

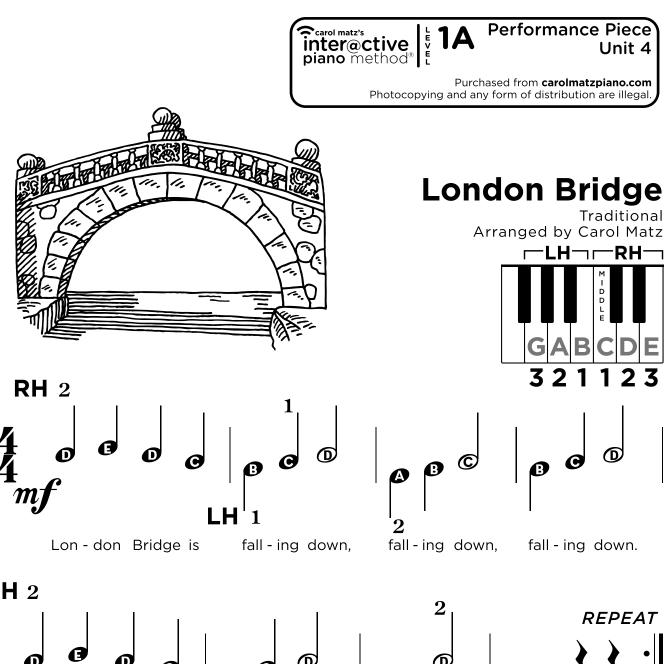
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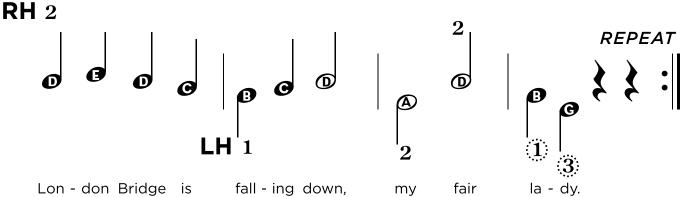
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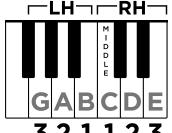


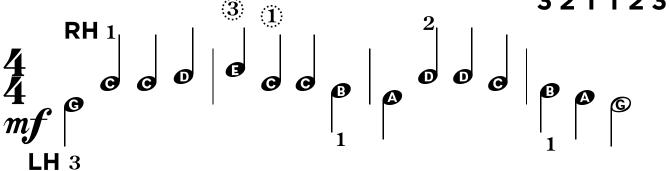
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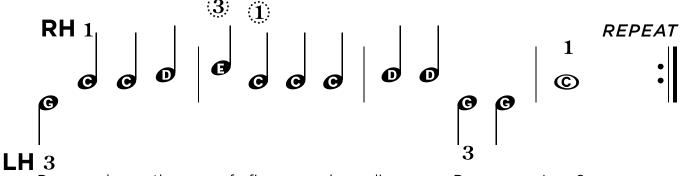


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What's your favorite kind of muffin? \_\_\_\_\_

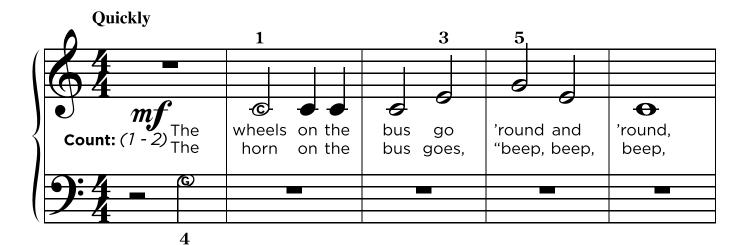


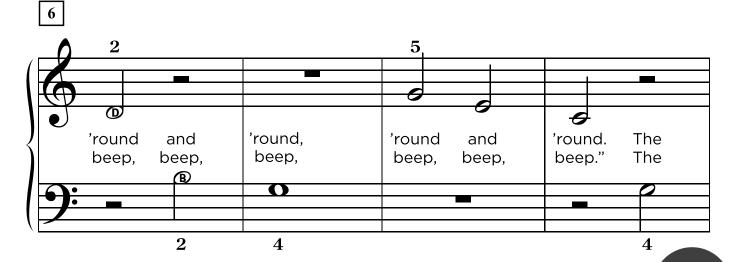
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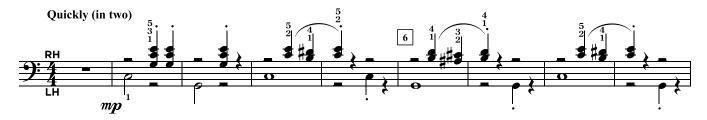
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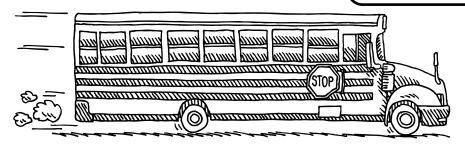


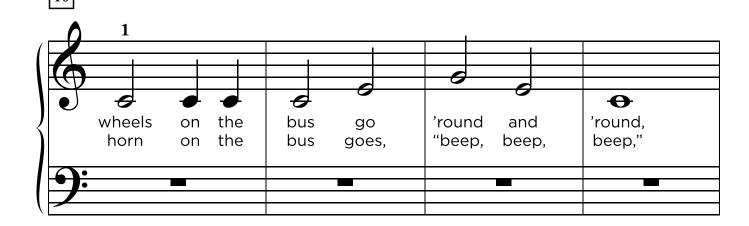


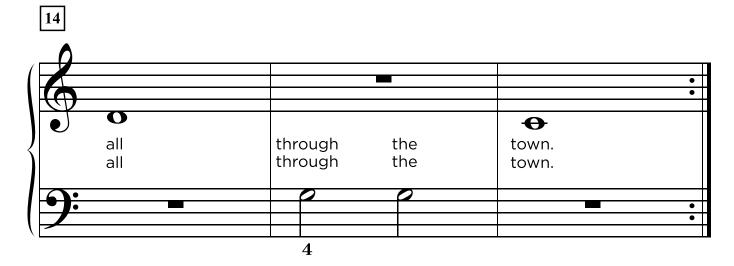


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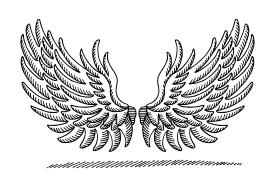






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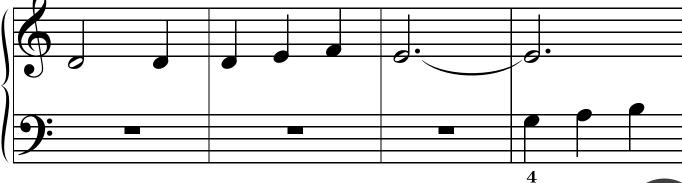




