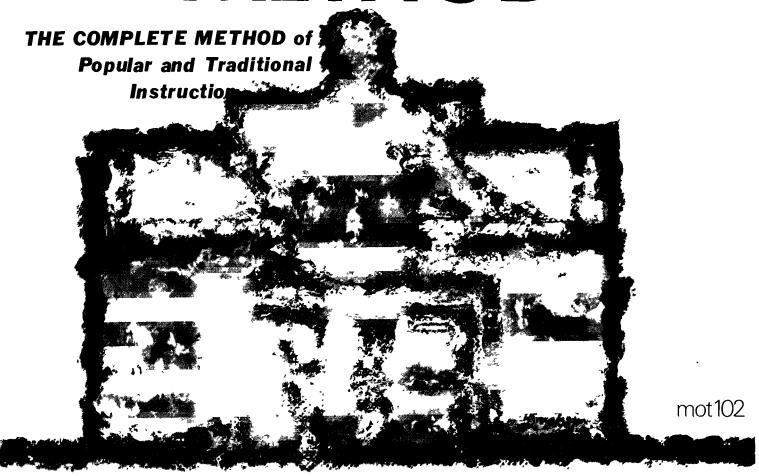
THE JOHN BRIMHALL PIANO METHOD/BOOK 2

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TEN TIPS FOR QUICK PROGRESS

If, as you practice each new piece, you keep the following points in mind, your practice time will be cut down and your progress increased. These tips will help you to get the most out of each practice session.

- 1. Observe the Time Signature and the Key Signature, reminding yourself what each means.
- 2. When beginning a new piece, practice each hand separately. Begin slowly, counting out loud, then gradually increase the speed. Put both hands together. Begin slowly, counting out loud, then gradually increased the speed.
- 3. Observe everything carefully as you play notes, fingering, rests, phrasing, expression marks. Remember, if you don't make a mistake you won't have to spend your time going back to correct it.
- 4. When you do make a mistake, correct it immediately, before going on. Don't practice mistakes. You learn by building a habit of doing it right!
- 5. When you have to stop, begin again at the beginning of a phrase. Remember that a phrase is a musical sentence.
- 6. Isolate difficult sections, practicing them until you have conquered them, rather than stumbling over them every time you go through the piece.

- 7. Keep in mind as you play the piano that you are playing three things at once Melody, Bass Line and Harmonic Accompaniment. Try to keep each in its proper place. The best way to make one hand sound louder is to play the other hand softer.
- 8. The way to build your memory is to start memorizing from the beginning. Pick out occasional pieces that you enjoy playing and memorize them, reviewing them every week or so. Don't wait until you get to the more difficult pieces before you begin memorizing.
- 9. Play your exercises faithfully and carefully, so that when you are ready for more advanced pieces, your fingers will be ready, too.
- 10. No matter what kind of music you play, from Beethoven to Boogie Woogie, it is attention to detail and accuracy of rhythm that makes one player sound better than another. For maximum enjoyment and results, "Do it right" from the beginning.

TO THE TEACHER

The John Brimhall Piano Method is a complete method. In addition to the standard and traditional technic, theory, folk music, classical and modern piano literature, it contains the elements of popular technique and a liberal collection of the best of familiar music. This method contains a broad musical library of universal interest — hundreds of favorites, both classical and popular.

It is hoped that students using the books in this method will develop an understanding and a love of the classics, while their interest is maintained at the highest level through the study of the familiar music that they hear on radio and television. It must be emphasized that the study of popular music in this method is not at the expense of the traditional materials, but in addition to them. After all, they are all music, sharing the same notes, chords, vocabulary and the rest. A passage containing syncopation can often be learned more easily in a familiar popular context and later applied to a piece by Debussy or Beethoven. Motivation and familiarity can help us over some of the more difficult teaching hurdles.

New material is introduced gradually throughout the series, through reading, not playing by ear. After a student reads competently, improvisation is taught, but always solidly grounded in theory. By careful attention to detail the student should build accurate and musical habits that will carry over into any music that he plays.

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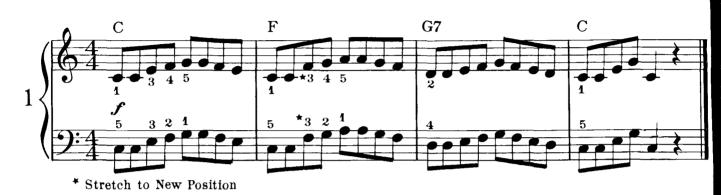
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Boogie Woogie pieces are fun to play and they provide excellent exercise for strengthening the fingers of the left hand. For best results, lift each finger high, then strike the key quickly and firmly.

BOOGIE WOOGIE EXERCISE



BOOGIE IN C



STACCATO



STACCATO is the Italian term meaning short and disconnected. It is the opposite of legato. To play staccato, use a quick upward motion of the hand. A dot over or under a note is the sign of staccato.

