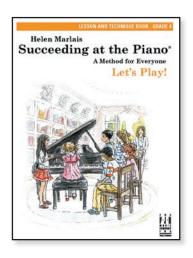
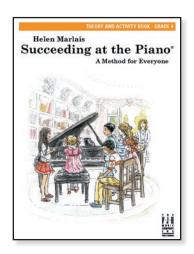
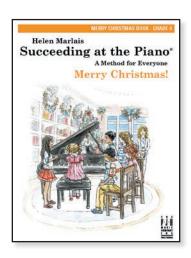
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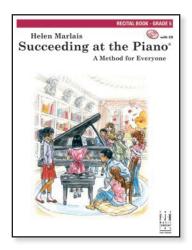
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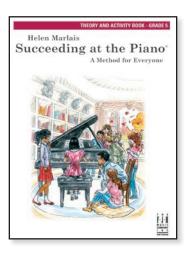












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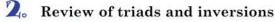


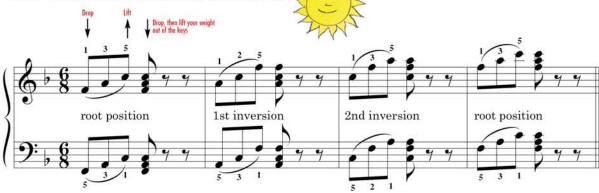
Technique at the Piano

1. Warm-up

Stand tall and well balanced. Roll your shoulders three times slowly forward and then three times slowly backward. Then slowly move your head to the right and then to the left. Repeat all three steps.

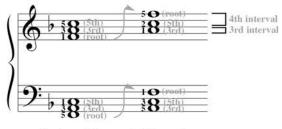






Play L.H. one octave higher if you like!

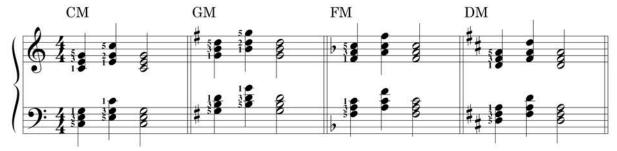
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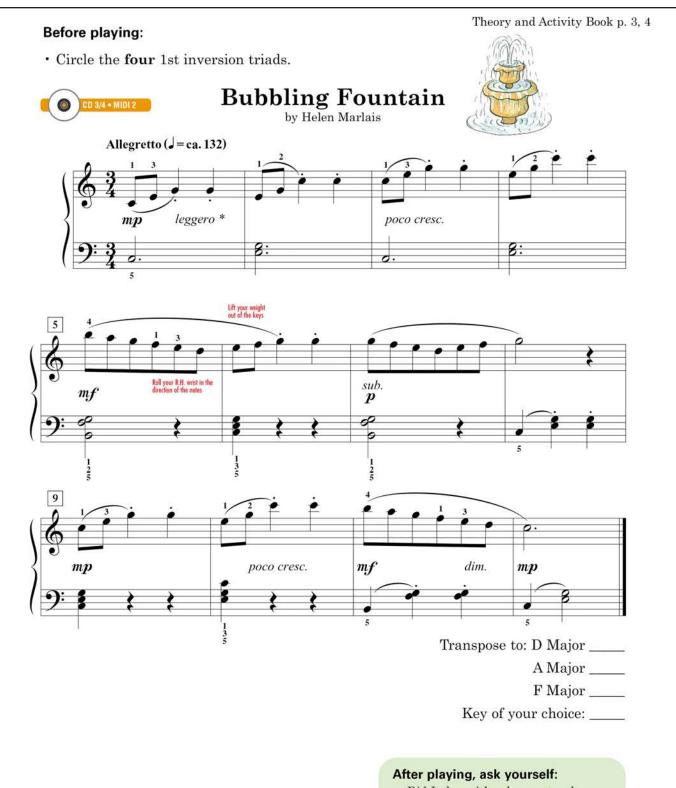
- When the **bottom** note is moved to the top, it is called an inversion.
- · Play these triads and remember the fingering.

Root position 1st inversion

4. Write the fingering below for F Major and D Major. Then play. Try playing them with your eyes closed to remember the shape of the chords on the keys.



How many keys can you play in? Cross each one out as you play it. C, Cm, G, Gm, D, Dm, A, Am, E, Em, B, Bm, F#, F#m, C#, C#m.



- Did I play with a *leggero* touch and sound?
- · Did I pay attention to the dynamics?

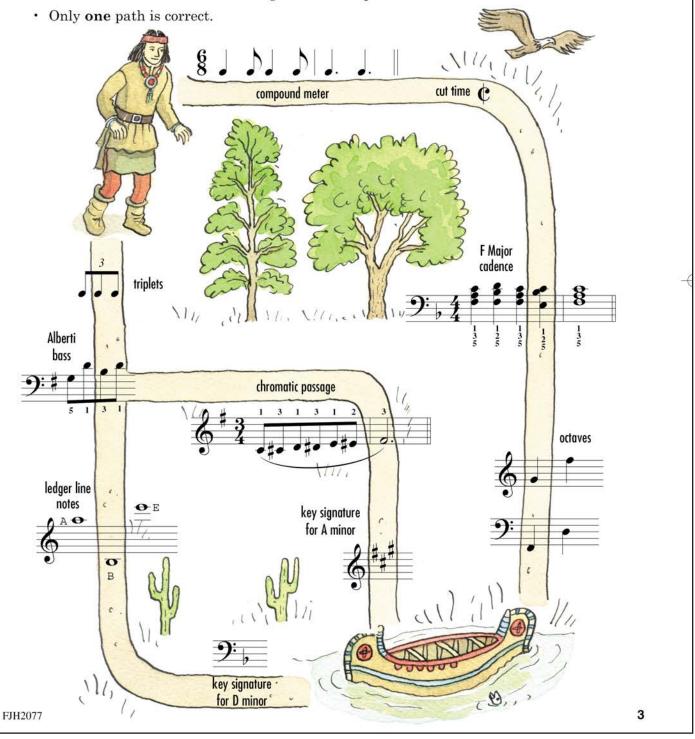
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The Path to Success

(Review of Musical Symbols and Terms from Grade 3)

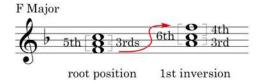
- Geronimo was a Native American. It is said that when he walked through forests, he did not leave any tracks!
- · Draw a line from Geronimo through the correct path to the canoe.