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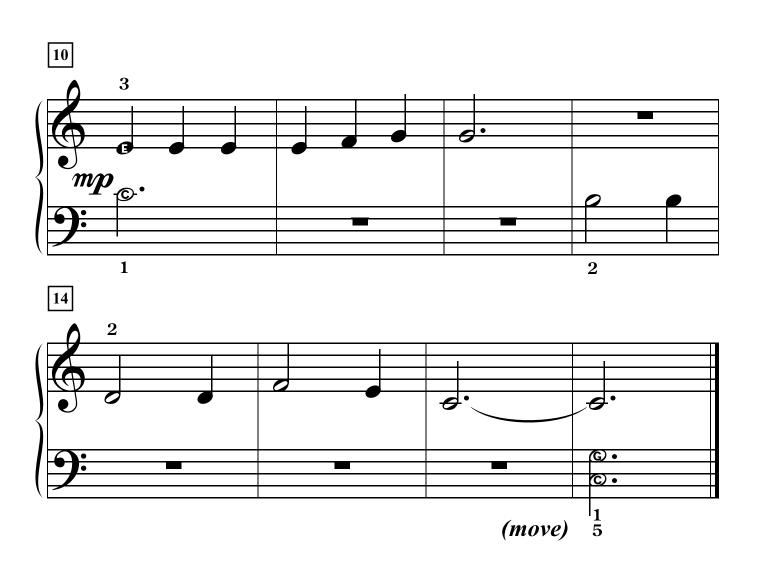








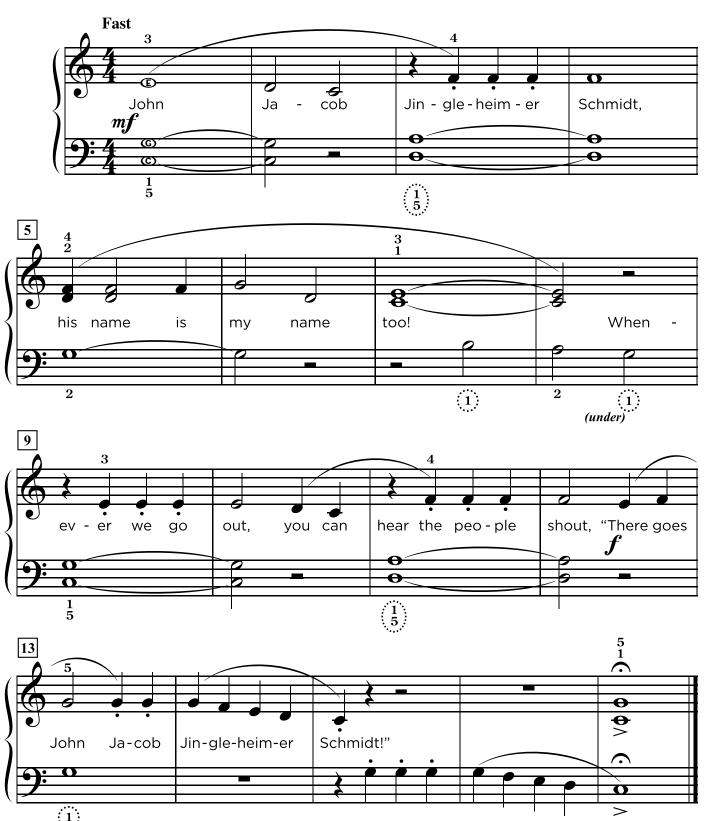
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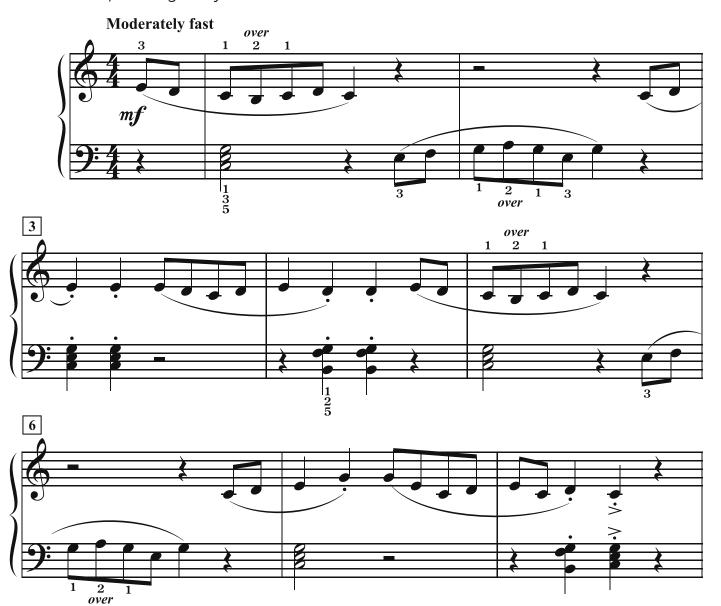


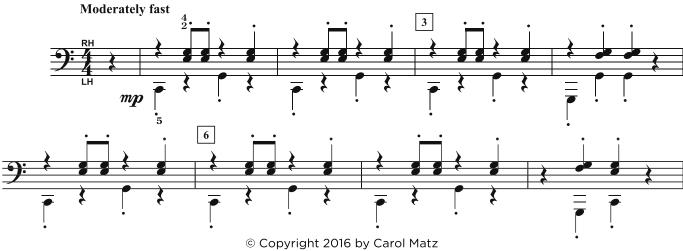
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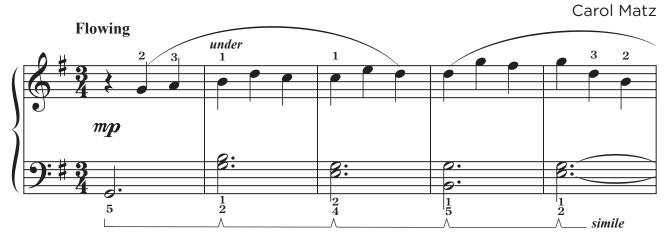