STACCATO STUDY

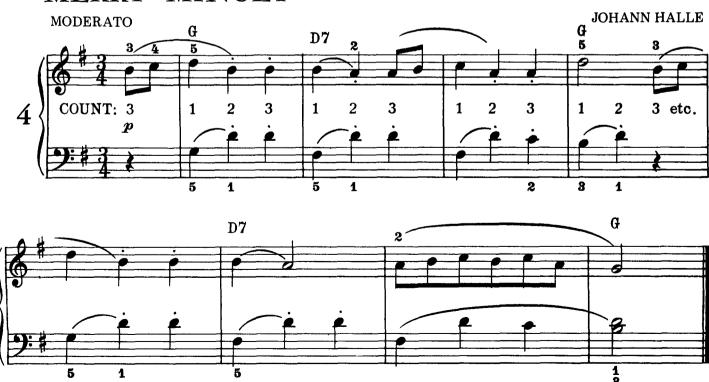






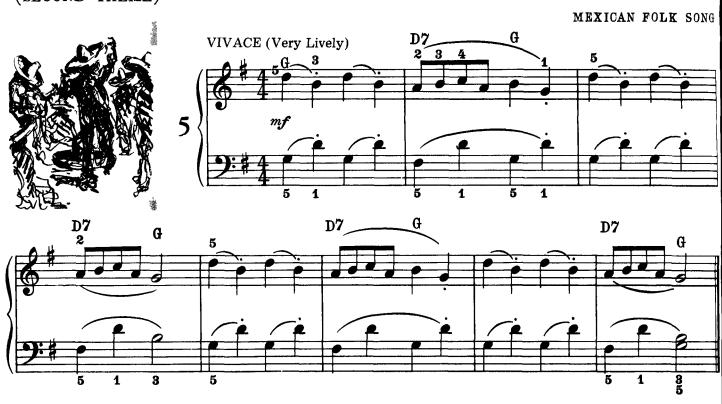
This two note phrase should be played with a down-up motion of the hand. Down on the first note, up on the second.

MERRY MINUET

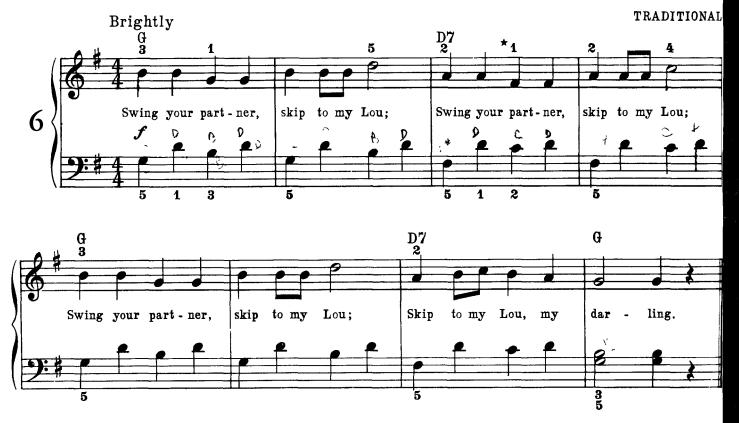


⁶ MEXICAN HAT DANCE

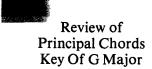
(SECOND THEME)



SKIP TO MY LOU



^{*}Stretch Thumb to F#, without moving your hand.

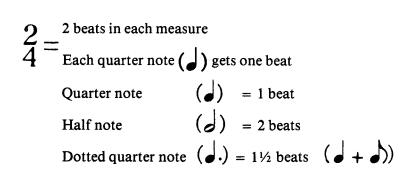




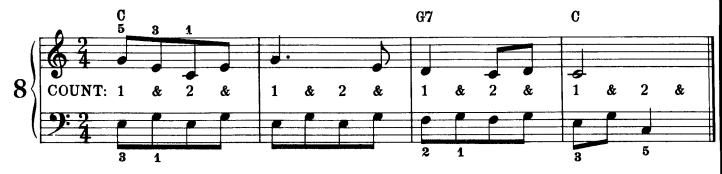
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CLASSICAL BOOGIE





²/₄ TIME STUDY



AH! VOUS DIRAI-JE MAMAN

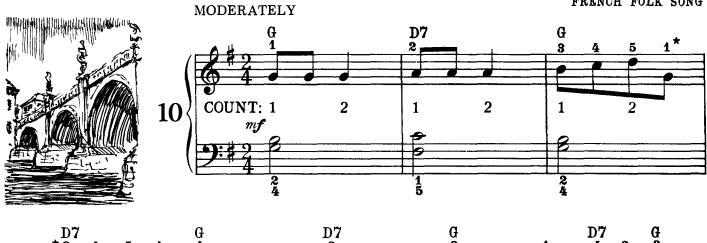


^{*} Notice new hand position for Left Hand. Thumb is on Middle C and 5th finger is on F#.

SUR LE PONT D'AVIGNON

(ON THE BRIDGE OF AVIGNON)

