on your piano:

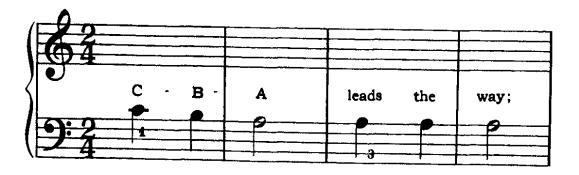


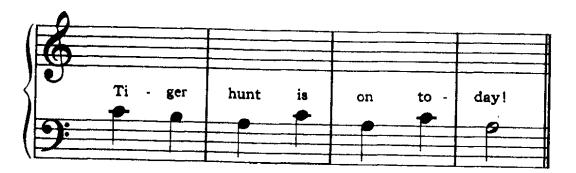
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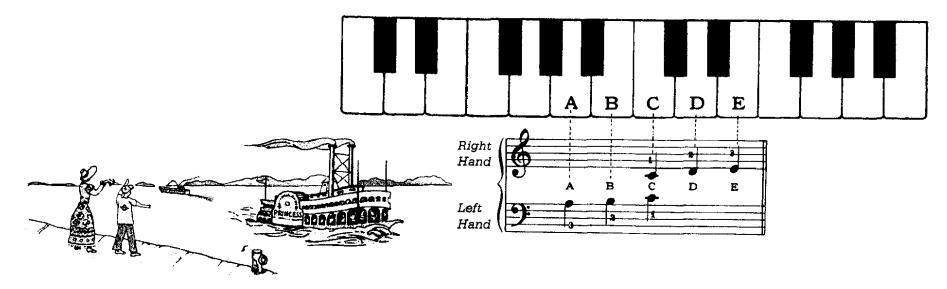




4. Tiger Hunt







5. The Steamboat

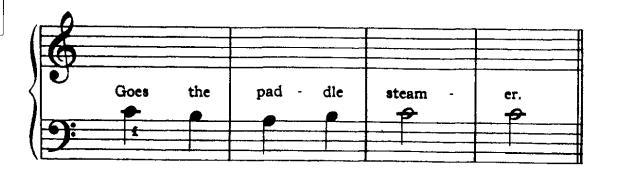


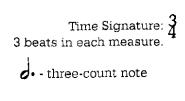
VISUALIZING THE PIANO KEYS

Memorize The STEAMBOAT, so that you can play it without looking at your book. Then close the book and play it without looking at your hands.

First, find your hand position on the keys, then look away from the keyboard and play. As you play, feel the keys beneath your fingers, and *listen* to the melody.





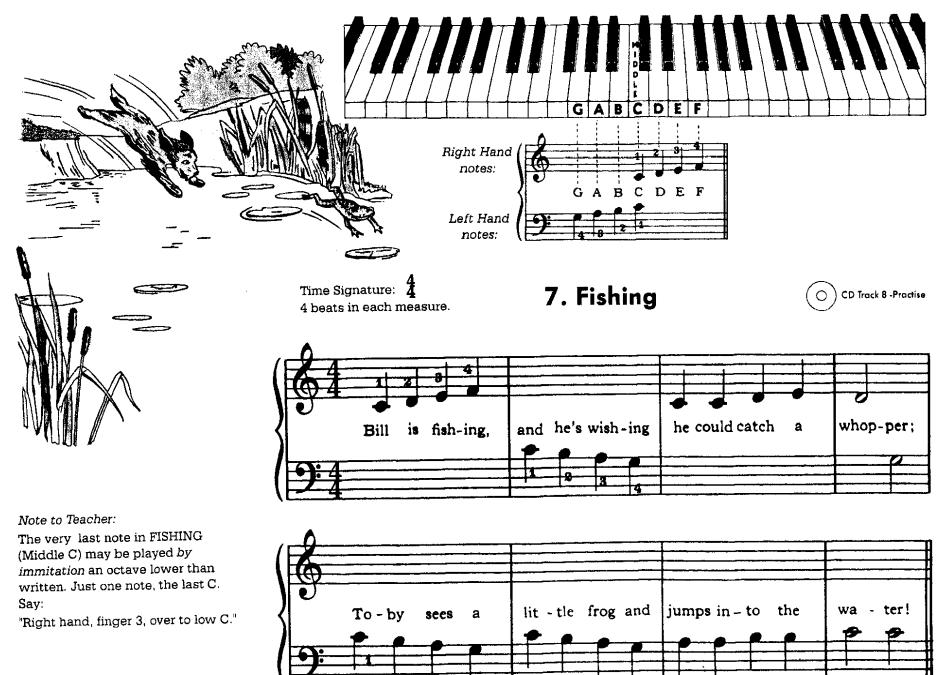








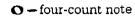






Play and say the letter-names:







8. Slumber Boat













The PHRASE

There are four lines of words in the verse of EVENING SONG, and the music for each line of words is called a *phrase*. The musical phrase is marked by a slur:

Notes under the slur are played connectedly...singingly. Phrasing is really punctuation in music. and there is a slight "break" at the end of the phrase, just as there usually is at the end of a line of poetry. This slight break gives meaning to the music, as it also gives sense to the words of a poem. Begin to think and play a phrase at a time, so that your playing will have meaning.



9. Evening Song











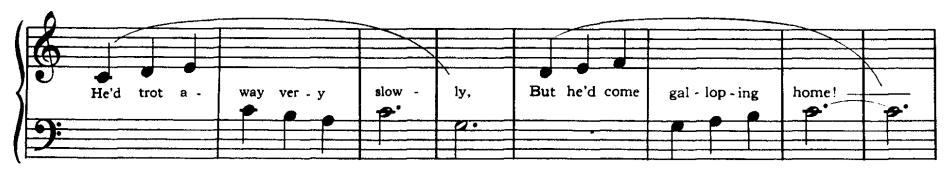
The Tie is a curved line between two notes of the same letter-name, in the same position on the staff. The tie is used to lengthen the note. Play the first note only, and hold it for the time-value of both notes.

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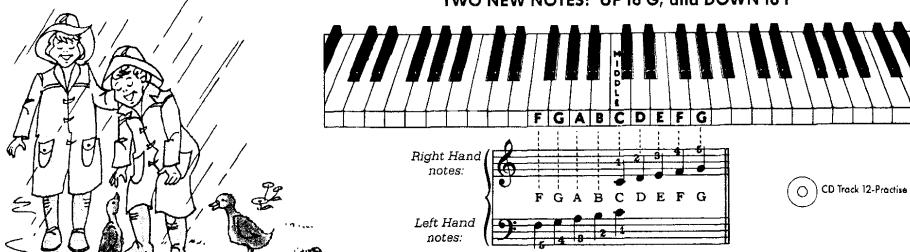
The Tie











O - four-count note

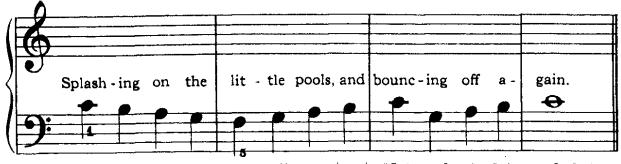
11. Rain

Memorize RAIN and play it without looking at your hands.