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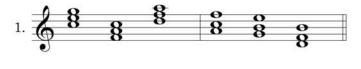
More Root and 1st Inversion Triads

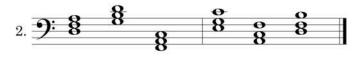
- Notice that root position triads are built with two intervals of a 3rd. From the bottom to the top note is an interval of a 5th.
- · In root position triads, the root is the lowest note.
- · When the root is moved to the top, it is in 1st inversion.
- Notice that 1st inversion triads are built with an interval of a 3rd and a 4th. From the bottom to the top note is an interval of a 6th.
- In 1st inversion triads, the middle note of the root position triad is the lowest note.

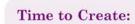




- Look at each measure below. Decide if the entire measure is in root position or 1st inversion.
- · Write the answers below.









- · Make up your own "Windy Waltz" using root position and 1st inversion triads.
- Choose an accompaniment style in the L.H.—waltz bass, broken bass, blocked chords.
- Will your piece be energetic or peaceful?

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My title:			
WV LILLE:			

Sharp Key Signatures

This is the order of *s (read from left to right)



<u>Father Charles Goes Down</u> <u>And Ends Battle</u>

Flat Key Signatures

This is the order of b's (read from left to right)



<u>Battle Ends And Down</u> <u>Goes Charles' Father</u>

Read aloud and play these on the piano:

 Play the F#. Go up a half step. You are on G. That is the name of the key—G Major.



 Play the last sharp and go up a half step. You are on D. That is the name of the key— D Major.



 Play the last sharp and go up a half step. You are on A. That is the name of the key— A Major.



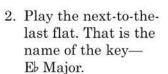
Play the last sharp again. What key are you in? _____ Major.



Play the last sharp again. What key are you in? _____ Major.



 Play the next-to-thelast flat. That is the name of the key— Bb Major.





 Play the next-to-thelast flat. That is the name of the key— Ab Major.



 Play the next-to-thelast flat. That is the name of the key— Db Major.



5. Play the next-to-thelast flat. What is the name of the key?
_____ Major.

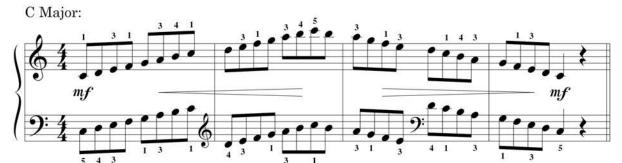


 Continue through the keys. You'll practice writing these key signatures in the Theory and Activity Book.

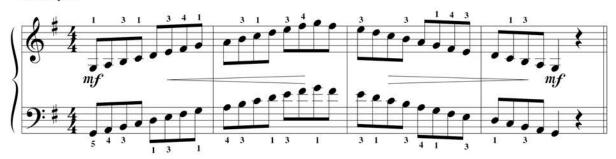


Technique with Mozart Review of Two-Octave Major Scales

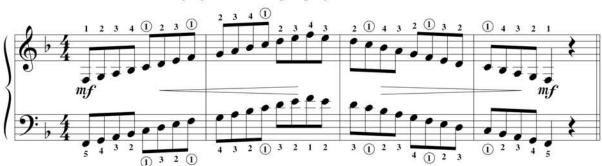
- · C, G, D, A, E Major have the same fingering.
- CD 7 MIDI 4
- · Remember R.H. finger 3 and L.H. finger 3 always play at the same time.
- · Remember which key your 4th finger plays. It will only be on this key.

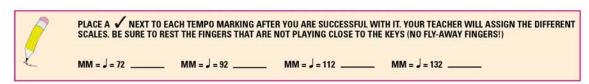


G Major:



F Major: The thumbs of both hands play together (except to begin and end the scales.) Notice which keys your 4th finger plays.





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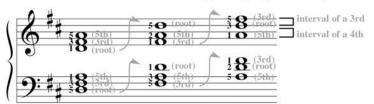


Technique with Chopin Review of 2nd inversion triads



Triads and Inversions

· Notice there are different ways to play a D Major triad:



Root position 1st inversion 2nd inversion

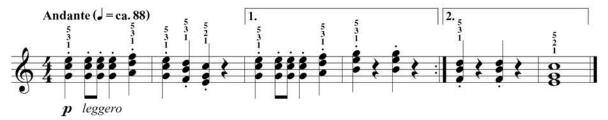
In 2nd inversion triads, the **root** is in the **MIDDLE** of the triad. The lower two notes form the interval of a 4th.

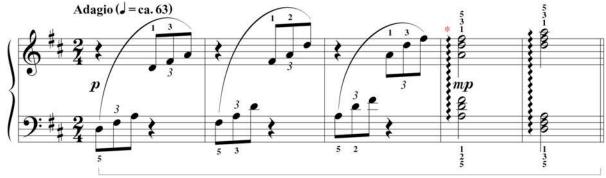


Chopin says:

Before playing each exercise, circle the 2nd inversion triads.

• Use a rebound *staccato* to spring off the keys.





Key of: ____

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- * This sign means to roll the chord, bottom to top, one note at a time, like a harp.
- Listen so that the top note of the R.H. triad is played on the beat.

Before playing:

· Tap the rhythm hands together.

While learning:

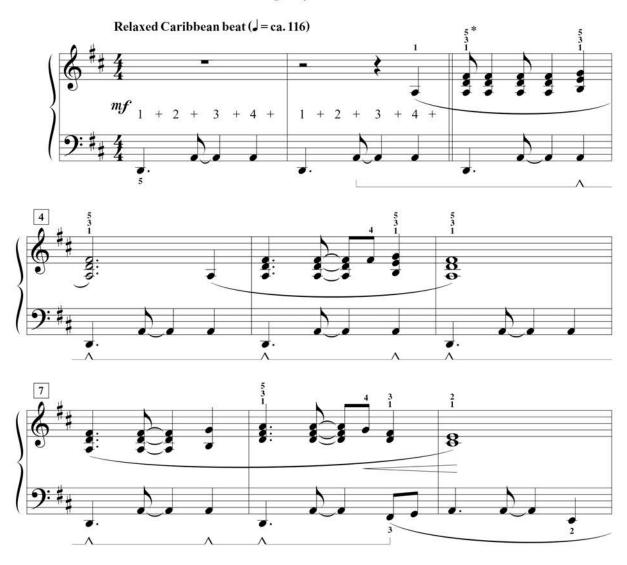
• Practice this piece without the pedal until it is accurate. Then add the pedal.