FRENCH FOLK SONG





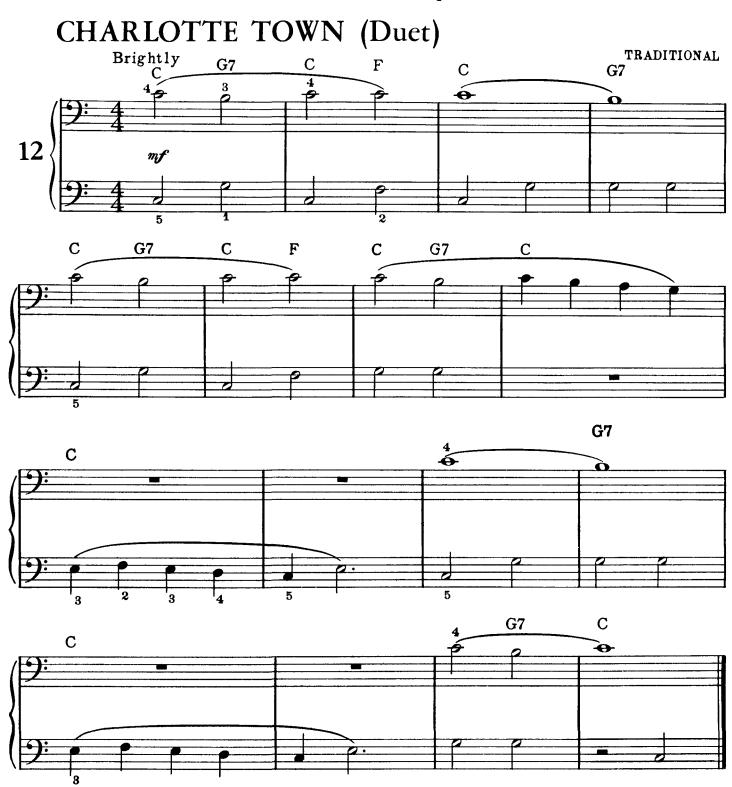
^{*}Bring 3rd finger OVER Thumb.

SLEEP, BABY, SLEEP



FOLK MUSIC is the music of the people. No one knows who composed the melody or wrote the words, for the folk song was passed from person to person and from town to town in the years before radio, phonograph or television. Modern composers, such as Béla Bartók, have collected folk music, and used it in their compositions.

SECOND PART (9: Accompaniment)



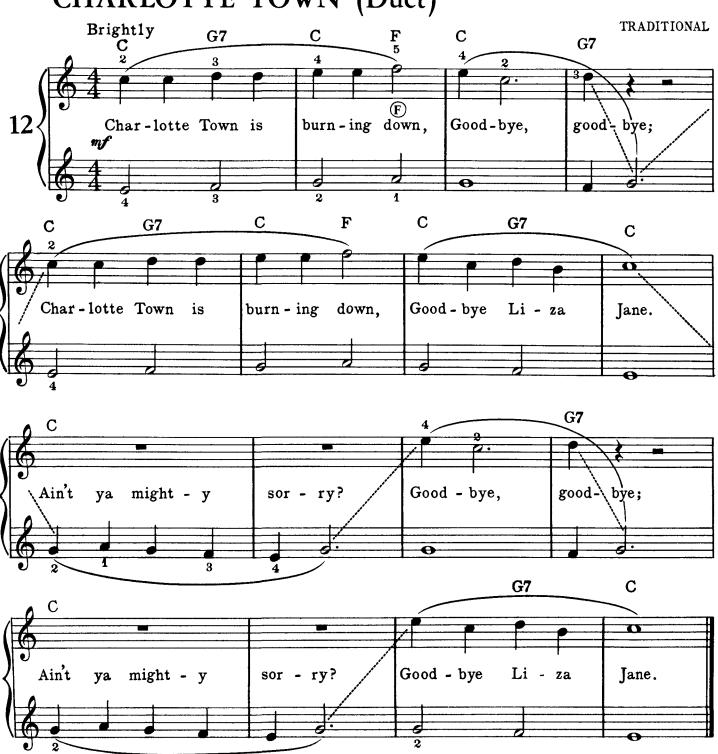
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It is easy to pick out folk music in music books. Instead of naming a composer, the credit line at the top right hand side of the music will say "Traditional," "French Song," "American Cowboy Song," or something to indicate that the composer is unknown. Go through this book and try to pick out all the folk music.



FIRST PART (Melody)

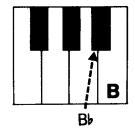




FLAT

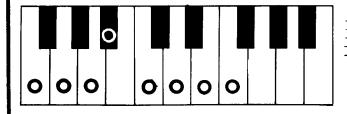
A FLAT is a sign which indicates that a note is to be played one half step lower.

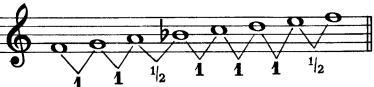
A flat is played on the very next key to the left. If a flat appears in front of a B, instead of playing the white key, B, play the black key to its left, B flat.



F MAJOR SCALE

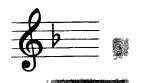
Here is the Major Scale built on F.





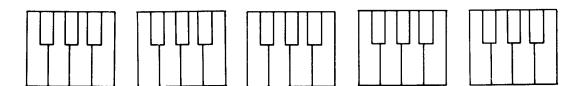
Since this Major Scale Pattern was built on F, it is called the F Major Scale. The F Major Scale has one flat, B flat. Therefore, the Key Signature of the Key of F Major has one flat, B flat.

KEY OF F MAJOR One flat, B flat



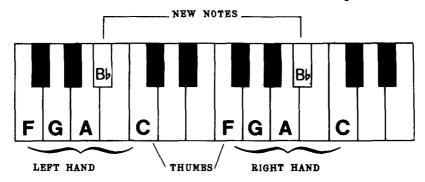
NATURAL

is a NATURAL SIGN. It cancels a sharp or a flat.





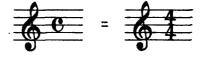
FIVE FINGER POSITION-F MAJOR



UP AND DOWN ON F

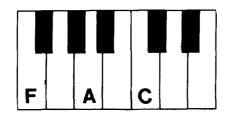


is the symbol for COMMON TIME. It means the same as 4/4 Time.