AT THE ZOO - Second Part (For Teacher, or another more advanced pupil)

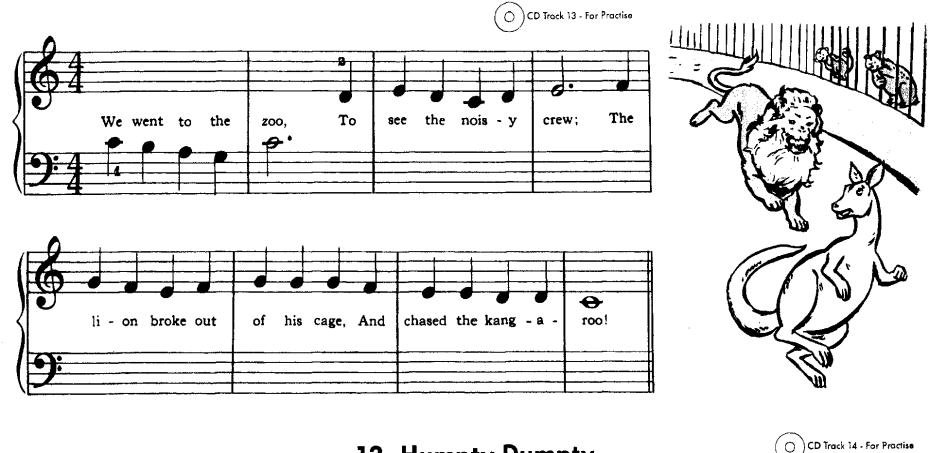




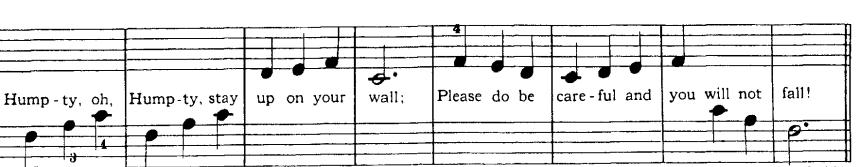


You are ready to play "Camptown Races" in Performance Fun Book 1A.

12. At The Zoo



13. Humpty Dumpty



You are ready to play "Mary had a Little Lamb" in Performance Book 1A.

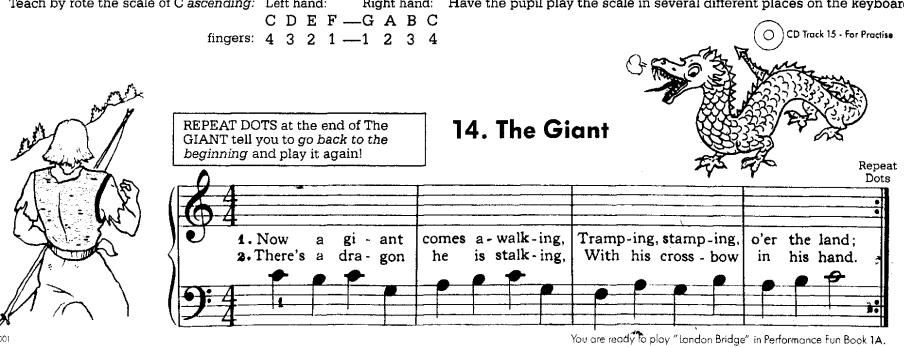






Note to Teacher:

Right hand: Have the pupil play the scale in several different places on the keyboard. Teach by rote the scale of C ascending: Left hand:

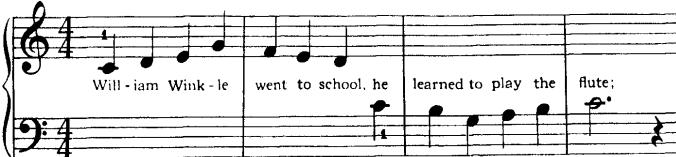


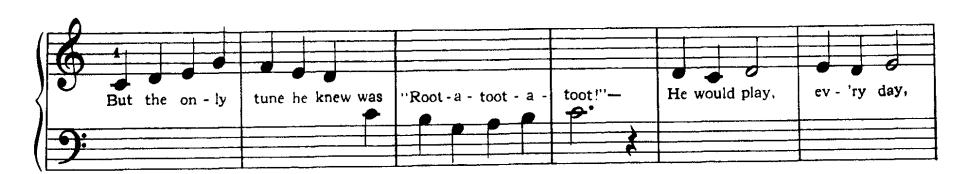
15. Flute Song

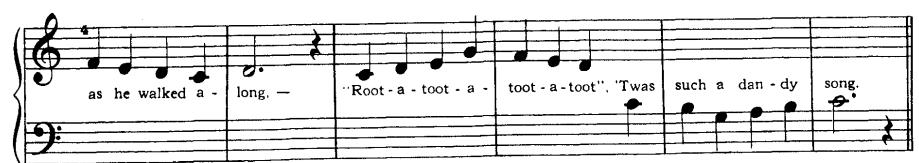
The one-beat rest:

When playing FLUTE SONG as a Duet, both hands play an octave higher than written. An Octave higher is eight keys higher.