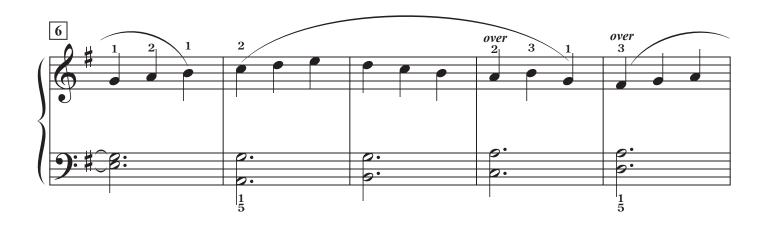


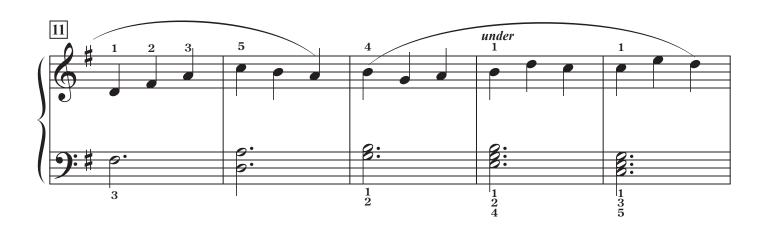
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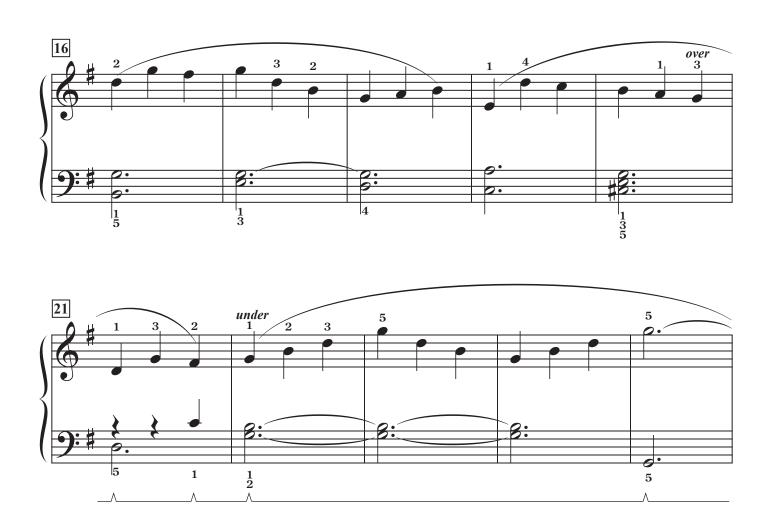
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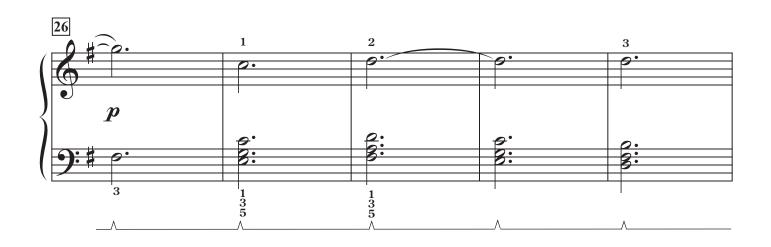
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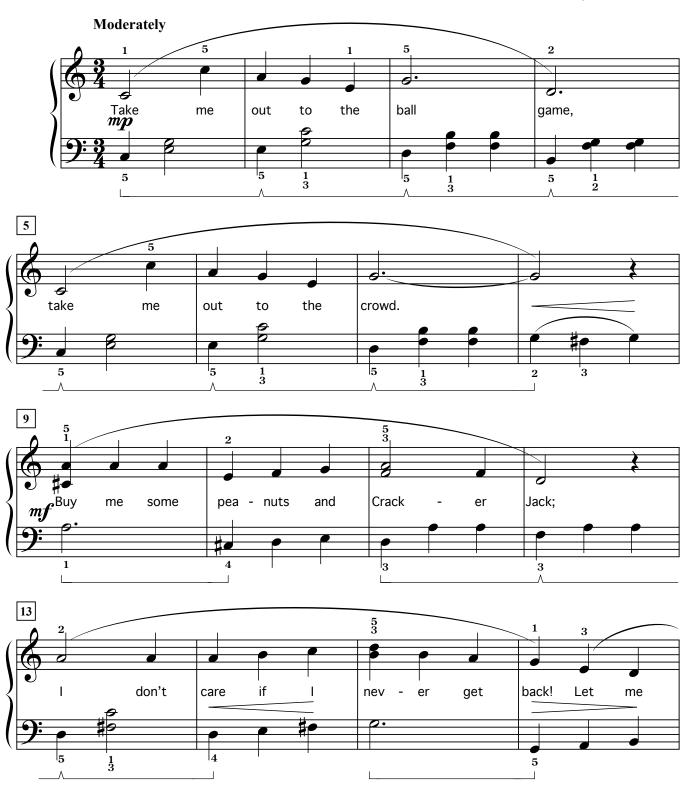
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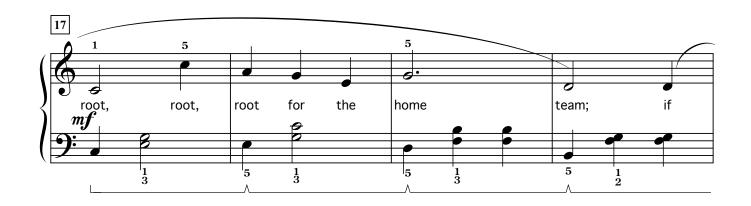


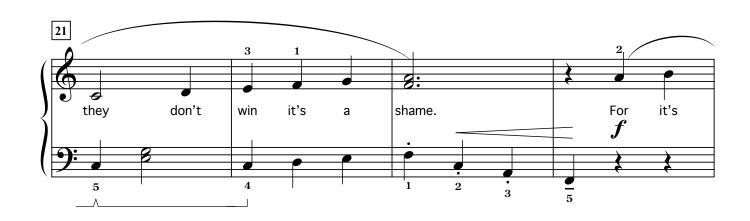


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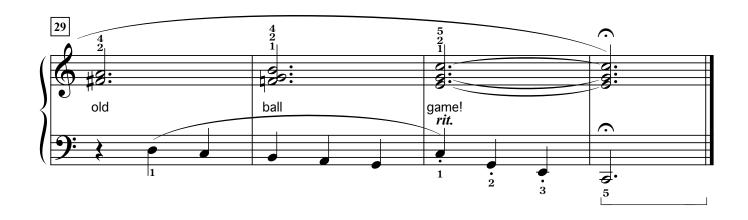
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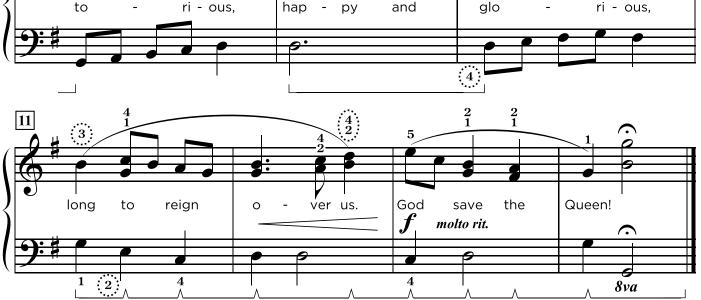










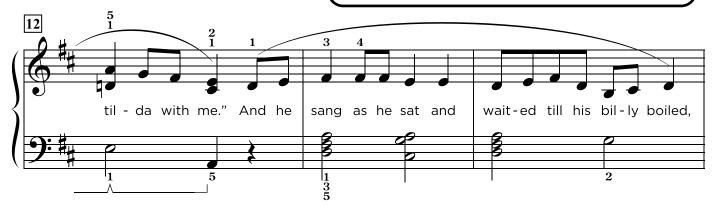


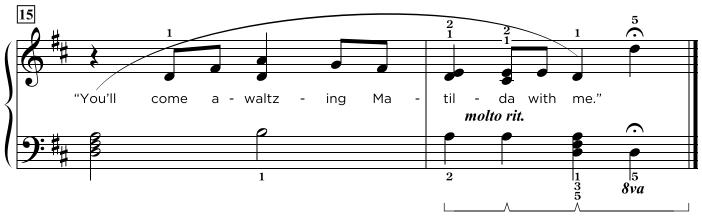


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THIS IS COOL!