F MAJOR CHORD (F)





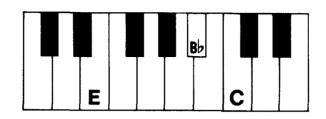


F MAJOR CHORD STUDY



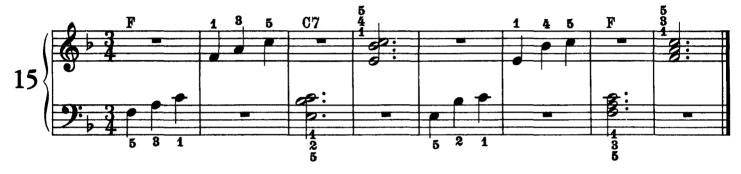
¹⁴ C SEVENTH CHORD (C7)







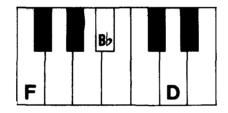
TWO CHORDS IN F



Bb CHORD (Bb)



* C = Common time (same as 🛊)



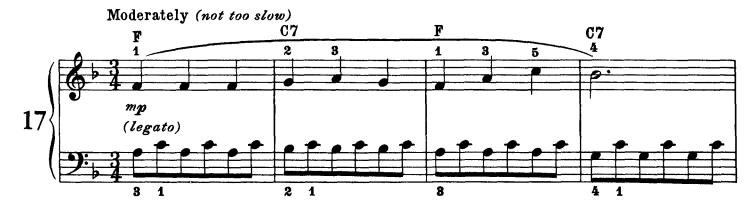


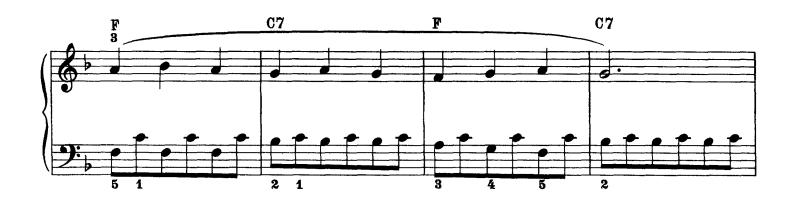
PRINCIPAL CHORDS IN F MAJOR

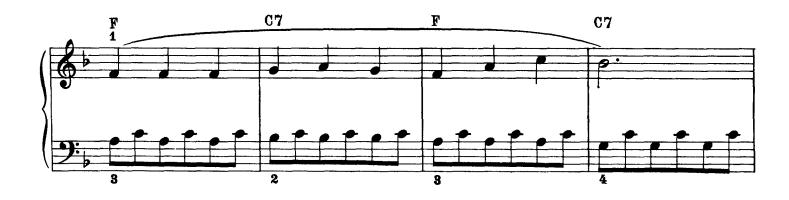


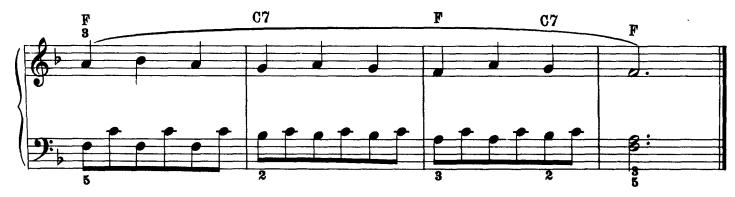
MELODY

FRIEDRICH BAUMFELDER





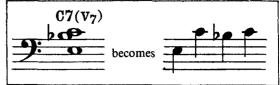


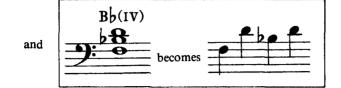


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In this piece, the chords are broken.







This style of playing broken chords is called the ALBERTI BASS. It has been used for hundreds of years.

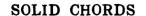
RED RIVER VALLEY

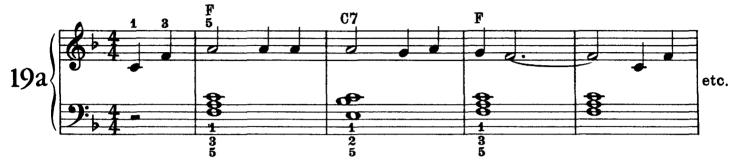


^{*}The Bass is altered here to keep it from interfering with the melody.

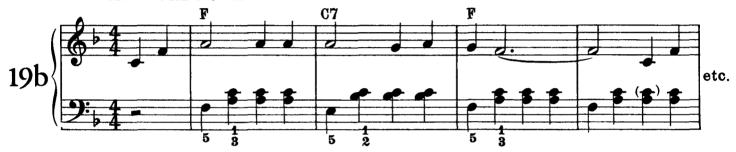
NEW ACCOMPANIMENT PATTERNS

In addition to the Alberti Bass, which you have just learned, there are many other ways to accompany a melody. Here are three more ways to accompany the melody of "Red River Valley." Don't stop with the four measures that are written out, but go all the way through the song.





BROKEN CHORDS (BASS PLUS TWO-NOTE CHORD)



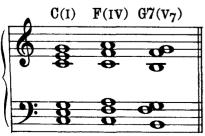
BROKEN CHORDS (UP AND BACK)



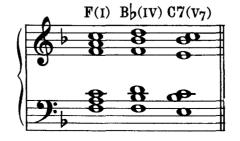
Now that you have improvised accompaniments to "Red River Valley," go back and try three new ways of accompanying "Skip To My Lou" (No. 6). But first, review the Principal Chords.