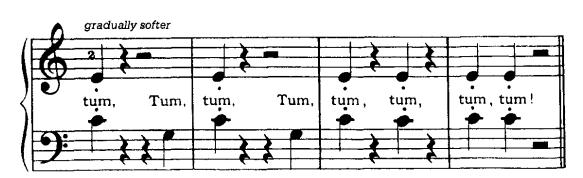




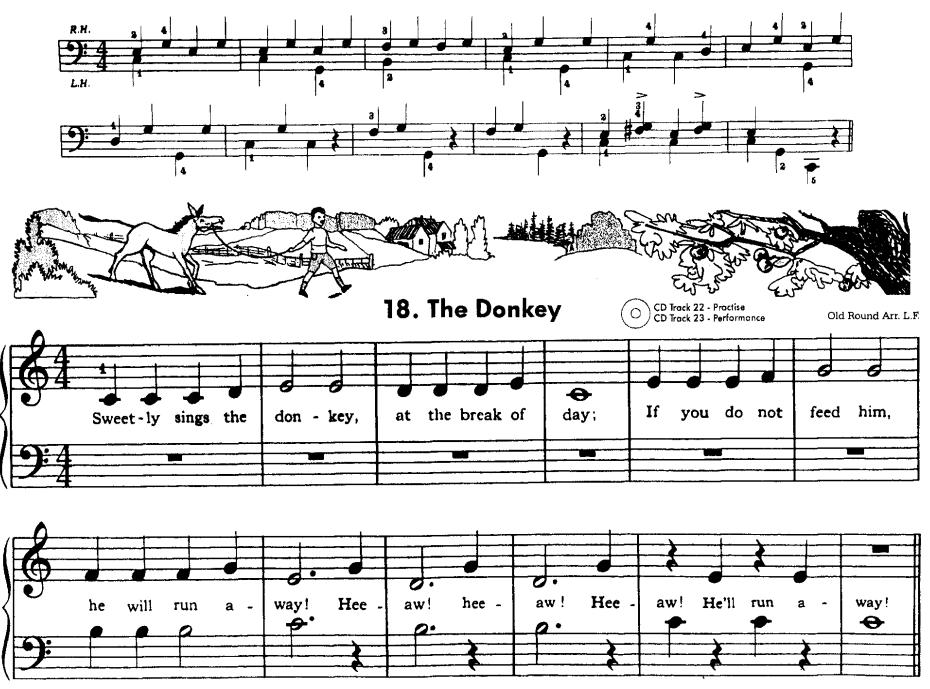




Note to Teacher: It is not intended that staccato be taught to the pupil in the usual manner here. The notes should sound detached, but should be played with a very small movement of the hand. Focus the attention on the sound effect. (In all playing, in order to avoid harshness and to have tone control, the wrist must be flexible, and if necessary this may be recalled to mind. In order to play softly, the wrist must be loose.) In first staccato playing, direct the attention to tone; the use of this approach method is an excellent preparation and will ensure a more successful technic when the staccato touch is taken up more fully later on.







Notice that this piece begins with an incomplete measure - it begins on the fourth beat of the measure. Also notice that the very last measure of the piece has only three beats! When a piece of music begins with an incomplete measure, then the last measure contains only the counts not used in the first measure.

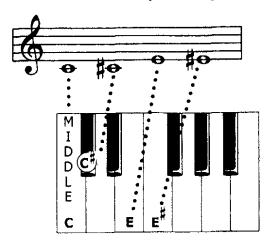


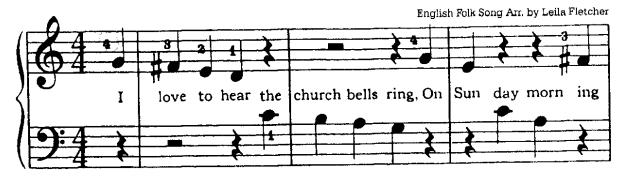
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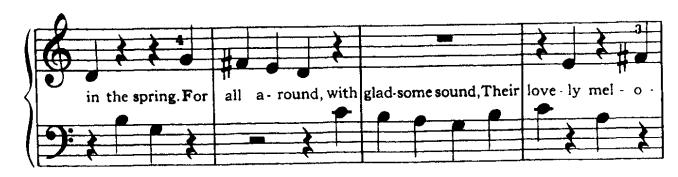
19. Church Bells

This is a SHARP:

When a sharp is placed before a note, the note is raised to the next BLACK or WHITE key to the right.









Yankee Doodle (Duet)

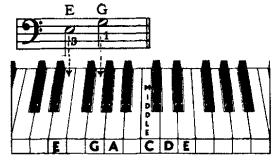




In TOWER CLOCK, finger one of left hand plays G! And finger three plays E!

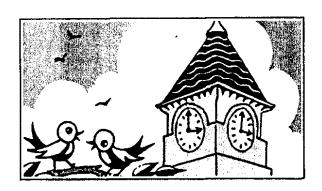
At the end of this piece right hand helps left hand toll the bell-right hand plays A on the bass staff!

Left Hand:

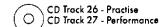


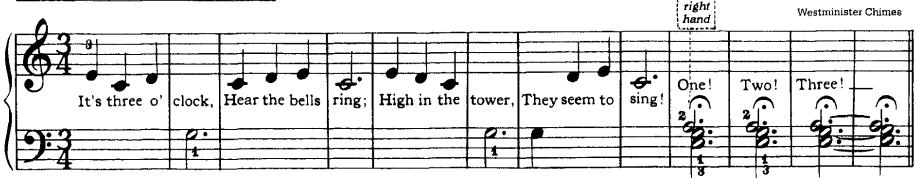
The PAUSE

When the pause is placed over a note, hold the note longer than its actual time-value. In TOWER CLOCK, hold the notes that are marked by the pause long enough to imitate the sound of the great bell tolling the hour.

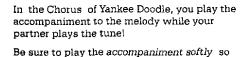


20. Tower Clock



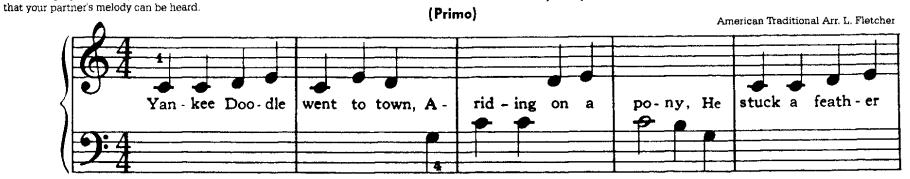


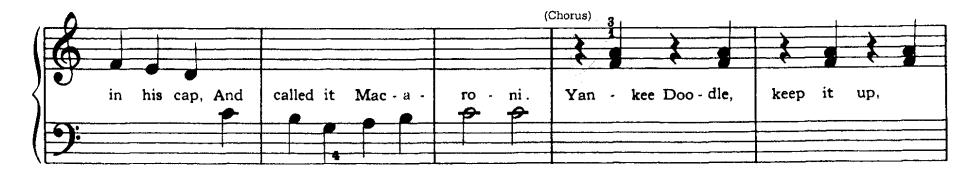






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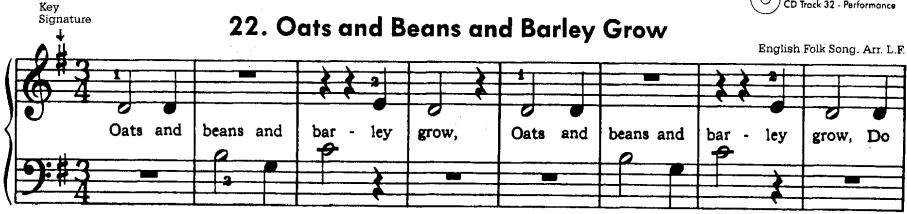
The KEY SIGNATURE

The Sharp placed on line F, just after the treble clef and after the bass clef, tells you that the note F is to be played F sharp throughout the piece. This sharp placed at the beginning of the piece is called the Key Signature. The Key Signature in OATS AND BEANS AND BARLEY GROW is one sharp - F sharp.