Sloop John B

Bahamian Folk Song Arranged by Edwin McLean





* You can use fingers "124" as well in measures 3, 4, 5, 6, and everywhere else there is a D Major 2nd inversion triad.



Technique with Mozart Review of Intervals (2nds through octaves)

 Melodic intervals are notes played one after the other, while harmonic intervals are notes played together to create harmony.





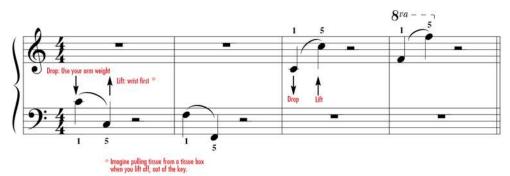
Mozart says: Play these intervals, using arm rotation.

"Throw" your arm from side to side for the 7th and the octave.



· Transpose to different keys.

Octave Exercise:



Motive:

- · A rhythmic or melodic pattern that is short and easy to recognize is called a **motive**.
- · A motive is often repeated during a piece.
- · Practice the following motives and you'll be ready for the next piece.



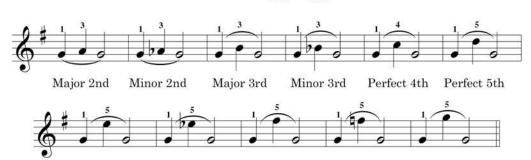


Major 6th

Play and sing the following intervals.

Can you transpose them to A Major? _____ (check one)

Yes No



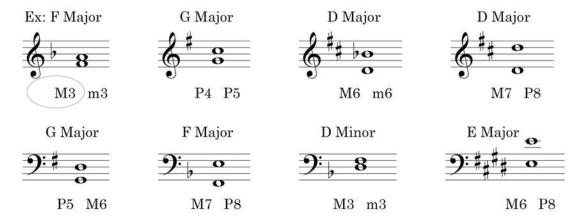
Major 7th

Minor 7th

Perfect Octave

2. Circle the correct answer for each example below:

Minor 6th



The intervals of 4th, 5th, and octaves are "perfect" because they have the same quality in major as well as in minor.

3. Draw the following intervals.



Motive

- · A short, easy-to-recognize pattern that recurs throughout a piece.
- 1. Play this theme by Mozart. Notice the two-note slurs and the three-note slurs.

Theme from Symphony No. 40

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



2. Play this theme by Beethoven. This 🕻 🎝 🖟 is used throughout the entire movement.

Theme from Symphony No. 5

by Ludwig van Beethoven



3. Play this theme by Paganini. The same rhythmic motive is heard three times in a row.



by Niccolò Paganini





Play this theme by Ponchielli (pronounced Pon-key-EL-lee).
What motive do you see? two-note slurs three-note slurs (circle one)



The Dance of the Hours from La Giocanda

by Amilcare Ponchielli



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Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) completed the Symphony No. 9 in D minor in 1824. It was premiered in Vienna, Austria. It is one of the most well-known works in all of Western classical repertoire. This work is called a "choral symphony." In the last movement, four soloists and large choir sing the words of "Ode to Joy" along with the orchestra. The words were written by Friedrich Schiller, a well-known German poet. Beethoven shared the stage with the conductor at the premiere, and when the audience applauded afterward, Beethoven was turned around so that he could face the audience to see them. He couldn't hear them because of his deafness. The audience gave him five standing ovations throughout the performance.



Ode to Joy

(Theme from Symphony No. 9) by Ludwig van Beethoven 1770-1827, Germany Arranged by Timothy Brown





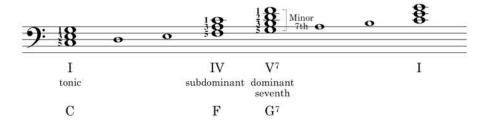




Technique with Beethoven The Dominant Seventh (V⁷) Chord

• The dominant chord is built on the 5th note of the scale. It is a major triad.

The primary chords in C Major:

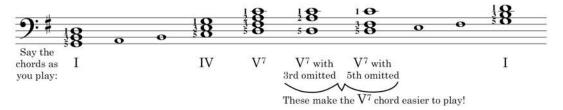


• The V⁷ chord is a four-note chord. An interval of a minor 7th is added above the root.

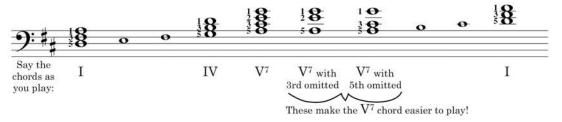


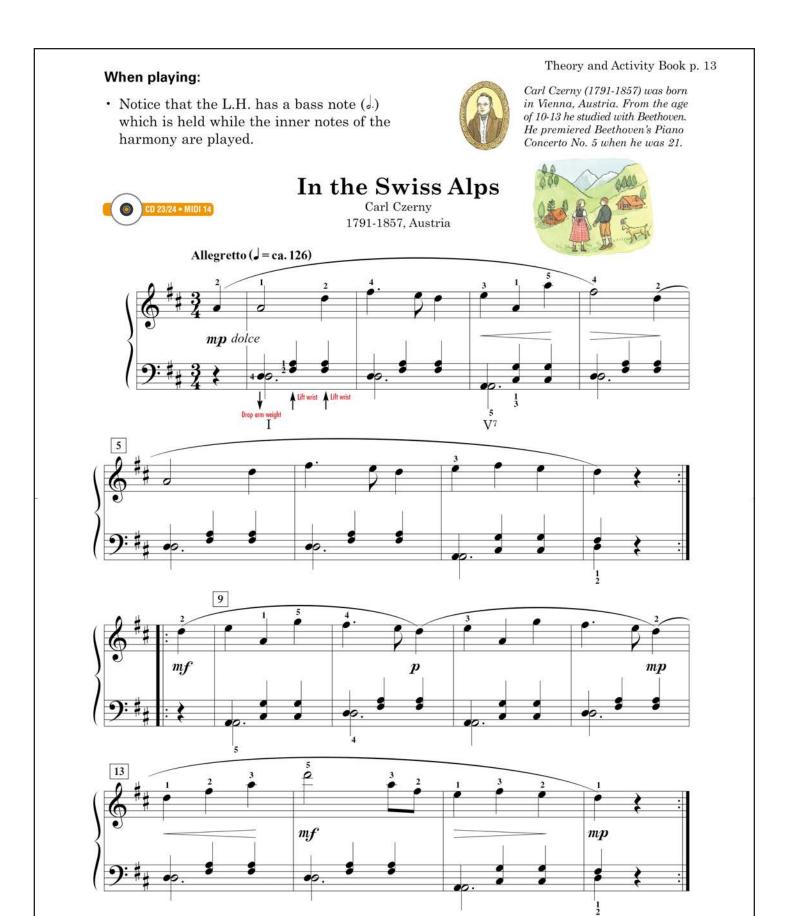
Beethoven says: As you play each chord, drop your wrist and forearm, using arm weight. Notice your arm hanging freely from your shoulder joint.