REVIEW OF PRINCIPAL CHORDS

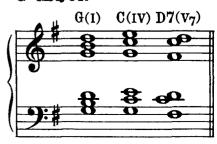


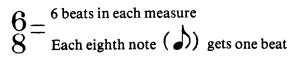


F MAJOR



G MAJOR







Eighth note () = 1 beat

Quarter note () = 2 beats

Dotted quarter note () = 3 beats

Half note

() = 4 beats

Dotted half note

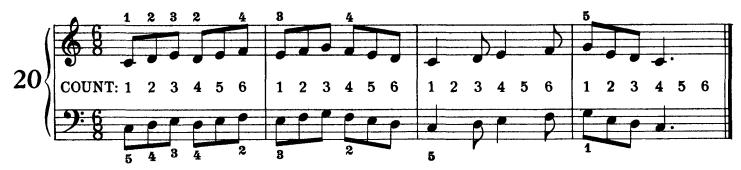
() = 6 beats

The 6/8 measure is divided into two parts, and has two accents. When 6/8 Time is fast, you can only feel the two accents in each measure. When it is slow, you can feel all six beats.

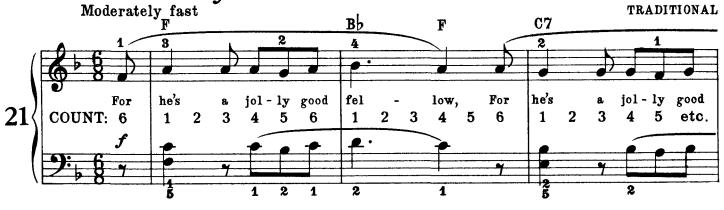


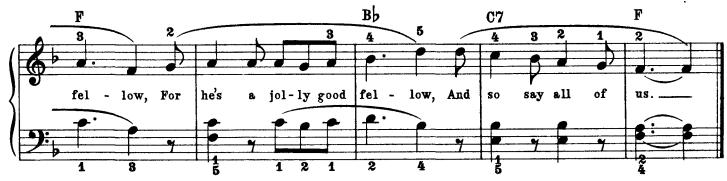
Main accent Small accent

⁶/₈ TIME STUDY



FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW





A-HUNTING WE WILL GO

TRADITIONAL



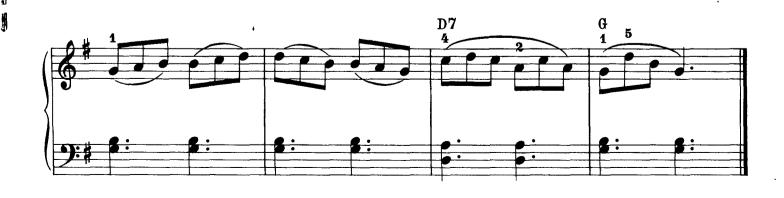


THE FAIR

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CARL CZERNY

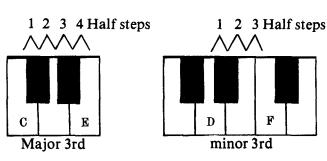




MAJOR AND MINOR THIRDS

In Book One you learned that an interval is given a number size by the number of letter names included in the interval. C to E is a 3rd, because it includes three letter names: C, D and E. D to F is also a 3rd, because it also includes three letter names: D, E and F. Play the interval C to E and the interval D to F, and you will hear a difference in sound. Although both of these intervals are 3rds, they are different kinds of 3rds.

Counting up in half steps, you will find that the 3rd from C to E contains four half steps, but the 3rd from D to F contains only three half steps.



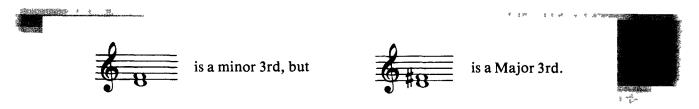
These two sizes of thirds each have a name.

A 3rd containing 4 half steps is called a MAJOR THIRD. A 3rd containing 3 half steps is called a MINOR THIRD.

Play the following scale in 3rds and listen to the difference in sound between the Major 3rds and the minor 3rds.



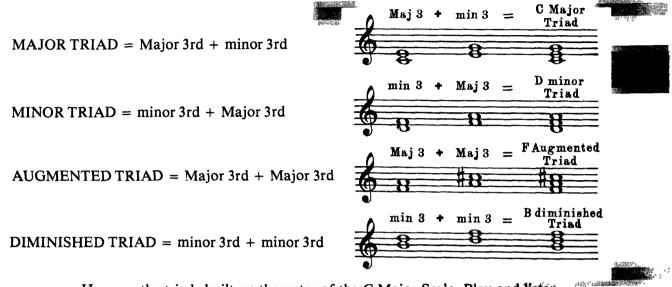
Play it again, using all Major 3rds. To change a minor 3rd to a Major 3rd, you must make the interval one half step larger. You can do that by sharping the top note of all of the minor 3rds, which will convert them to Major 3rds.



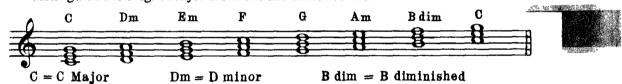
Now play it once more, using all minor 3rds. To change a Major 3rd to a minor 3rd, you must make the interval one half step smaller. You can do this by flatting the top note of all the Major 3rds, which will convert them to minor 3rds.