The Whole Rest — (four-beat rest) is used for one whole measure of silence in any kind of time: $\frac{2}{4}$, or $\frac{4}{4}$

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Note to Teacher:

Teach by rote the scale of G ascending: Left hand:

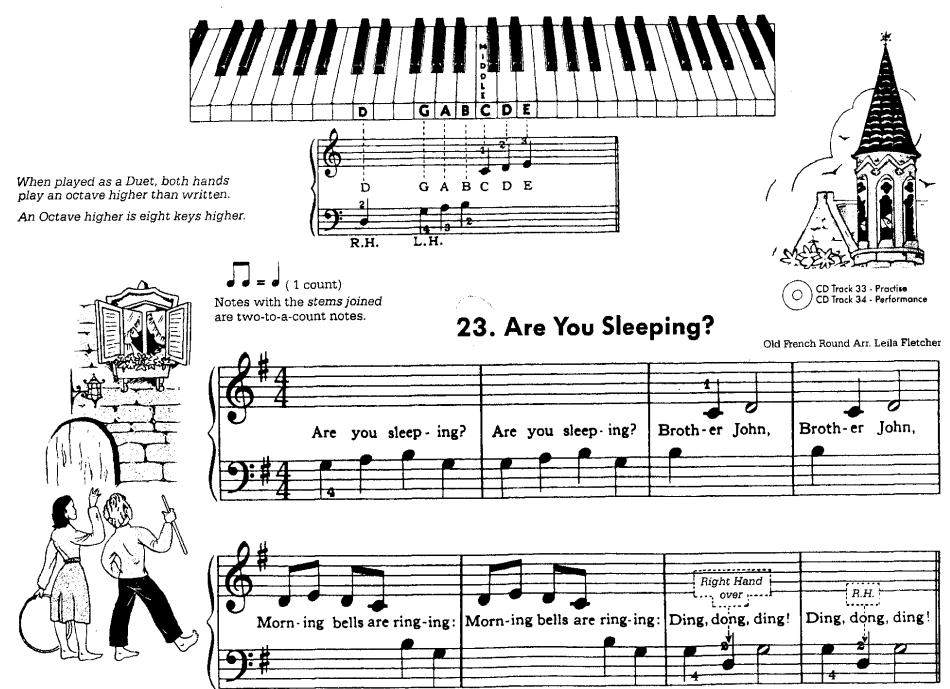
Right hand:

Have the pupil play the scale in several different places on the keyboard.

GABC — DEF#G

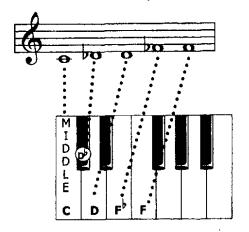
fingers: 4 3 2 1 -1 2 3 4

You are ready to play "Bear Went Over The Mountain" in Performance Fun Book 1B.

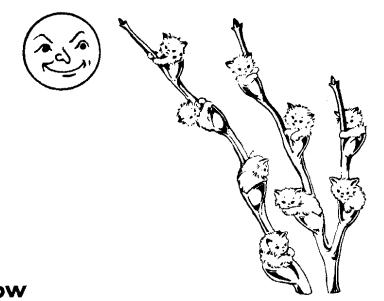


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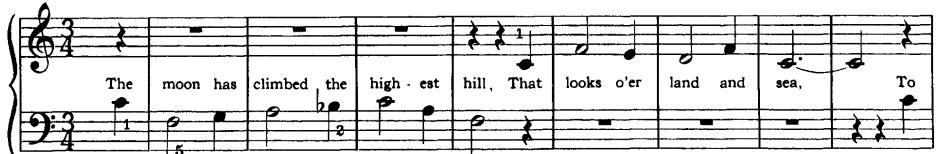
When a flat is placed before a note, the note is *lowered* to the next BLACK or WHITE key to the left.

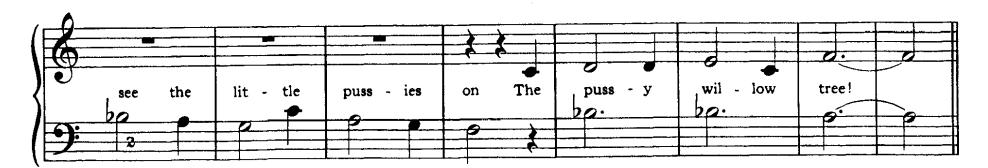




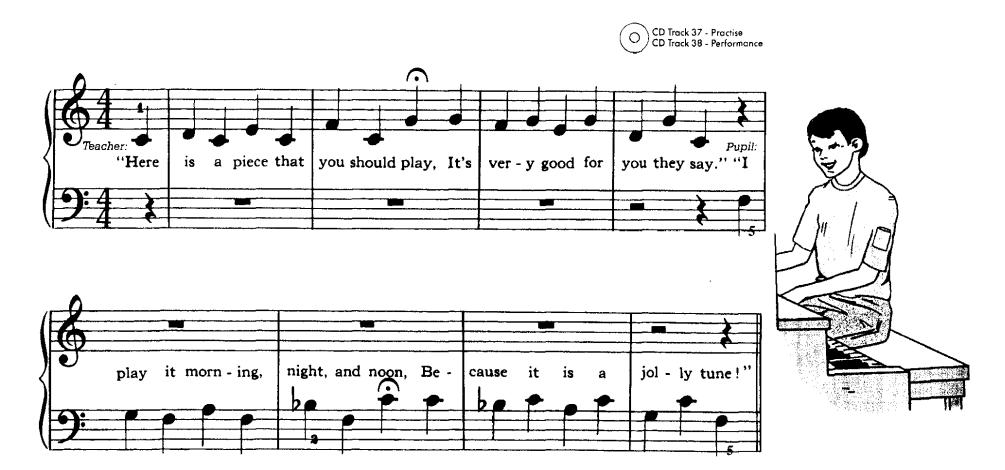


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25. Bills Piece



Note to Teacher:

Teach by rote the scale of F ascending: Left hand: Right hand: F G A B $^{\flat}$ —C D E F

fingers: 4 3 2 1 -1 2 3 4

Have the pupil play the scale in several different places on the keyboard.



This is an ACCENT: >

An accent placed over a note or under note means that the note is to be played a little louder; the note is to be accented.