The primary chords in G Major:



The primary chords in D Major:





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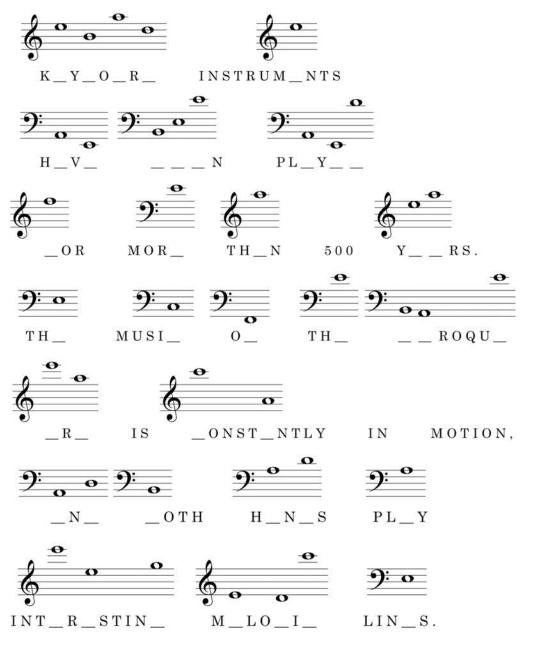
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The Different Eras

We live in the 21st Century. If you lived from 1600-1750, you would have lived in the Baroque era. If you lived from 1750-1820, you would have lived in the Classical Era. The Romantic Era (1820-1900) followed the Classical Era, and after the Romantic Era, the 20th Century began. Every era brings new inventions, new ways of thinking and doing things, and new ways of living. The music from each era sounds distinctly different from the other eras.



Fill in the name of the notes to learn some interesting facts.



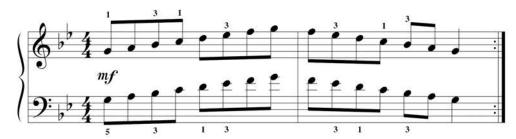
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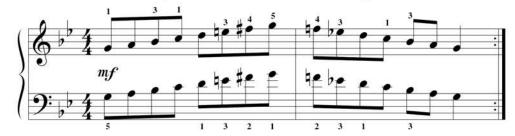
- 1. The Key of G Minor
 - G minor is the relative minor of Bb Major.
 (They are three half steps away from each other.)
 - · Like Bb Major, G minor has 2 flats (Bb and Eb.)
- 2. G natural minor scale
 - Which note does your 4th finger play in the R.H.?_____ in the L.H.?____
 - · Practice hands alone, then hands together.



3. Harmonic minor form (raised 7th note ascending and descending)



4. Melodic minor form (raised 6th and 7th notes ascending and lowered on descending)





Beethoven asks:

Can you play these scales as two-octave scales?

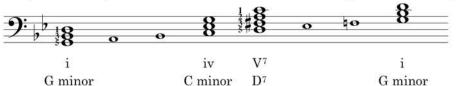
After you can play two-octave scales, practice three-octaves scales in patterns.

Practice in triplets only when completely secure with two-octave scales.

5. Playing the primary chords in G minor

· Play as written, and then add the R.H. one octave higher.





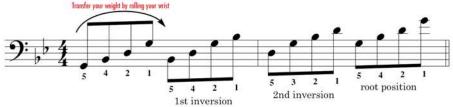
6. Playing a G minor cadence



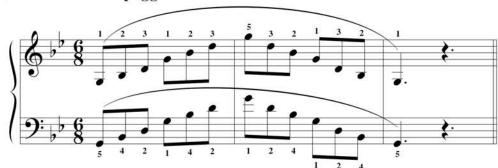
Beethoven says: Say the names of the chords as you play!

Add pedal if you like!

7. Playing broken chords



8. Two-octave arpeggios



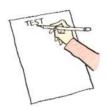
• Parallel keys share the same tonic note. For example, you can practice these exercises in G Major and then in G minor, and you will be playing in parallel keys.

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The Key of G Minor

- · Your piano pal has had a l-o-n-g week and took this test below.
- · Fix your pal's mistakes and then give an evaluation at the end.



Write the key signature for G minor.



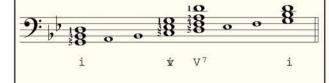
2. Write the i-iv-i-V⁷-i cadence in the L.H.



3. Which form of the G minor scale is below?



Are these primary chords in the key of G minor correct? Yes No



5. Draw a Perfect 5th (P5) up from G.



6. Draw a minor 3rd (m3) up from G.



7. Draw a 1st inversion Gm triad.



8. Draw a 1st inversion and 2nd inversion triad in G minor.



EVALUATION: (circle one)

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Before playing:

Look at the last note of the piece. What is it? _____
 What key are you in? _____



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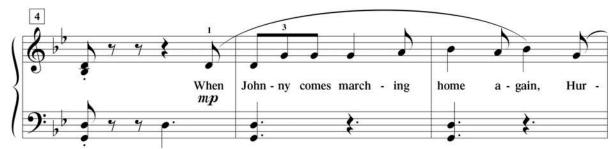
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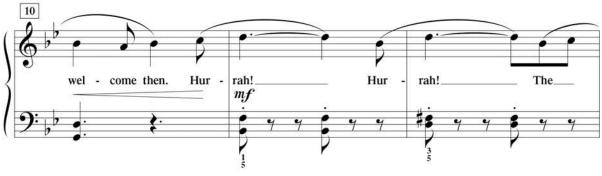


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When playing: · Practice at a slow, "thinking" tempo (with the metronome) until you are sure of the correct rhythm, notes, fingering, and articulations.



based on Rage Over a Lost Penny by Beethoven by Timothy Brown



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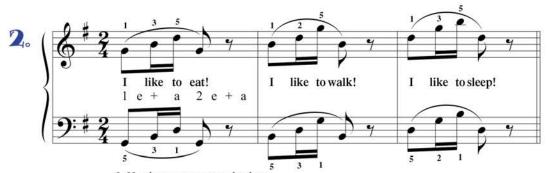
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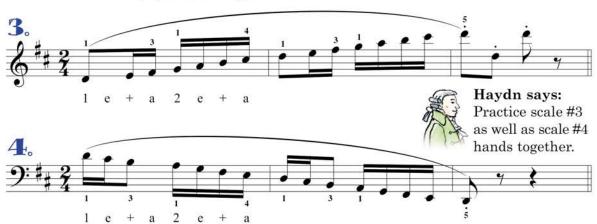
Memorize the exercises below so you can listen and watch your fingers, hands, and arms as you play.