The Major 3rd and the minor 3rd are the building blocks from which most chords are built. There are only four types of triads, all of which are built of Major 3rds and minor 3rds, and each can be described by a simple formula.

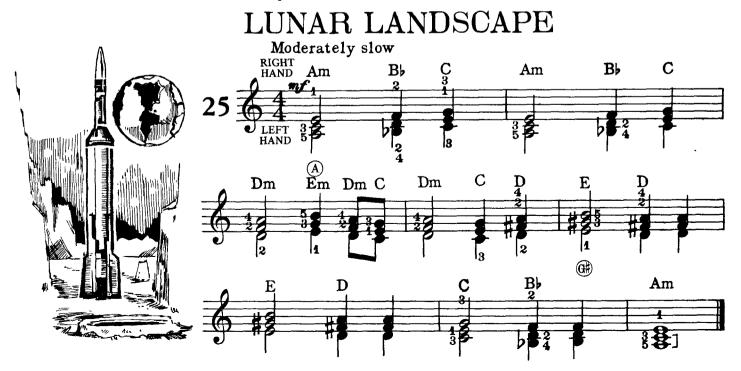


Here are the triads built on the notes of the C Major Scale. Play and listen until you can identify the dissonant sound of the diminished triad, and can distinguish the bright major from the sad minor sound.



The capital letter by itself means a Major chord. The small "m" following the capital letter means a minor chord, while "dim" means a diminished chord.

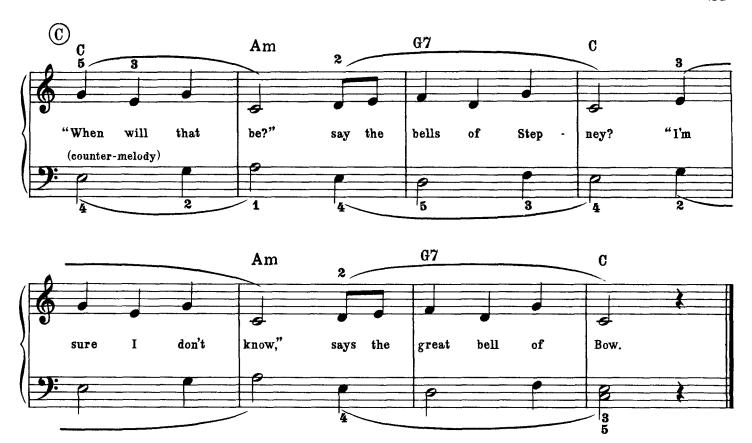
In "Lunar Landscape," listen for the sound of the Major and minor triads.



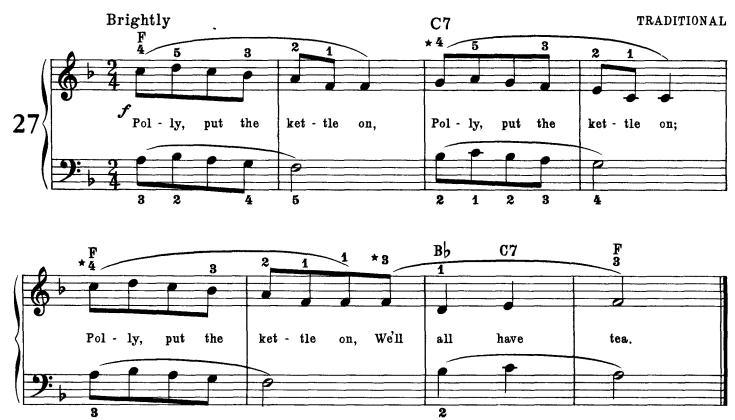
In "Oranges And Lemons," be careful of the changes of hand position. At (A) the hands are in the C Major Five Finger Position. At (B) the hands move to the G Major Five Finger Position, and play the same music as at (A), but transposed up a fifth. At (C) the hands return to the C Major Five Finger Position, but the accompaniment changes from broken chords to a COUNTER-MELODY.

ORANGES AND LEMONS





POLLY, PUT THE KETTLE ON



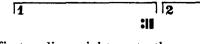
^{*} Move hand

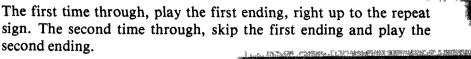
These exercises will help you to strengthen your fingers, and to make them more independent of each other. Practice in this manner:

- 1. Practice each hand separately, lifting each finger high. Keep the fingers curved and bring them down like hammers to strike the keys. Begin very slowly and gradually increase the speed.
- 2. When you are able to play each hand easily, with no delays, put the hands together.