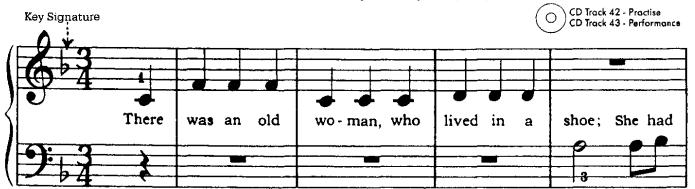
27. The Old Woman in a Shoe

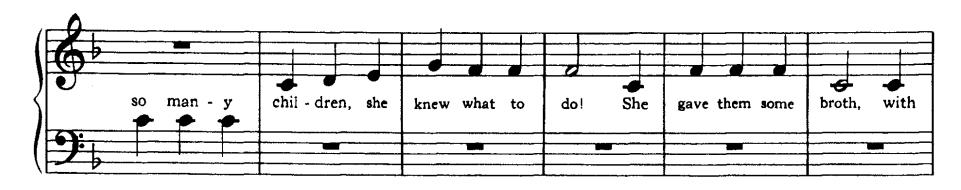
When played as a Duet, both hands play an octave higher than written.

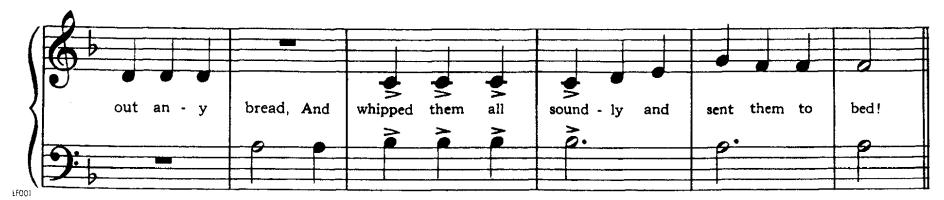
A Octave higher is eight keys higher.

The KEY SIGNATURE

The Flat placed on line B, just after the treble clef and after the bass clef, tells you that the note B is to be played B flat throughout the piece. This flat placed at the beginning of the piece is called the Key Signature. The Key Signature in The OLD WOMAN IN A SHOE is one flat - B flat.





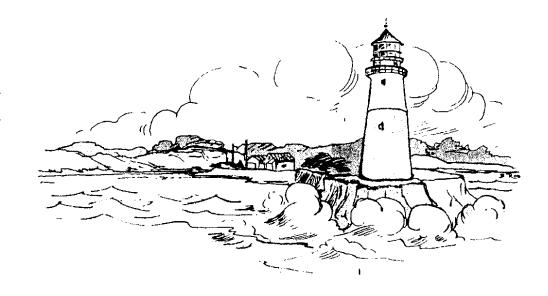






PHRASING and ACCENT

In music the first beat of the measure is accented....that is, played a little louder than the other beats in the measure. The accented note comes right after the bar line, on count one. The LIGHTHOUSE begins on the very last beat of the measure, count four. Play this beginning note lightly, and accent the next note, count one. The two lines of music in The LIGHTHOUSE are printed as poetry is printed, according to the lines of words in the verse. This will help you to play the four phrases of the piece rhythmically. Each phrase begins on count four; play count four lightly, and give count one a slight accent.



30. The Lighthouse

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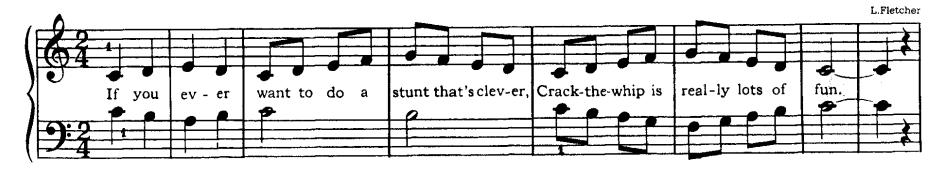
RULES OF THE GAME

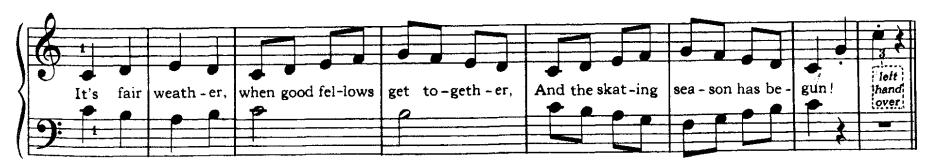
- 1. In playing CRACK-THE-WHIP, fingers 2, 3, 4, 5, must play in the *centre* of the keys, and not touching the sides. (See illustration on page 8.)
- 2. The End Man (5th finger) must not be crowded over sideways. Watch to see that he is standing! Hold the back of your hand fairly level so that the fifth finger has room to play.)

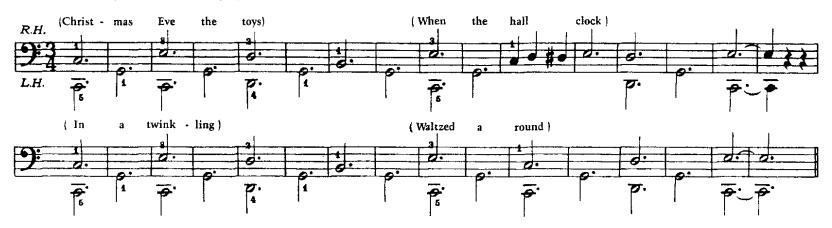


31. Crack-the-whip

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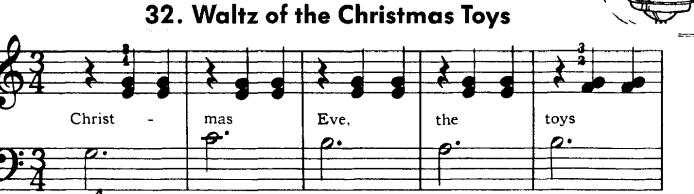






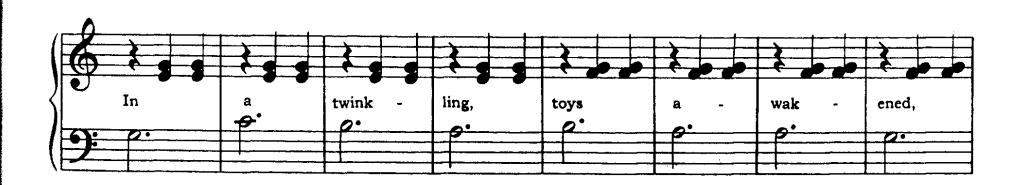
In WALTZ OF THE CHRISTMAS TOYS, the Left Hand plays the *melody*. Make the *melody sing*. The Right Hand plays the accompaniment. Play the right hand part very softly.

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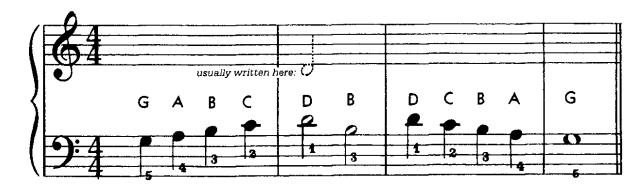
Note to the teacher:

Teach by rote the scales of C major, G Major, and F Major, ascending and decending. Play the upper key-note again in decending. (For ear training)

33. LEFT HAND PLAYS D

SOMETIMES the Left Hand plays D ABOVE MIDDLE C.