L.H. plays one octave higher



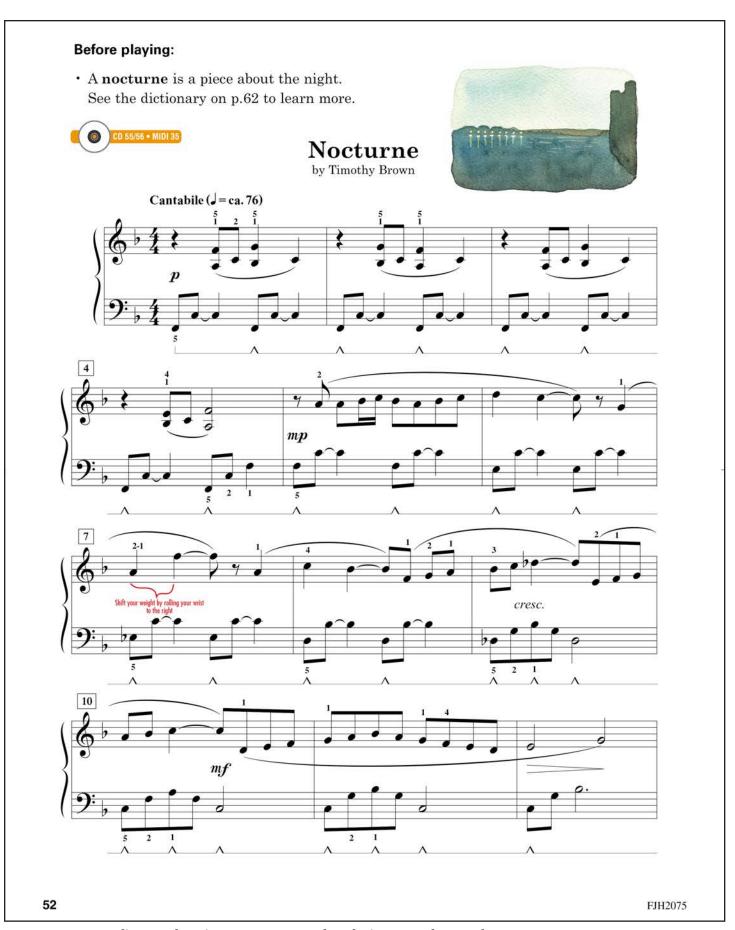
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Technique Tip: Transfer the weight of your arm to the right when ascending, and to the left when descending. Be careful not to twist or turn your wrist. Imagine a string pulling your elbow and forearm to the right and to the left.

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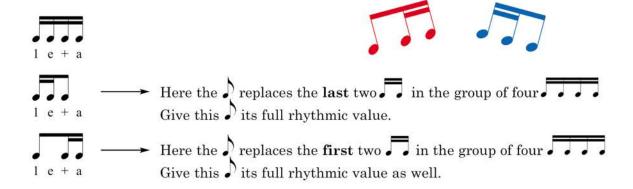
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More Sixteenth Note Rhythm Patterns



- · The way to have excellent rhythm is to count evenly, never rushing or dropping a beat.
- · Use a metronome so that your rhythm is exact from the very beginning.

Finish writing in the counting below. Then clap and count aloud evenly. Make a to the longer note values to hear the forward direction.





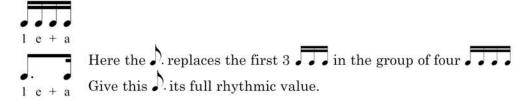


Some of the measures below are missing beats! Fill them in and then clap and count with energy.

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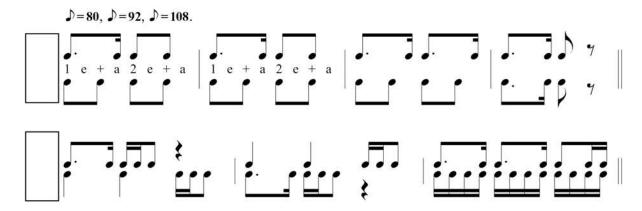


Dotted Eighth Note

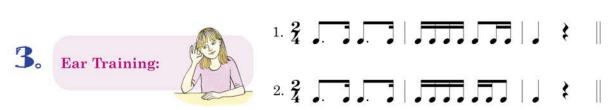


Add the correct time signatures.

Then tap hands together and count aloud.



2. Add bar lines to each pattern below. Then tap and count aloud, with the metronome.



Which rhythm do you hear your teacher clap? Circle it and then clap it back.

Sixteenth Notes in § and §



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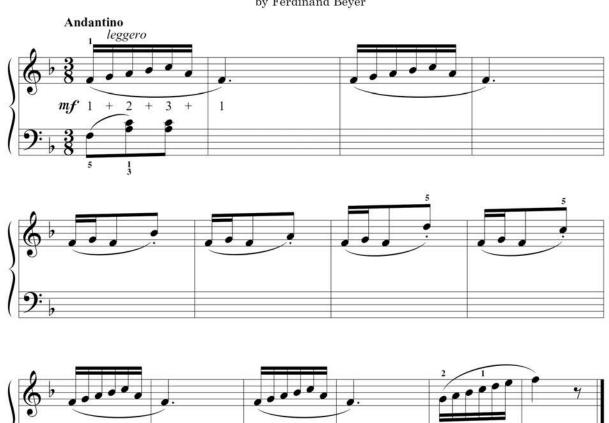