THREE DEXTERITY EXERCISES

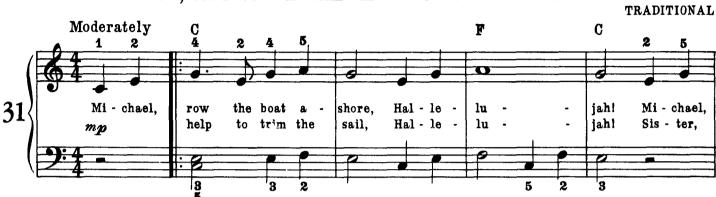


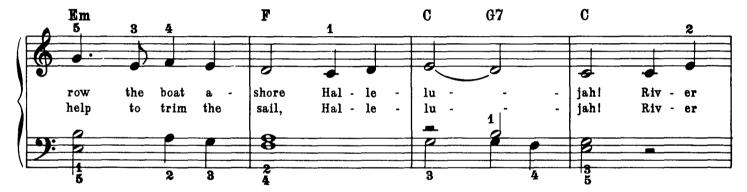


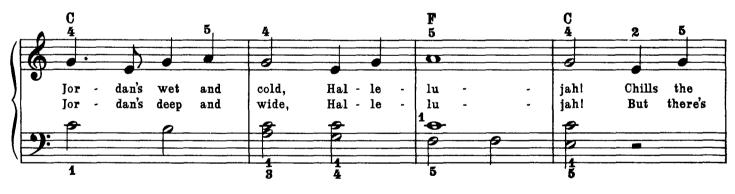


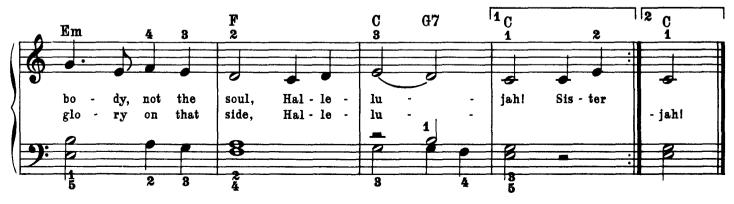


MICHAEL, ROW THE BOAT ASHORE









RIGHT HAND

Going up the scale, tuck the thumb of the right hand under the 2nd and 3rd fingers as soon as the thumb has played, in order to be ready to play the F. Then bring the 2nd finger over the thumb, to play the G. Going down the scale, bring the 3rd finger of the right hand over the thumb, to play the E.





SCALE STUDY



LEFT HAND

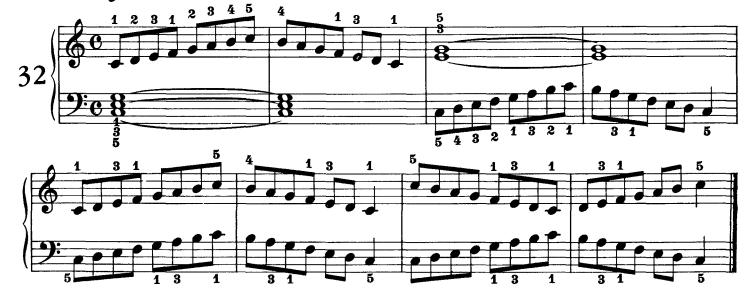
The left hand is opposite to the right hand. The 3rd finger crosses over the thumb going up the scale and the thumb passes under the 2nd and 3rd fingers going down the scale.



SCALE STUDY

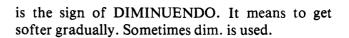


C MAJOR SCALE STUDY





is the sign of CRESCENDO. It means to get louder gradually. Sometimes cresc. is used.





THE SLOOP "JOHN B".



^{*}Move hand

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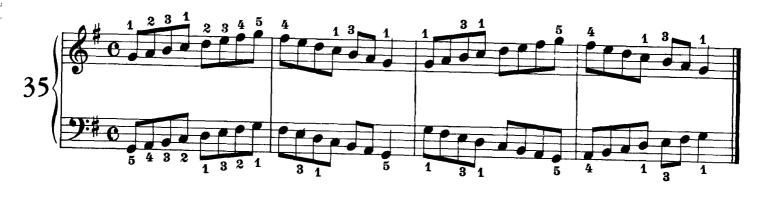
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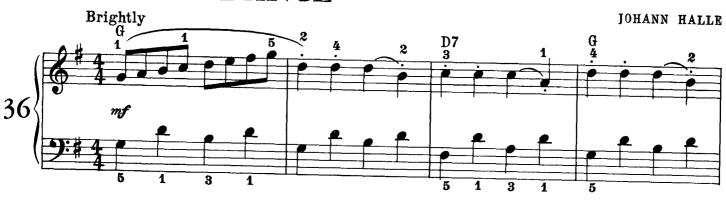
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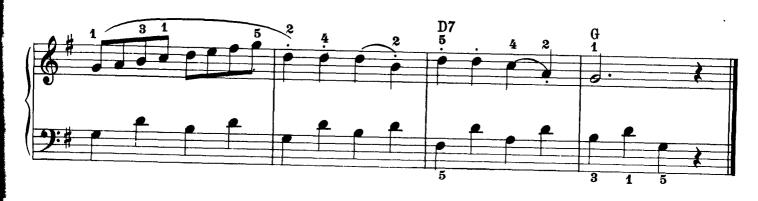