- 1. Play and say the letter-names five times.
- 2. Play and say the finger-numbers five times.





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34. Autumn Days



German Folk Song Arr. by L. Fletcher



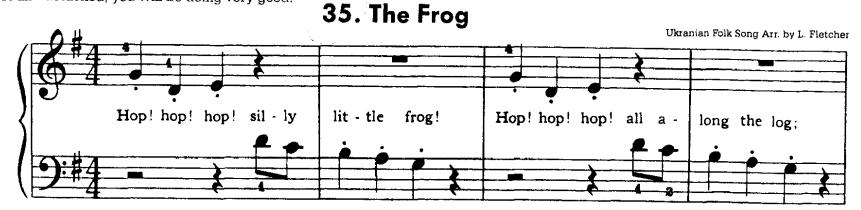


When the frog hops, we hear those detached notes again ...the same as the notes in BINGO. This detached sound is called "staccato," and the small dot above or below the note-head is the "staccato dot."

When you play the staccato notes with a little bounce of the hand from the wrist, so that each staccato note sounds short and detached, you will be doing very good.

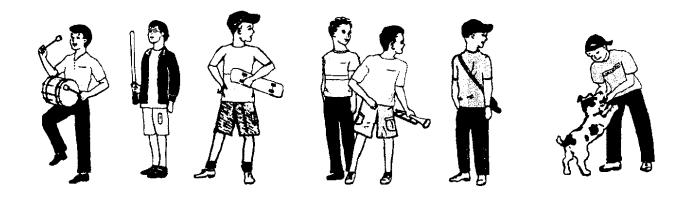


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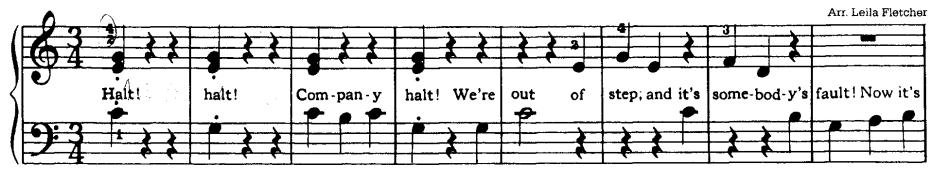


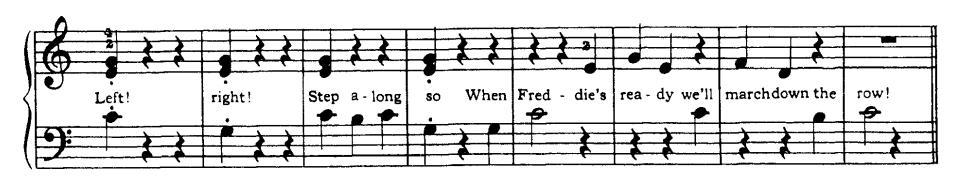


Watch fingering in right hand.

37. The Parade

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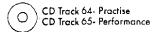




Memorize Treble lines and spaces *Upwards from Middle C* (E, G, B, D, F; and F, A, C, E)

Memorize Bass lines and spaces *Downwards from Middle C* (A, F, D, B, G; and G, E, C, A)...THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT.

When the sign 8-----is placed above notes, play the notes an octave higher than they are written. (An octave higher is 8 keys higher.)

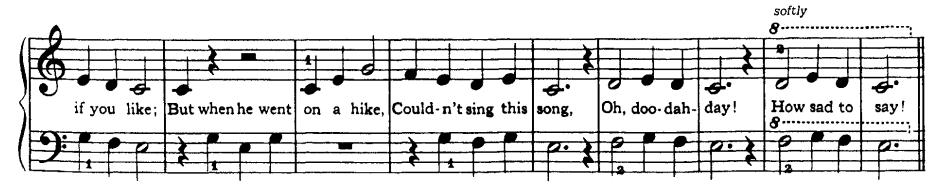




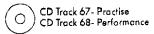








In the SILVER SKATES, the *left* hand plays the melody. Make the melody sing. The right hand plays the accompaniment *softly*.













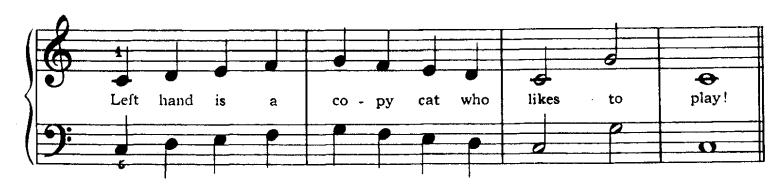
In these two pieces, left hand plays the same notes as the right hand, only an octave lower on the keyboard.

(An octave lower is eight keys lower.)

40. Making Hay

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When you have learned this piece, memorize it, then play it from memory one octave higher on the piano (both hands an octave higher) and you will notice how "enchanted" it sounds... especially if you play it softly.

LEFT HAND PLAYS NOTES ON THE TREBLE STAFF

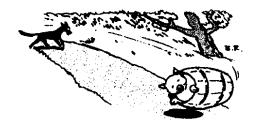
When NOTES on the TREBLE STAFF are to be played by the LEFT HAND, the stems of the notes are usually turned down and the notes are marked Left Hand.

Sometimes only the letters L.H. are used for Left Hand.

Now play the SCALE of C Major:

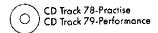
Use the fingering marked. Left hand plays notes with stems turned down.

Right hand plays notes with stems turned up.