"Waltzing Matilda" is one of Australia's best-loved songs and the unofficial national anthem. The title has nothing to do with dancing or a woman named Matilda! "Waltzing" means hiking, and a "matilda" is a backpack worn over the shoulder. Someone "waltzing matilda" is traveling through the Australian wilderness carrying all their possessions on their back.

Other slang words in the song:

billabong = a watering hole or small pond

coolibah = a type of eucalyptus (YU-kah-LIP-tis) tree, also known as a gum tree





# **Activity Sheets**

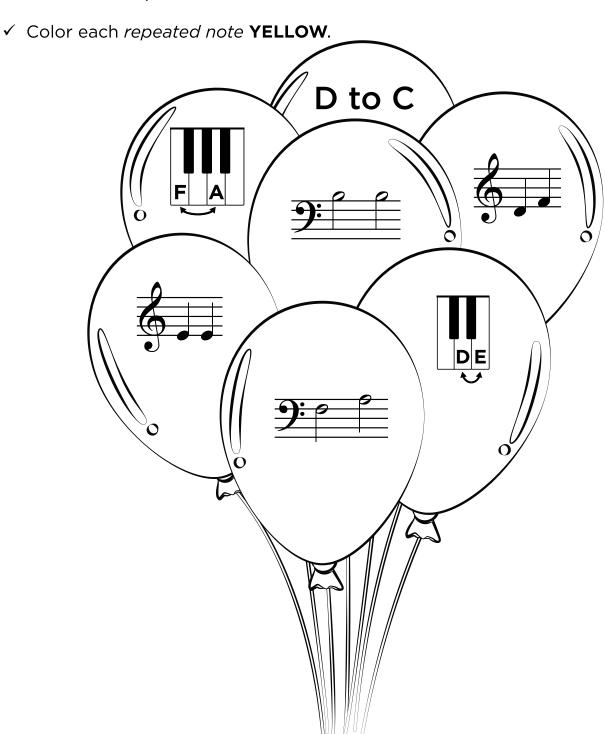
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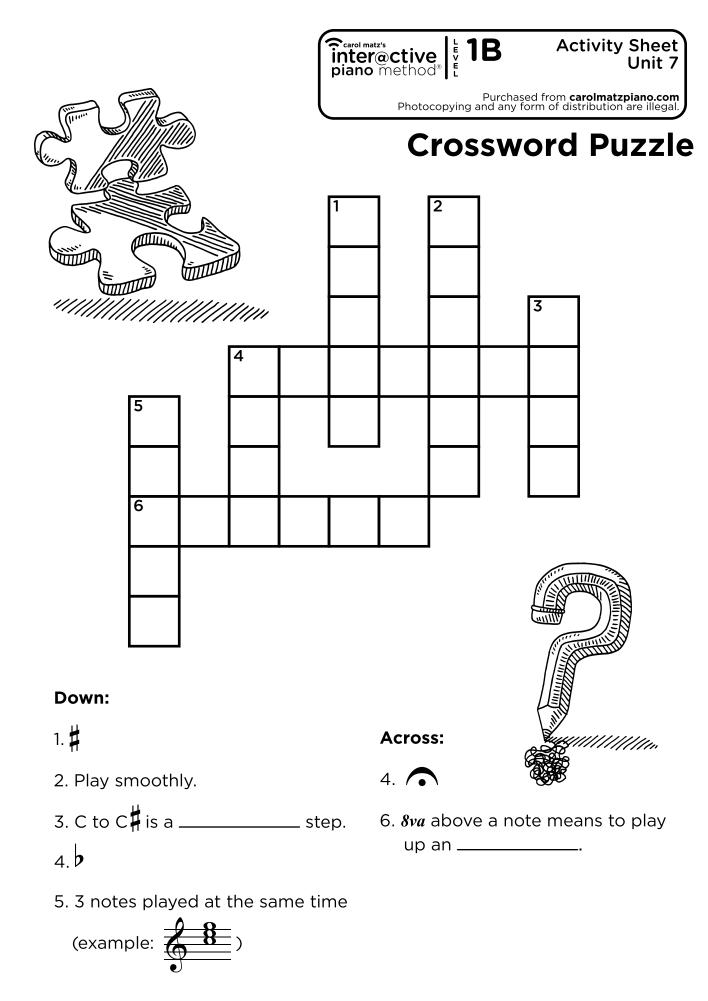


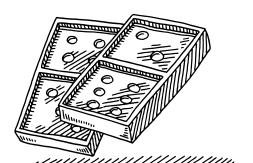


# Step, Skip, or Repeat

- ✓ Color each step **RED**.
- ✓ Color each skip **BLUE**.







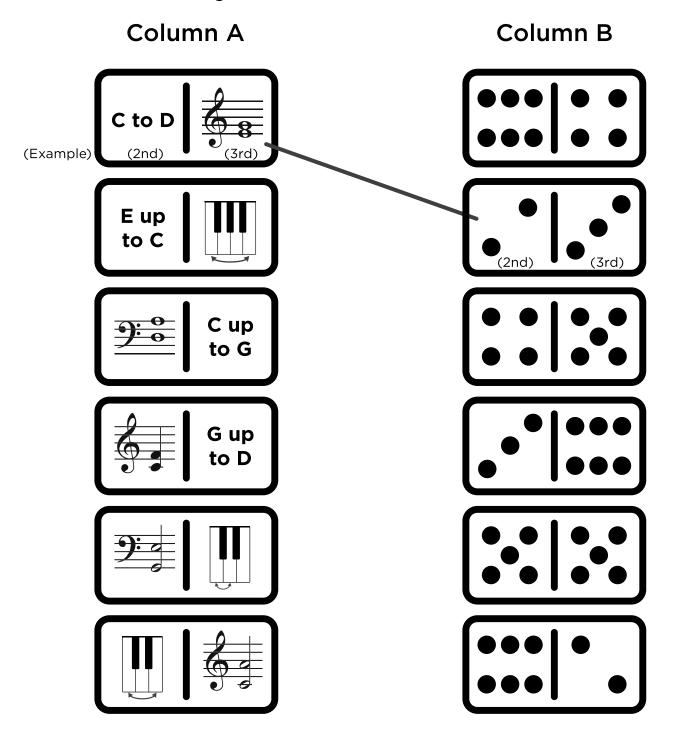
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### Oh, Dominoes!

Each domino in **Column A** has two intervals (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th). Draw a line connecting each domino in **Column A** to a domino in **Column B**.