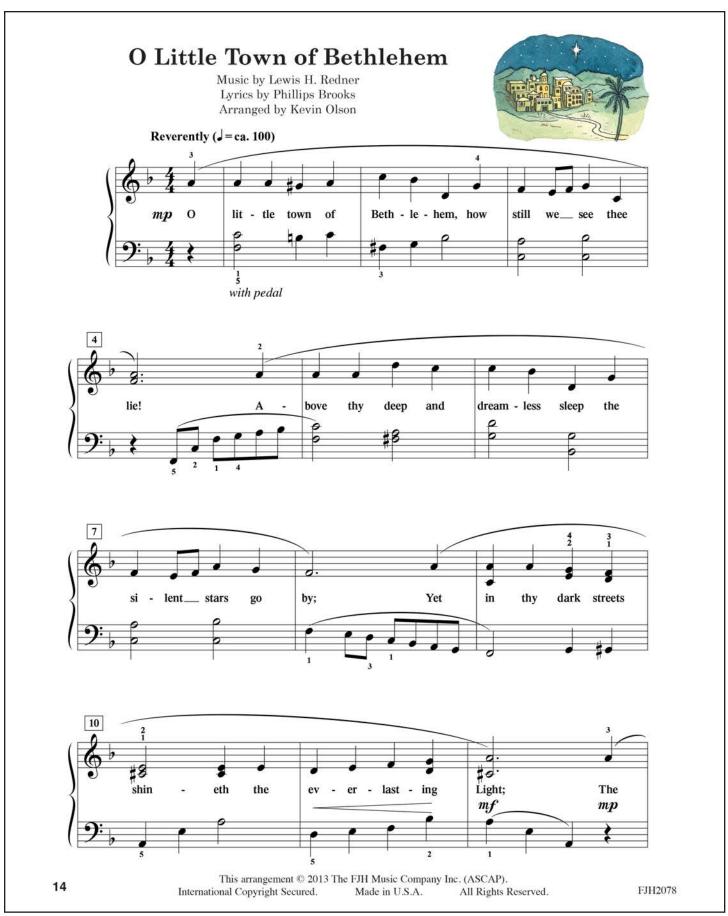
- · Play the melody below.
- · Then add a L.H. accompaniment, by ear. Use the following F Major primary chords:



Etude in F Major

by Ferdinand Beyer

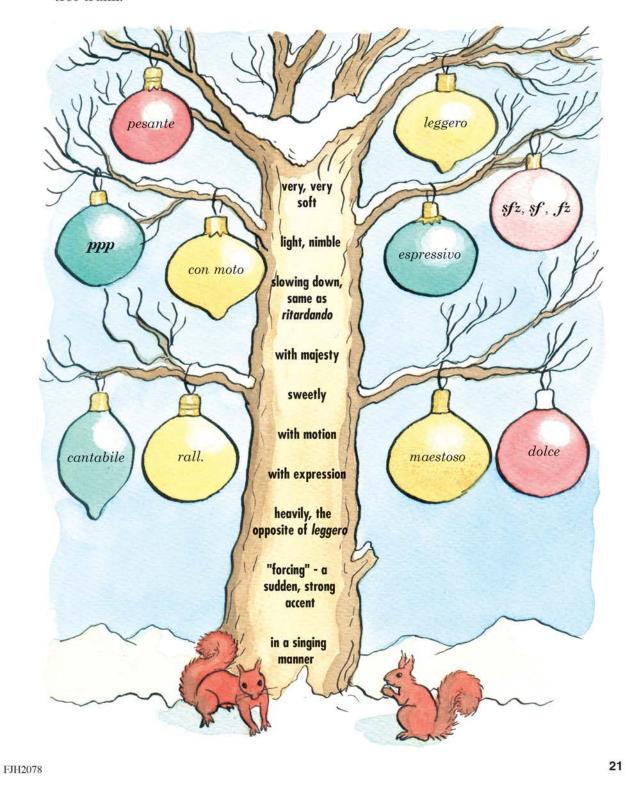


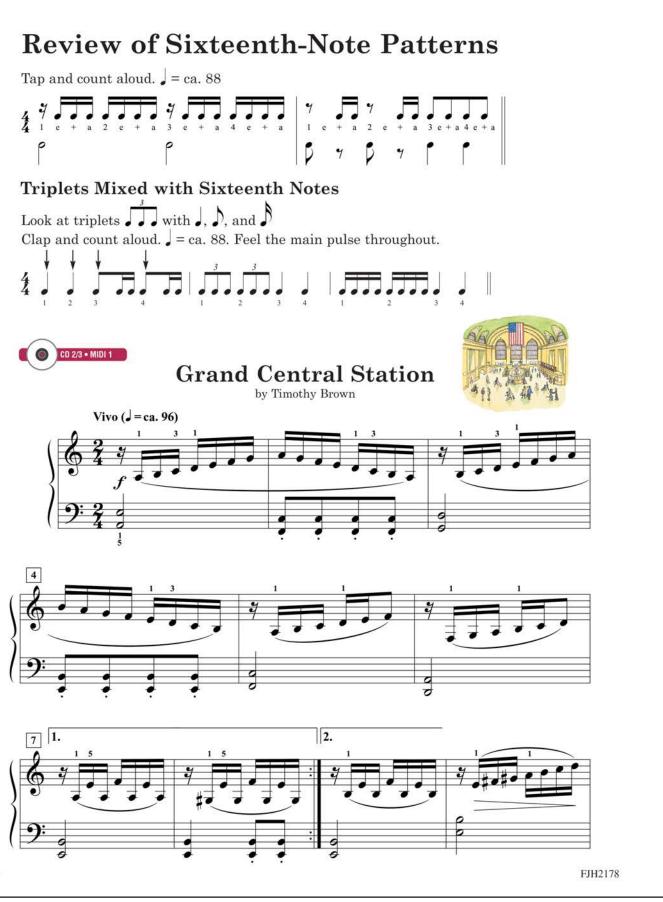


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Find the Match

• Draw a line from the music term in each Christmas bulb to its correct definition in the tree trunk.





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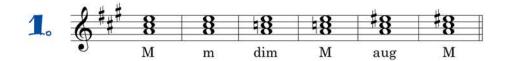
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Lesson Book p. 5 • Add the bar lines below. Tap and count aloud. \downarrow = ca. 88. Again, feel the main pulses in each measure. 5. Write in the counting for each example below. Define each tempo marking. Minuet and Trio by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Spiritoso Serenade by Franz Schubert Andante Elegie by Edvard Grieg Allegretto The Lark's Song by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Moderato 5 FJH2180

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Reviewing Different Kinds of Triads

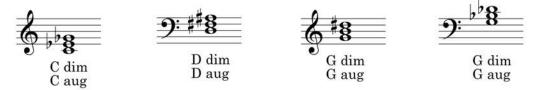
- · Add or cross out accidentals to fix the triads that are incorrect.
- · Then play each one.