G MAJOR SCALE STUDY



COUNTRY DANCE





COTTON CANDY

RUSS DAMON

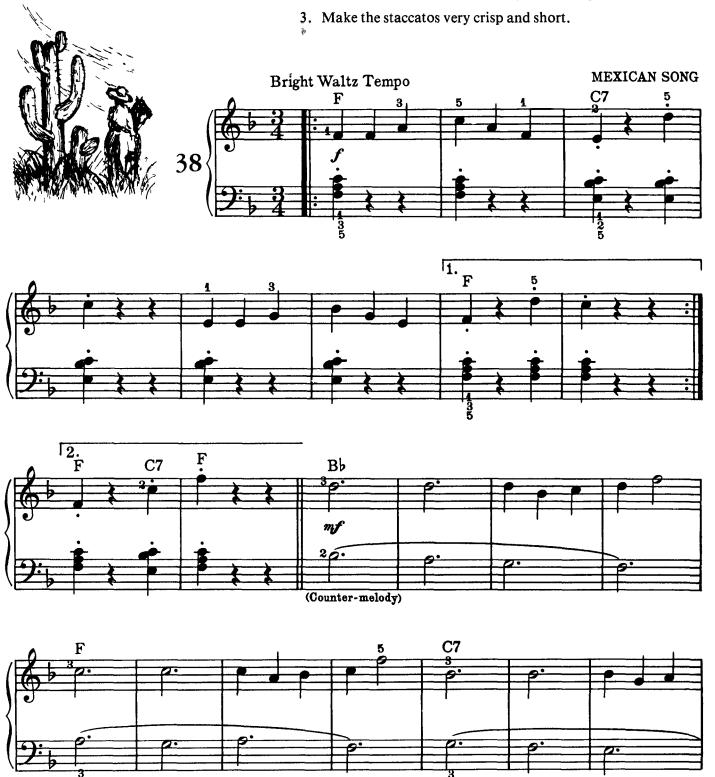




CHIAPANECAS

This piece, which is often called "The Mexican Hand-Clapping Song," presents some interesting problems.

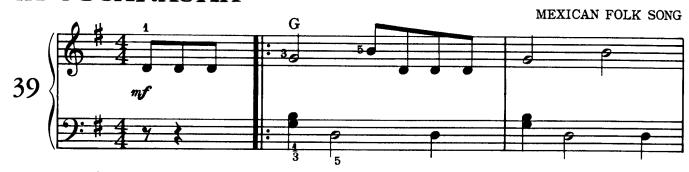
- 1. In measure 3, watch for the crossing of the 2nd finger of the right hand over the thumb.
- 2. Be prepared for the many changes of hand position.

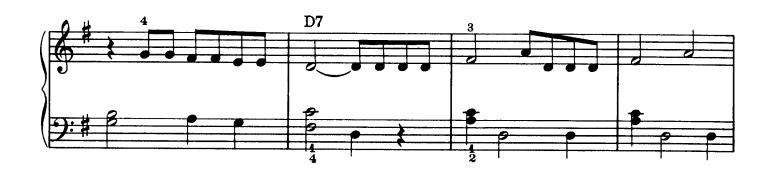




In this arrangement, both hands must stretch a little. Be careful of the new positions in the last line of music, and listen to the repeated phrase in the 2nd ending.

LA CUCARACHA







Marches were designed to maintain the orderly formation of troops while walking, and to diminish their fatigue by raising their spirits. The earliest marches were played on drums alone, and then by drums and fifes. The most famous composer of marches is John Phillip Sousa, who popularized the military march in America around 1900.

SECOND PART (9: Accompaniment)



- is the sign for CUT TIME. It means the same as 2/2 Time.
- 2 beats in each measure Each half note gets one beat

When beginning this piece, count in Cut Time the same as you did in 4/4 Time, 1 2 3 4 in each measure. When you can play the piece up to proper speed, count Cut Time 1 2 in each measure.

FIRST PART (Melody)

THE MARINES' HYMN (Duet)



FIVE HUNDRED MILES

HEDY WEST



^{*} This is a Fermata, or Hold. It means to hold the note longer than its normal value.

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SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND TERMS



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

- **pp** (pianissimo) Very soft.
- p (piano) Soft.
- mp (mezzo piano) Moderately soft.
- mf (mezzo forte) Moderately loud.
- f (forte) Loud.
- **f** (fortissimo) Very loud.
- Treble Clef.
- **9** Bass Clef.
- Repeat Signs.
 - Sharp Raises the pitch of a note ½ step.
 - Flat Lowers the pitch of a note ½ step.
 - Natural Cancels a sharp or flat.
- 8va-¬ Play one octave higher than written.
 - Common Time (Same as 4/4 Time)
- > Accent Give added emphasis.
- == Staff
- cresc. (crescendo) Gradually louder.
- dim. (diminuendo) Gradually softer.

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(fermata, hold or pause) — Hold longer than normal value.

DICTIONARY OF TERMS

- Allegretto: Moderately fast.
- Allegro: Cheerful, quick.
- Chord: Combination of notes.
- Great Staff: Treble and Bass staffs joined together. Used for piano music.
- Legato: Smooth and connected.
- Legato: Smooth and com
- Lento: Slowly.
- Moderato: Moderate speed.
- Pickup: A partial measure at the beginning of
 - a piece.
- Staccato: Short, detached (opposite of legato).
- Transposition: The act of changing a piece to a different key.
- Triad: A three note chord.
- Vivace: Lively.

TIME SIGNATURES

- 2 beats in each measure Each quarter note gets one beat
- 3 beats in each measure Each quarter note gets one beat
- 4 beats in each measure
 Each quarter note gets one beat
 - 6 beats in each measure Each eighth note gets one beat

Note	Note Name	Beats in 2/4, 3/4 or 4/4 Time	Rest	Rest Name
o	Whole Note	4		Whole Measure Rest
d .	Dotted Half Note	3		
9	Half Note	2		Half Rest
d .	Dotted Quarter Not	e 1½		
	Quarter Note	1	\$	Quarter Rest
1	Eighth Note	1/2	7	Eighth Rest