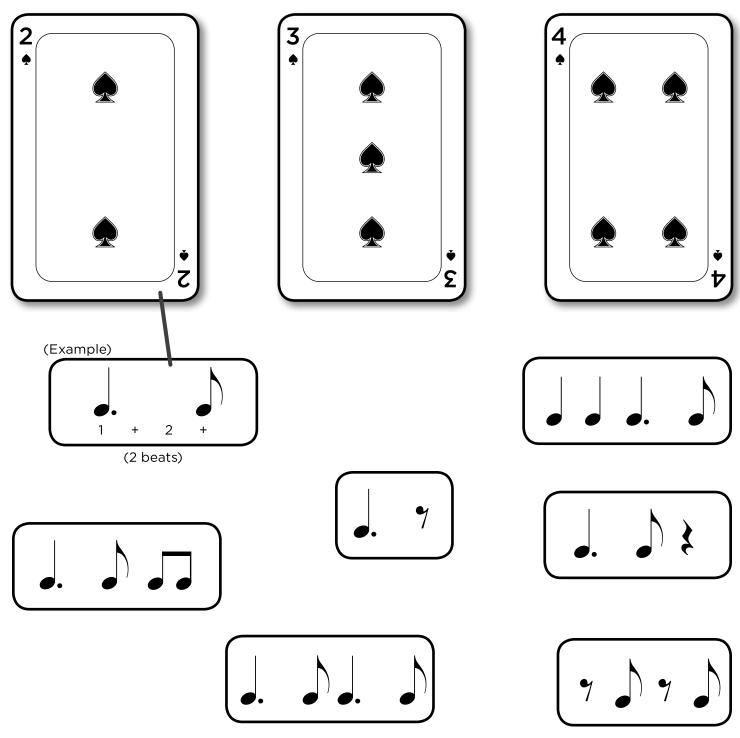
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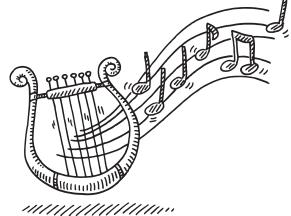
### **Card Matching Game**

For each rhythm pattern below, add up the beats.

Then, draw a line connecting it to the card that has the same number.

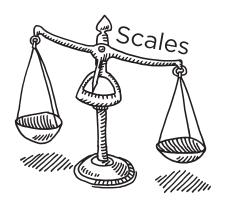


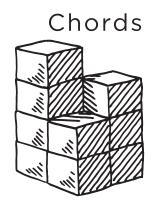


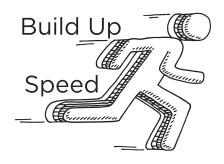


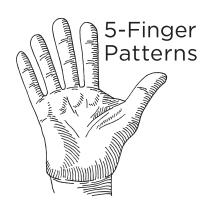
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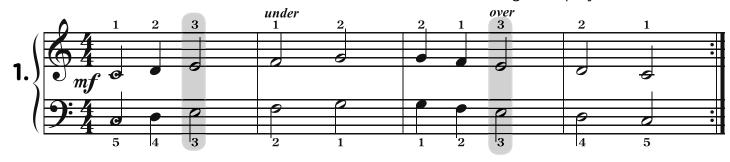
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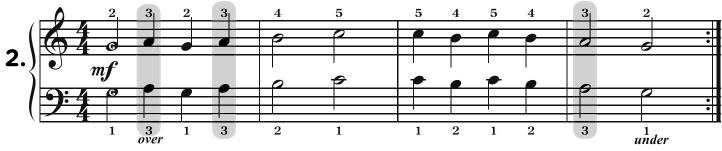
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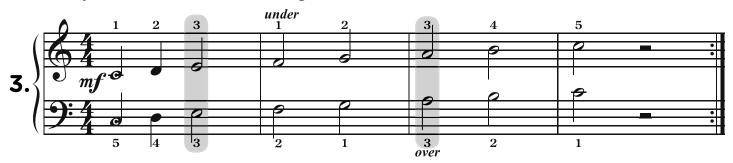
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Play each exercise *hands together*. Notice that both finger 3's play at the same time.

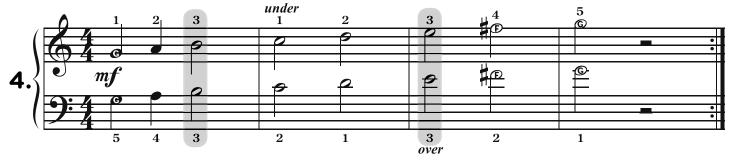




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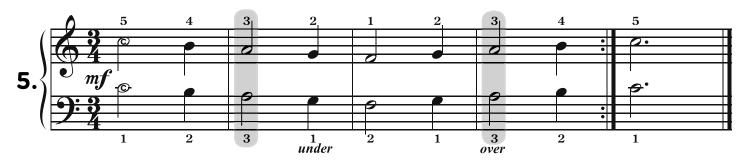


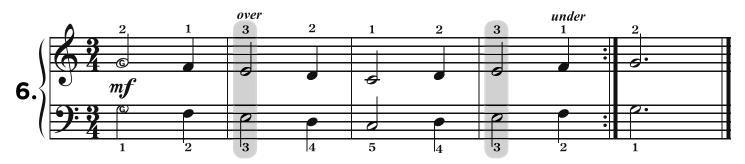
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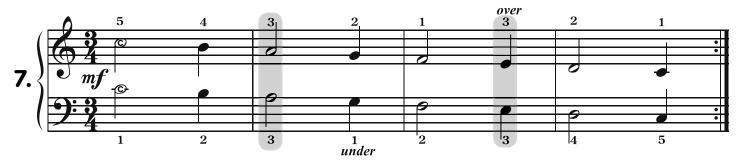


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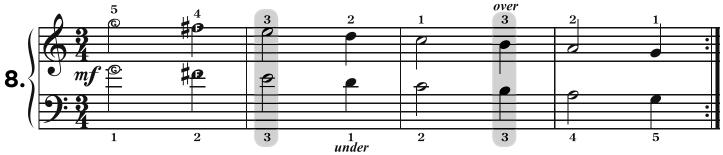




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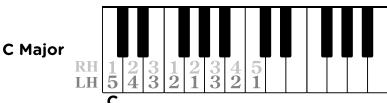
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#### Review: Major Scales Beginning on White Keys

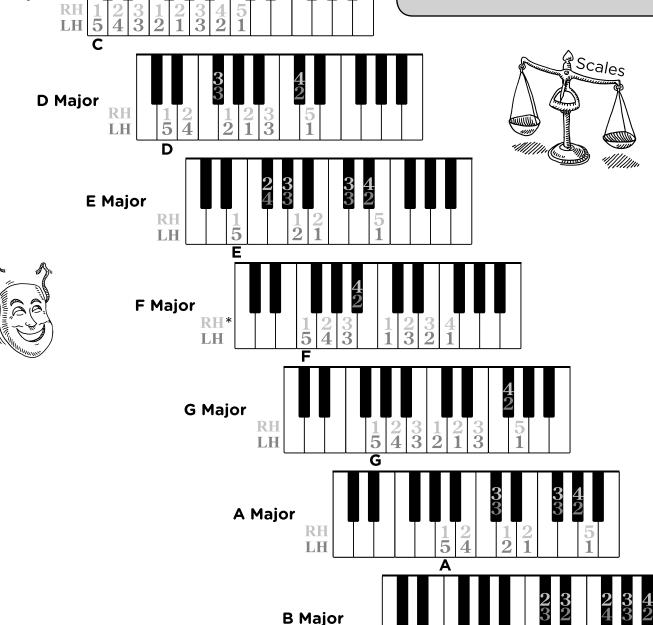
Play each scale up and down 3 times: RH alone, LH alone, and then hands together.