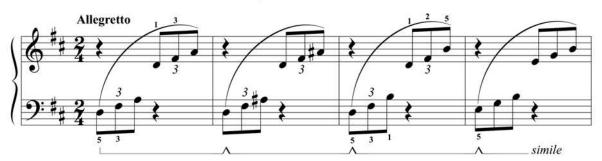
3. Which triad is it? (Circle the correct answer.)



4. Circle the augmented triad below. Label all four triads and then play the example.

Etude

by Cornelius Gurlitt



Diminished and Augmented Triads

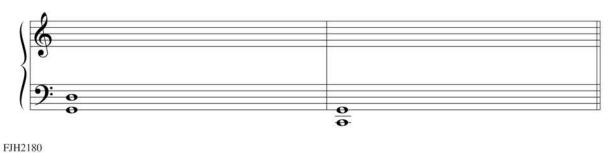


- · Use major, minor, diminished, and augmented triads to finish the piece below.
- What is the mood of the piece? sad confident lazy (choose one)
- · Label the chords as you write.

My title: _

· You can change the triads, rhythm, dynamics, tempo, and key as you compose!





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Technique with Chopin Introducing the other two pedals

- The soft pedal or *una corda* not only makes the piano quieter, but it also changes the sound.
- The sostenuto pedal is used for advanced works.
 It sustains only the tones sounded by the keys already being depressed.
- · These pedals work best on grand pianos.





Learning Augmented Triads

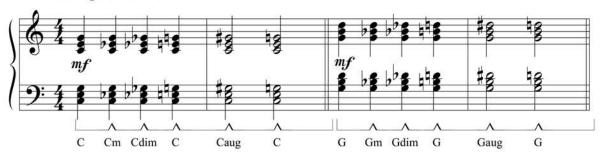
Chopin says:

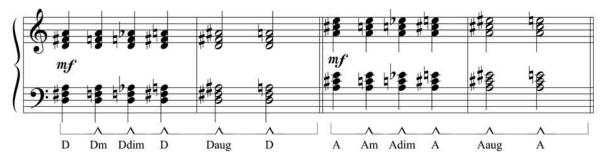
To build an augmented (aug.) triad, raise the 5th of a major triad one half step. The sound has a "questioning" or "surprising" quality.





- · You have already learned diminished triads in Grade 4.
- · Play the following triads. Once you begin, continue in the Circle of Fifths.
 - * Use fingers 1-3-5 for all triads.





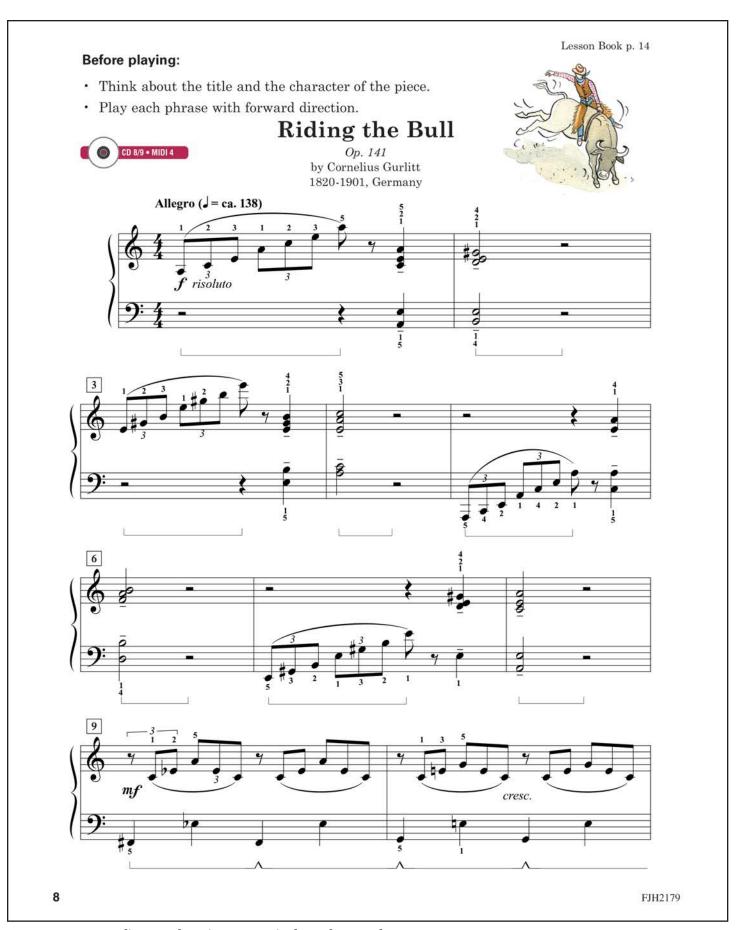
(Note to teachers: A simple explanation of the two other pedals (besides the damper pedal) will be fine. If a student has a grand piano, have them experiment with the soft pedal with the triads on this page.)

Practicing arpeggios:

- · The following exercise will make your arpeggios dazzle!
- · Practice hands apart, then together, and crescendo to the highest note.



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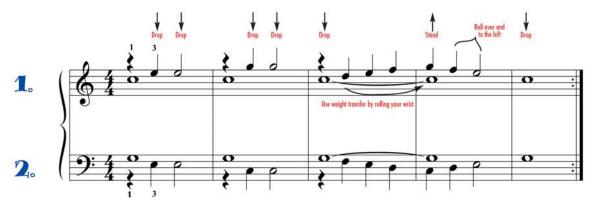


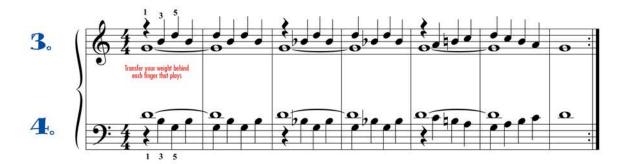
Technique with J. S. Bach Finger Independence

- Finger independence is needed when one hand has to play two lines of music at the same time.
- The music of the Baroque era (1600-1750), when J. S. Bach lived, uses finger independence.

Let's try some exercises so you can learn this important skill.