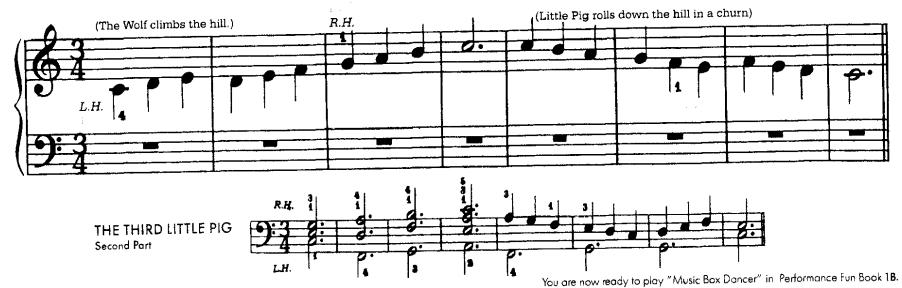


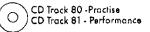


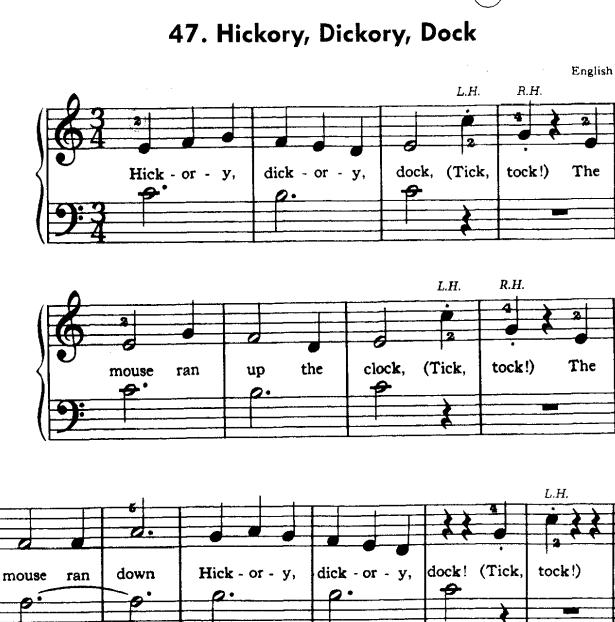
46. The Third Little Pig (A Scale Piece)

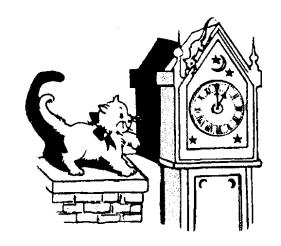


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- Second Part



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One! The

Jungle Jaunt (Duet)







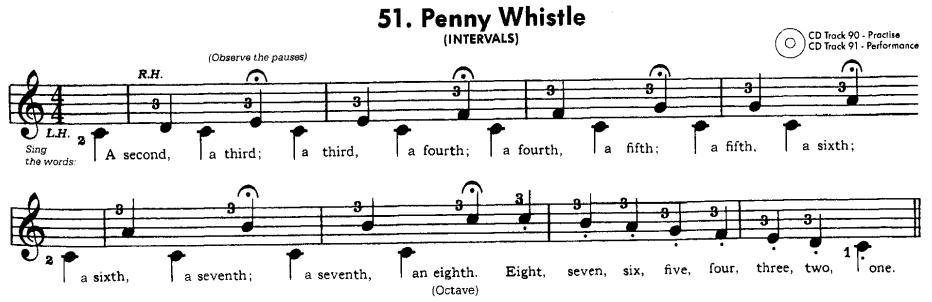


INTERVALS: An interval is the distance between two notes. An interval is measured by the number of letter-names it contains...which is the same thing as saying, by the number of lines and spaces it occupies on the staff.

Each line and each space on the music staff is called a degree. In PENNY WHISTLE, C to D is a second: it contains two letter-names: C and D; it occupies two degrees of the staff: line, space; and on the piano it takes in two white keys. C to E is a third; it contains three letter-names: C,D, E.

C,D,E occupies three degrees on the staff: line, space, line; and on the piano three white keys,....and so on.

When you play PENNY WHISTLE, notice that it is in C Major.... (the scale of C, no sharps or flats). Can you play PENNY WHISTLE using the notes of the scale of G? Watch for the sharp; use the same fingering as in your book. Sing the words as you play: " a second, a third," and pause at each pause mark. Can you play it using the notes of the scale of F? Watch for the flat; use the same fingering as in the book.

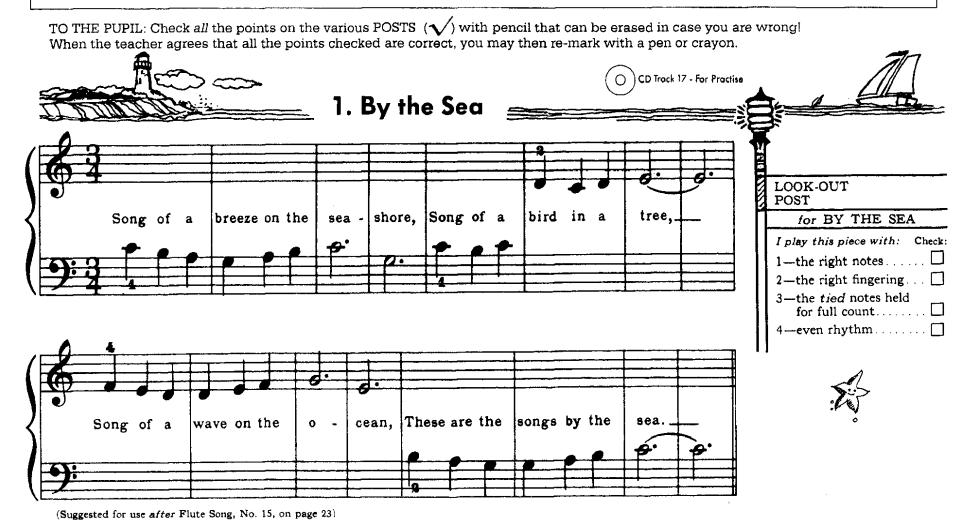


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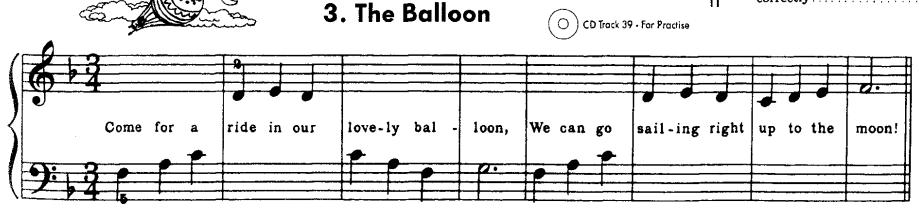
The examples in the Progress Pages are to be assigned by the teacher, but should be learned by the pupil, with little or no assistance from the teacher. In this way the pupil, left to their own resources, will necessarily become more observant, more competent; and the teacher will obtain much critical knowledge of the pupil's comprehension of what has been taught in past lessons.

The Progress Pages may be begun when good fingering habits have been established, and not before! This is a basic requirement of utmost importance. The teacher will decide when to assign a piece or exercise in the Pages; suggestions regarding this will be found below the examples, but the suggestions signify only that all the musical facts necessary for the intelligent performance of the example have, at the point indicated, been presented.