RH scale fingering is usually 1 2 3, 1 2 3 4 5.

LH scale fingering is usually 5 4 3 2 1, 3 2 1.



<sup>\*</sup> The fingering is a little unusual.
No finger **5**!

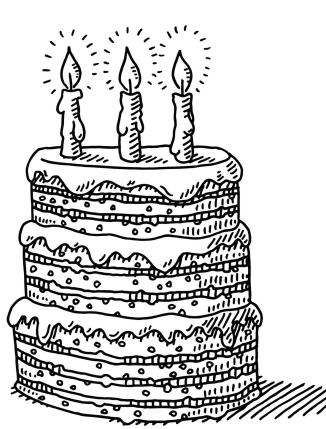
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# Happy Birthday to You!



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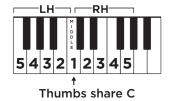
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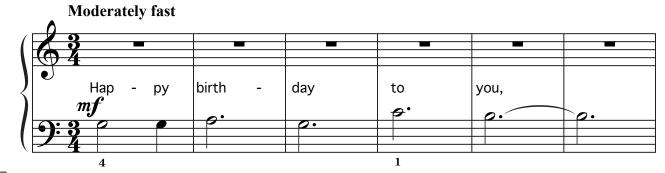


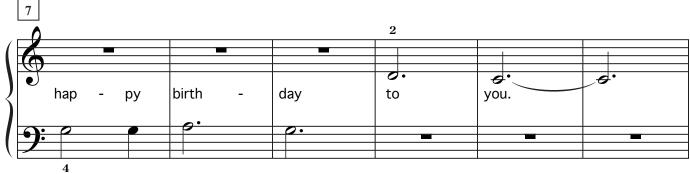
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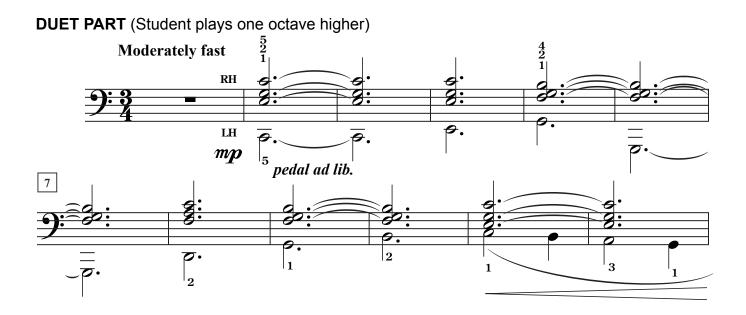
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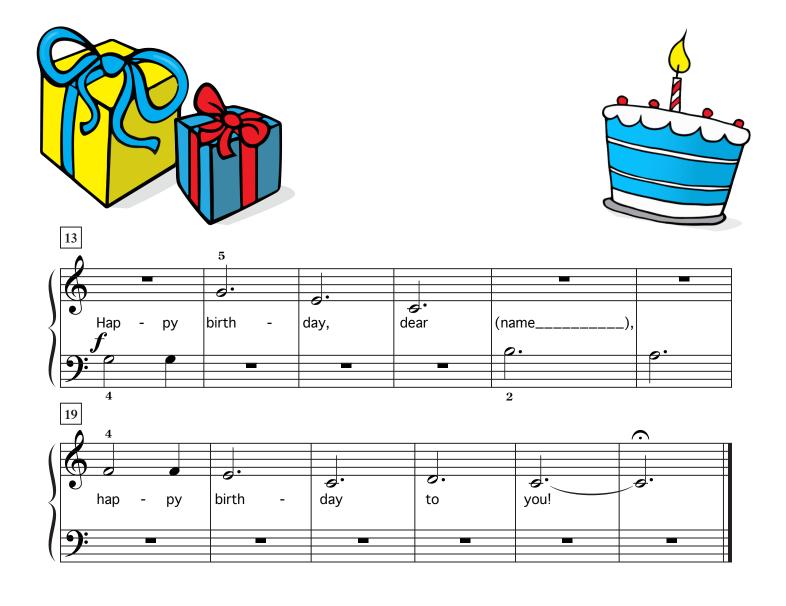


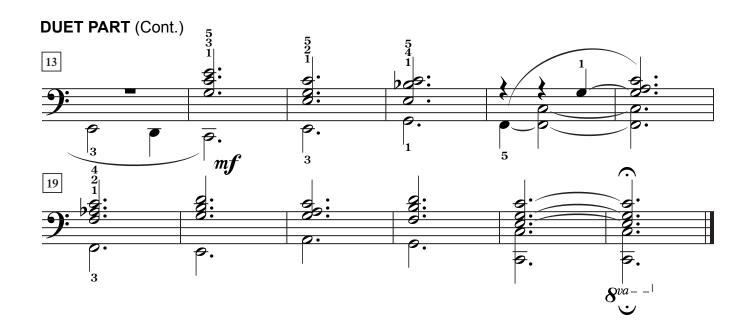
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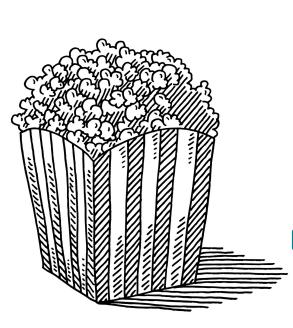
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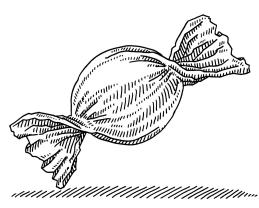




### **Teaching Rhythm Patterns**

(with food!)





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#### **Teaching Rhythm Patterns (with Food!)**

Who doesn't like food? (I'm eating chocolate kisses as we speak... purely as inspiration, mind you!) Using words is a great way to get students to feel a rhythm, and food names are always fun for students. I can still hear my teacher saying "liberty, liberty" for triplets... not as fun as food. Did your teacher use "blueberry" or maybe "strawberry?"

To expand on this idea, I've put dozens of these rhythmic devices in one place, leveled progressively, so they can be used with students as they learn new rhythm patterns.

In this packet, there are 4 basic levels (two pages for each level):

- Level I = quarter notes, half notes, whole notes
- Level 2 = adds eighth notes
- Level 3 = emphasizes triplets and swing feel
- Level 4 = emphasizes sixteenth notes

Feel free to print these pages out (on paper, cardstock, etc.) If you'd like each rhythm pattern to be separate, you can cut out each individual one (and perhaps laminate the whole page before cutting). Please feel free to share this packet with other teachers and use with any of your students!