- Practice with the metronome. = ca. 72
- · Practice hands apart, then hands together.
- · When you drop, use your arm weight to play to the bottom of the key.





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- Mark the form in the music. Is it AB, AA¹, or ABA?
- · Circle the P4ths in the melody.
- When a cadence ends in I→V⁷, this is called a half cadence. Label it in the music. Then label the Authentic cadence (V⁷→ I) at the end.

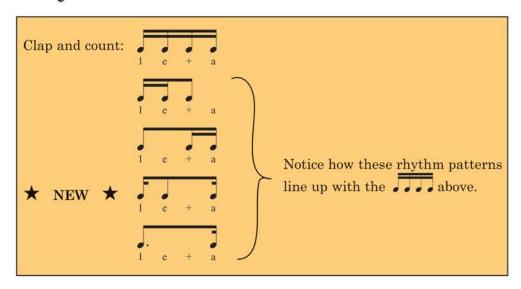
Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738) lived during the Baroque Era in France. This popular piece is played at festive occasions and is the theme of the Public TV program, Masterpiece Theatre.



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UNIT 5

A New Sixteenth-Note Rhythm Pattern 773



1. Tap the following patterns with your teacher, counting aloud.





2. Write in the counting. Then tap and count aloud.



* You will play a piece with this new rhythm pattern on p. 28.



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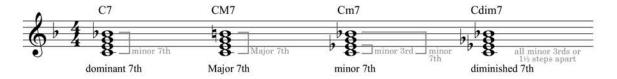
Technique with Brahms



Major Seventh (M7) Chord Minor Seventh (m7) Chord Diminished Seventh (dim⁷) Chord

 Notice the difference between these chords compared to the dominant seventh (V7) chords you know.

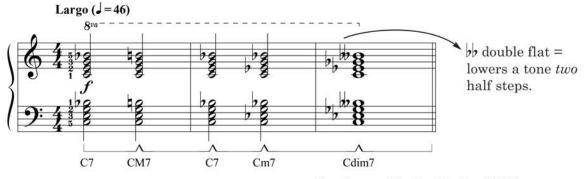
Key of F Major:





Brahms says:

As you play each chord, drop your arm weight to the bottom of the keys. Keep a strong hand arch and play on the flat side of your thumb. Listen for a sustained, singing sound. Next, **slowly** lift your weight *out of the keys* with your forearms. This **portato touch** is used for chords where you need a lush and big sound.



Continue with the Circle of Fifths.

Technique Tip: Sit in the MIDDLE of your two hands when playing these chords.

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UNIT 6



Technique with Chopin Voicing



- Voicing means to bring out a melody over an accompaniment or bring out the top note of a chord. Practicing finger independence will help you learn how
- Voicing makes the music that you play truly beautiful.



Chopin says:

Use weight transfer for this technique. Roll your wrist and forearm in the direction of the notes. Listen to bring out the melody over the inner notes by giving the fingers that play the melody more weight from the arm.







Practice steps:

- · Practice only the R.H. melody first, without the inner notes.
- · Practice the R.H. melody with the L.H.
- Then practice the two voices in the R.H.
- · Listen for a beautiful legato.

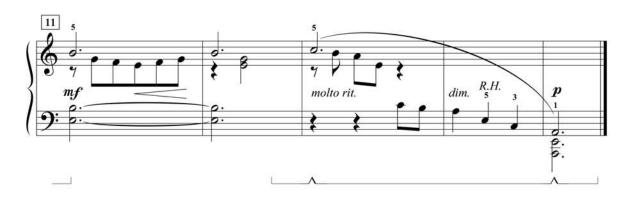


Indigo Dusk by Helen Marlais









* tranquillo—calm, peaceful.

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The Romantic Era



The Romantic Era came after the Classical Era. The Romantic Era lasted from around 1800-1900.

Composers were interested in nature, imagery, and feeling. This was the time of the soloist, and many famous pianists toured before captivated audiences, large and small.

Many pieces during this time had descriptive titles. Listen to the following two pieces on the CD and look at the music below.

Think about the sound and the mood of each one. Which one sounds calm and peaceful, like a garden? Which one is energetic and sounds like horn calls?

Circle the correct title for each:

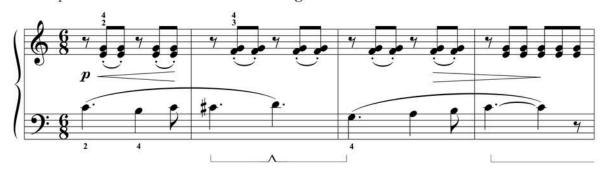




This piece is: In the Garden or Hunting Music



This piece is: In the Garden or Hunting Music



Answer: (1): Hunting Music, (2): In the Garden

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When playing:

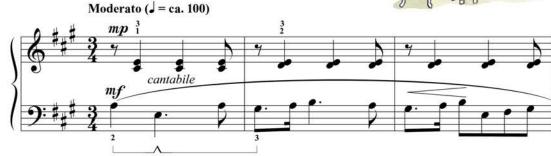
- Bring out the melody and listen to the balance between the hands.
- · Notice the long Romantic phrases.

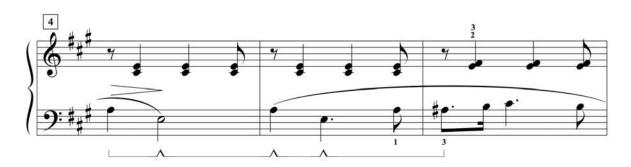


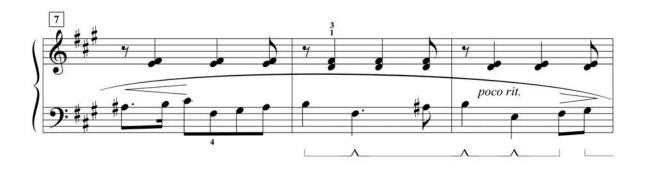
Theme from the "Unfinished" Symphony

by Franz Schubert 1797-1828, Austria Arranged by Mary Leaf









Franz Schubert (1797-1828) was born in Vienna, Austria, and lived in a one-bedroom apartment with his mother, father, and four siblings. Franz's first teacher was his brother Ignaz; his father taught him to play the violin. By the time he was thirteen he had composed songs, string quartets, and piano pieces. He also sang in the famous boys' choir of the Imperial High Chapel in Vienna. Schubert is known for many kinds of works, especially over 600 wonderful songs for voice and piano.



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