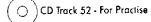
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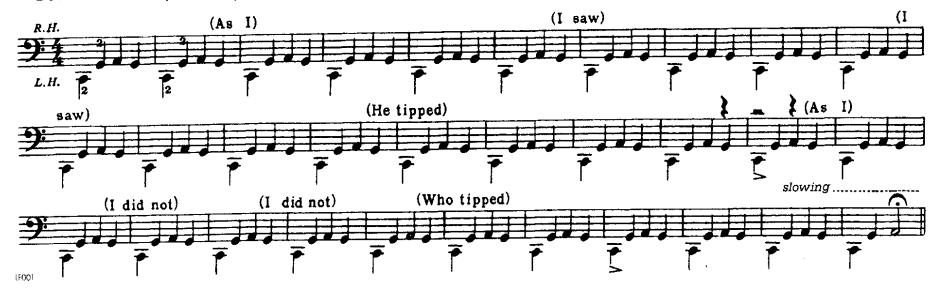
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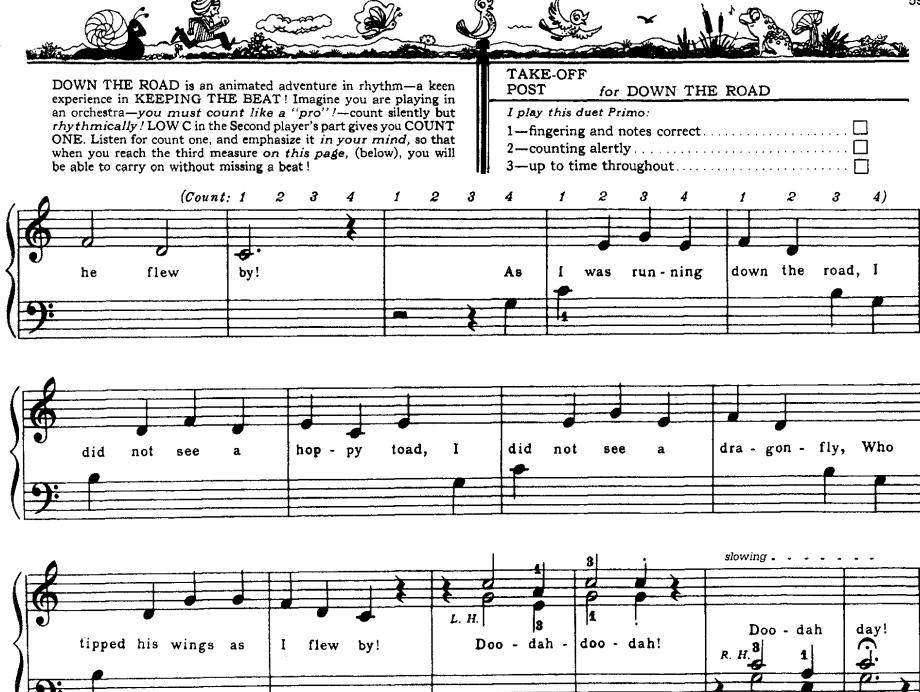


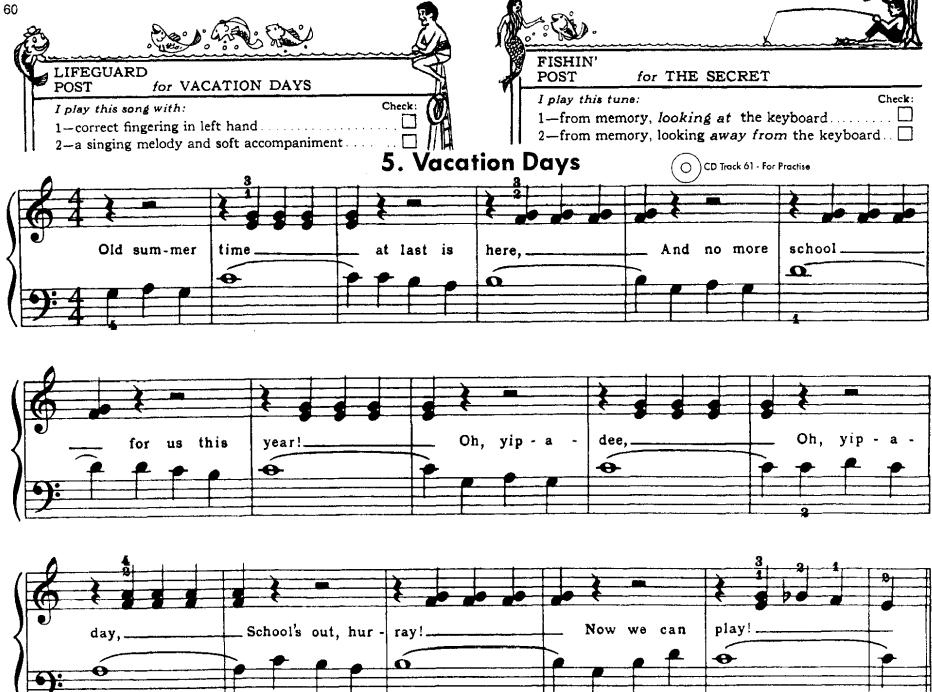




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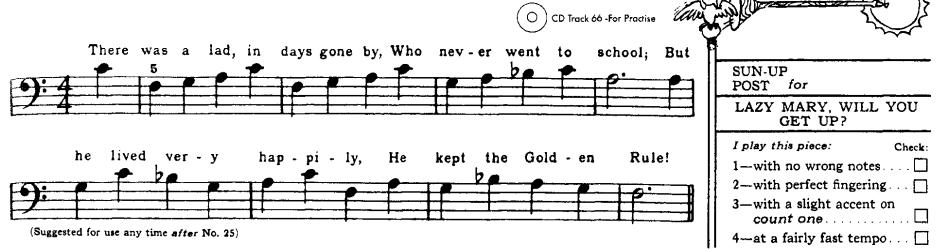






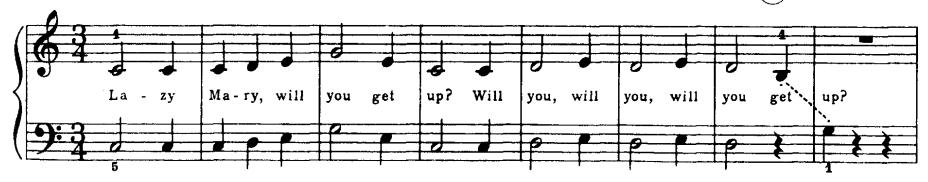


(Tune for Left Hand)



7. Lazy Mary, Will You Get Up?

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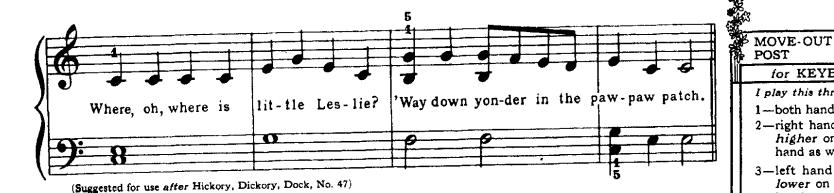


8. Pawpaw Patch

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POST

I play this three different ways: Check: 1-both hands play as written.

- 2-right hand plays one octave higher on the keyboard, left hand as written
- 3-left hand plays one octave lower on the keyboard, right hand as written



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