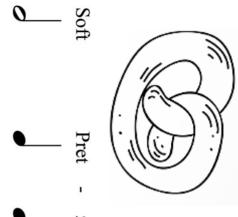
#### Here are some suggested ways to use these rhythm patterns:

- 1. Say the words aloud *in rhythm* 2–3 times, and ask the student to copy you. Have the student repeat a few times.
- 2. Say the words while *clapping* the rhythm (2–3 times), and ask the student to copy. (Tapping can be used in place of clapping.)
- 3. Each rhythm is one complete measure; you may combine rhythms with the same time signature by placing individual cards next to each other.
- 4. After a group (or level) of rhythm patterns is learned, place them all in front of the student. Clap one of the rhythms a few times, and ask the student to choose the pattern you clapped. (This can be repeated as part of a game.)
- 5. The student may then progress to playing each rhythm pattern on the keyboard while counting aloud. Have the student play the rhythm, using one hand, while placed in a simple five-finger pattern.

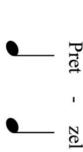
I'm sure there are plenty of fun ways to use these "food rhythms"...I look forward to you sharing your ideas with me and other teachers! You may email your ideas to share, if you like: <a href="mailto:carol@carolmatzpiano.com">carol@carolmatzpiano.com</a>

Enjoy! Carol Matz



















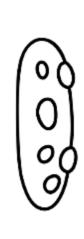
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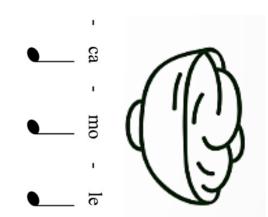


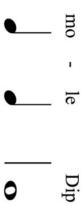
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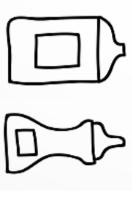


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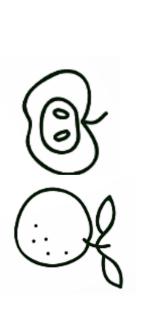












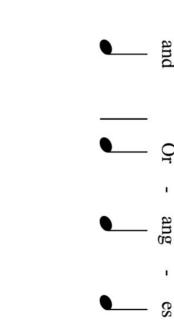
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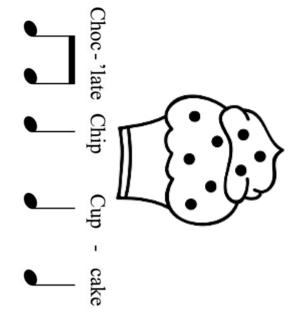
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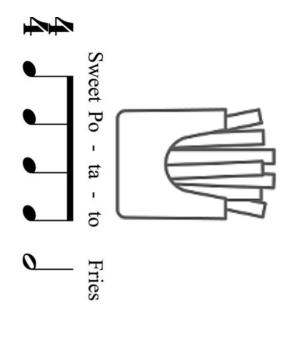
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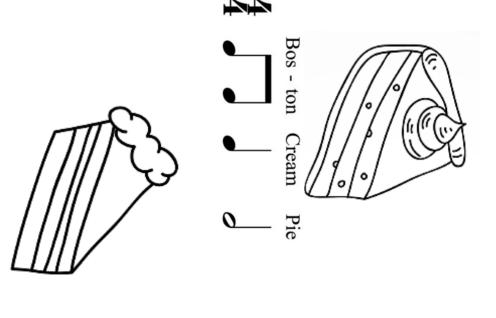
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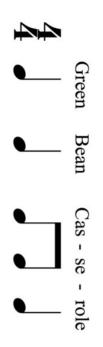


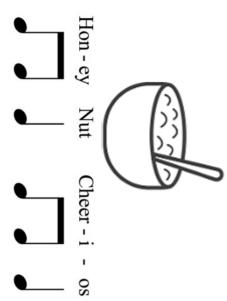


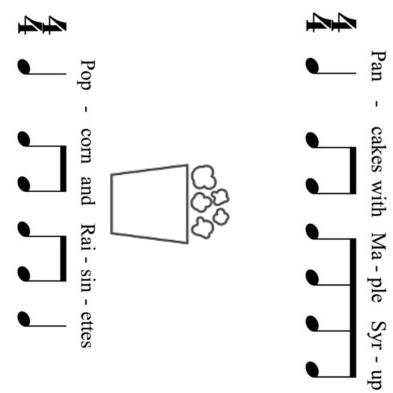
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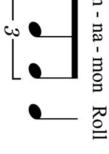






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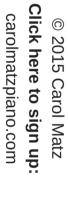
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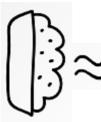
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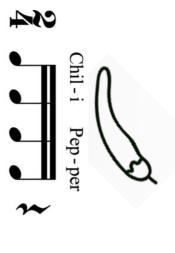










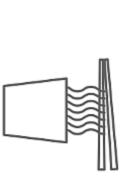


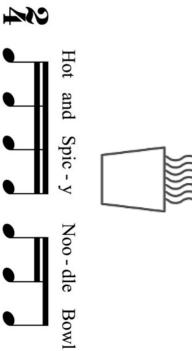
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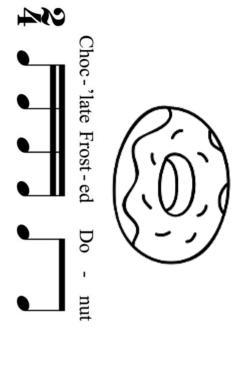
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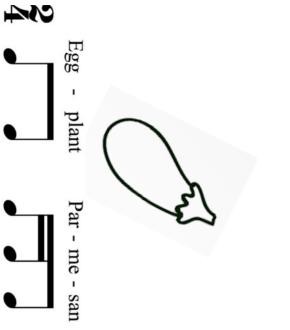


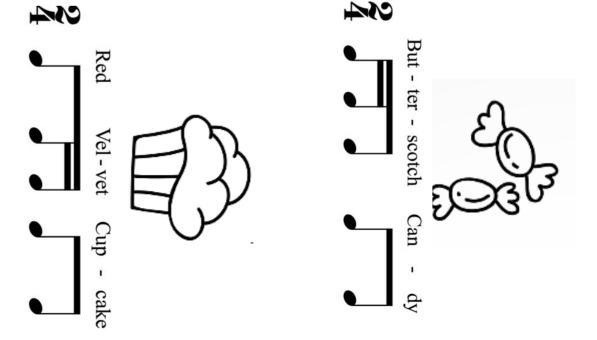


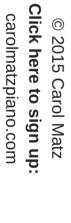
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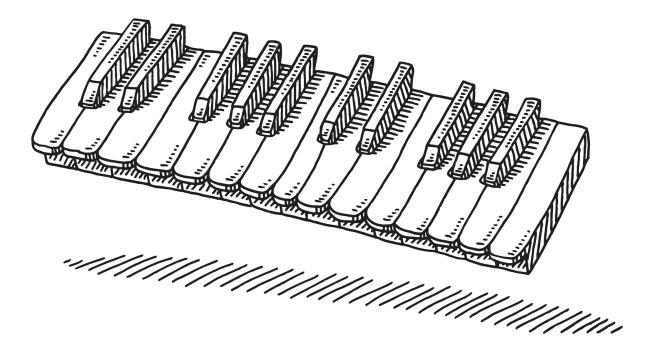








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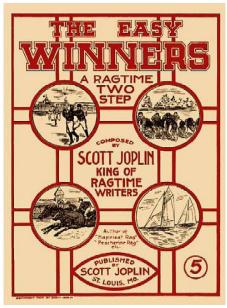
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#### **Ragtime in Context**

In the 1970s, there was a major ragtime revival, partly due to the popular movie *The Sting*. This revival was great for piano teachers and students since it opened up a whole new genre to further explore. The soundtrack to *The Sting* featured many Scott Joplin pieces, including "The Entertainer," "The Easy Winners," and "Solace." The great Marvin Hamlisch created orchestrations of many of the ragtime pieces featured in the film. His versions are in a rather up-tempo, staccato style, which is an interpretation that has stuck in a lot of people's minds whenever they think of ragtime.

However, I want to emphasize that most of Joplin's rags have a tempo marking that simply says "Not fast," with no metronome mark. Ragtime developed from marches, which are usually around 120 beats per minute. (Think of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" as an example). You might use this march tempo as a guideline, but rags can be played slower than this, especially when Joplin indicates *Slow march tempo*.

In addition to tempo, another ragtime performance issue to think about is the use of pedal, which is a bit controversial and has no "right answer," since pedal is not indicated in the score. Most rags, in their original form, contain numerous octaveto-chord jumps, and many performers use pedal to bridge this jump (pedal down on the octave, up on the chord). In any case, pedal is appropriate in slower ragtime pieces, such as Joplin's "Solace." In mid-tempo rags, it's up to the performer whether the piece should be staccato or more lyrical. Rags can be beautiful pieces when interpreted lyrically. If you're interested in hearing some wonderful interpretations, you might



"The Easy Winners" cover (1901)

listen to the Joplin recordings by pianist Joshua Rifkin (especially his recordings of "The Entertainer" and "Gladiolus Rag").

The most defining characteristic of ragtime is a syncopated melody against a steady left-hand accompaniment. To help students work on common syncopations found in ragtime, I've created the "Ragtime Exercises" pages found in this PDF. These exercises help students develop *rhythmic coordination between the hands*, which is essential for ragtime performance.

In addition to the exercises, I have also included an Early Intermediate to Intermediate arrangement of the Joplin piece "The Easy Winners." Please enjoy using these free materials in your studio! (Photocopying for your own students is allowed, but please, no mass distribution or sharing online.)

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## Ragtime Exercises by Carol Matz

#### **Overview**

Syncopation is an accent, or stress, on an upbeat, which is normally a weak beat. It is one of the most characteristic elements of ragtime, but it can be tricky for students to feel. The following exercises help develop rhythmic coordination between the hands, using three common syncopations.

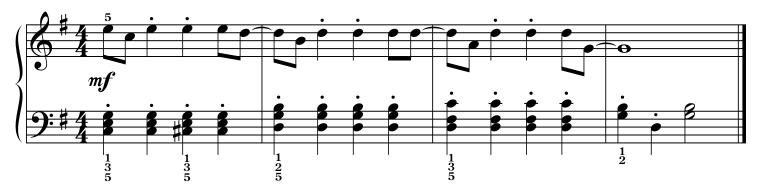
#### **Practice Steps**

Be sure that students practice the following exercises *slowly*, eventually building to a moderate tempo. Ragtime should not be played quickly.

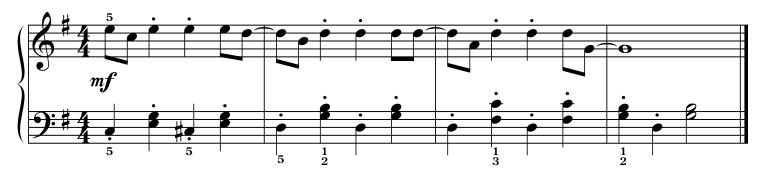
- 1 For each exercise, have the student practice *hands separately* first.
- 2 Before putting the hands together, have the student play the right-hand melody while the left hand taps quarter-note beats on his or her lap.
- 3 Have the student practice both variations of each exercise. The first variation uses *blocked chords* in the LH. The second variation uses *broken chords*.

#### **Exercise 1** Eighth notes tied between measures

Variation 1 (LH blocked chords)



Variation 2 (LH broken chords)

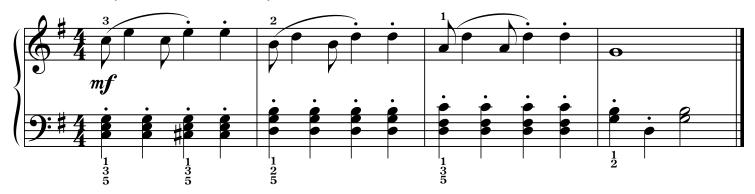


(Syncopation exercises based on Scott Joplin's School of Ragtime.)

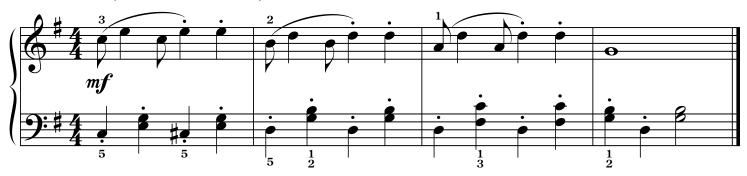
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#### **Exercise 2** Quarter note on the upbeat

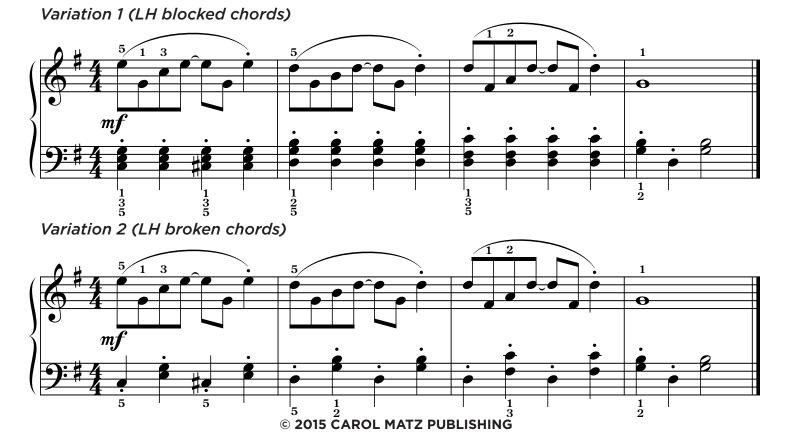
Variation 1 (LH blocked chords)



Variation 2 (LH broken chords)



#### **Exercise 3** Eighth notes tied between beats 2 and 3





### **The Easy Winners**

(A Ragtime Two Step)

Scott Joplin Arranged by Carol Matz



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