FOREWORD

The following 44, of 100, pages are from Keyboard Accompaniment, BASICS A For the music concepts to be reinforced, the complete book is recommended.

Routinely creating accompaniment for two or three new melodies, the ability to quickly sense a change of harmony is strengthened. Repeatedly choosing chords, progressions, rhythmic styles and embellishments, both the decision-making and the hearing skills are targeted and stimulated to a point where creating an appropriate accompaniment becomes intuitive. To help reach this goal, the Keyboard Accompaniment Series provides a wide variety of melodies for practice and enjoyment.

Developing your own expression, exploring chords and experiencing the joy of creating, can be fascinating and exciting! Listen carefully and have fun!

Musically yours,

Gayle Dunsmoor

Keyboard Accompaniment BASICS A SAMPLES

KEYBOARD ACCOMPANIMENT OBJECTIVES

- 1. Give the **knowledge and technical skills** to **hear** and/or **look** at a melody, in any key, and **create a great accompaniment**.
- 2. Teach students to recognize and anticipate the need for a harmonic change.
- 3. Provide many melodies to give students ample **practice choosing appropriate chords**.
- 4. Provide a wide variety of styles and rhythms so students will be flexible and adapt easily to new styles and rhythms.
- 5. Give confidence to explore chords and rhythms other than those suggested by arranged music.
- 6. Generally improve students' sense of timing and rhythm by providing their own accompaniment.
- 7. Present previously unpublished original works carefully graduated in the areas of sight-reading and technical requirements.
- 8. Train students not only to anticipate harmonic changes but to hear and reproduce intervals.
- 9. Facilitate the understanding of keys and their relationships.
- 10. Progressively familiarize students with chord **progressions**.
- 11. Provide effective tools for **modulation and key changing**.
- 12. Facilitate transposition.
- 13. Stimulate hearing skills to a point where sensing chord changes and **creating accompaniments becomes intuitive**.
- 14. Give the encouragement and confidence for students to find their **own individual accompaniment style**.
- 15. Teach how to **read from a lead sheet**.
- 16. Increase opportunities for playing with other musicians.
- 17. Give freedom, when desired, to play the piano without notation.
- 18. Develop an approach to learning music that will **complement any other teaching method**.
- 19. Help students achieve a well-rounded musical education.

Auxiliary (aux.)

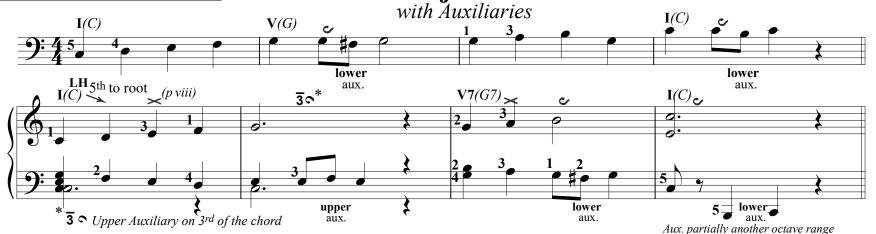
Between notes with the same name. Ascends or descends of 1 or 2 CS* between adjacent beats or strong beats. * Chromatic Step (see below).

REVIEW

C Major Scale

Roman Numerals

Triad **I** = **C**, **E**, **G** (**G** often omitted)
Triad **V** = **G**, **B**, **D** (**D** often omitted)
Chord **V7** = **G**, **B**, **D**, **F**(notes other than 7th often omitted)



Passing Notes (PN)

A transition by step from one harmony unit to another.

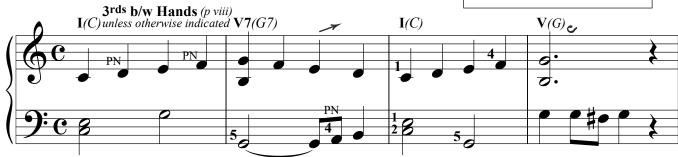
PN ascend or descend b/w V(7) & I or b/w 5th of I & root

Chromatic Step (CS)

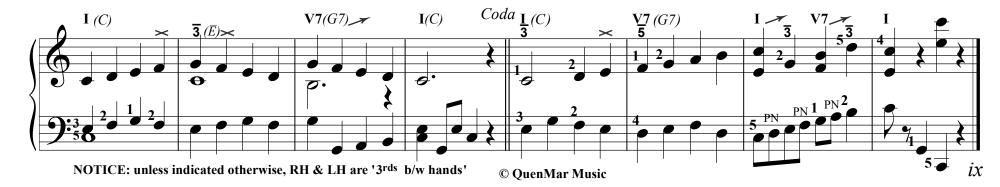
Closest distance between 2 keys on the keyboard (Ex. C to C#).

Variations on a Scale

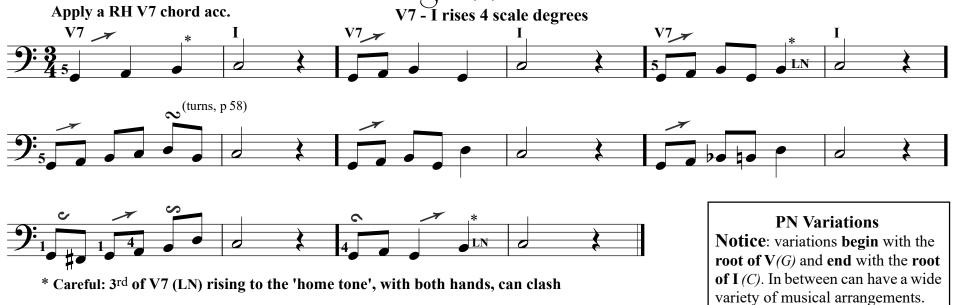
 \overline{E} Under a line is for the LH



NOTICE: I & V(7) are generally on the beat; PN & Har > are most often between beats or on weak beats.



Ascending V(7) - I PN Variations



Descending V(7) - I PN Variations



KA PREPARATORY and MA BOOKS 1 & 2 recommended before beginning this book.

7-BOOK MELODY ADVENTURES (MA)

The first six books are notated in full and give accompaniment knowledge and support for many of the melodies in the KA series.

KEYBOARD ACCOMPANIMENT (KA) SERIES

These books provide an effective hands-on method that encourages exploration of your 'own' creative skills. By routinely **providing accompaniment** for two or three new melodies (at least weekly) a feel for harmonic changes, chord arrangements, styles, rhythms & progressions, gradually develops - **until it is intuitive**.

ADVANTAGE of KA: sight-reading, theoretical knowledge & creative ability progress together.

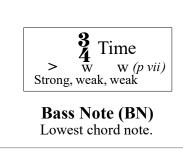
TEACHERS: Since there is seldom time at the end of a lesson, checking accompaniments and assigning new melodies might be best at the beginning of the lesson. As for chord notation, Letter names prepare students for reading 'Lead Sheets' while Roman numeral names allow students to play songs/melodies in other keys - without changing the chord names/notation.

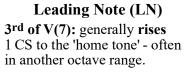
OLDER KA BEGINNERS: The Keyboard Accompaniment Series can be a self-study.

SECTION 1

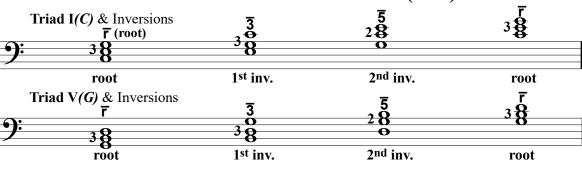
Keys of C MAJOR and A MINOR

DUETS: designed to be instructional and remain within the basic chord structure

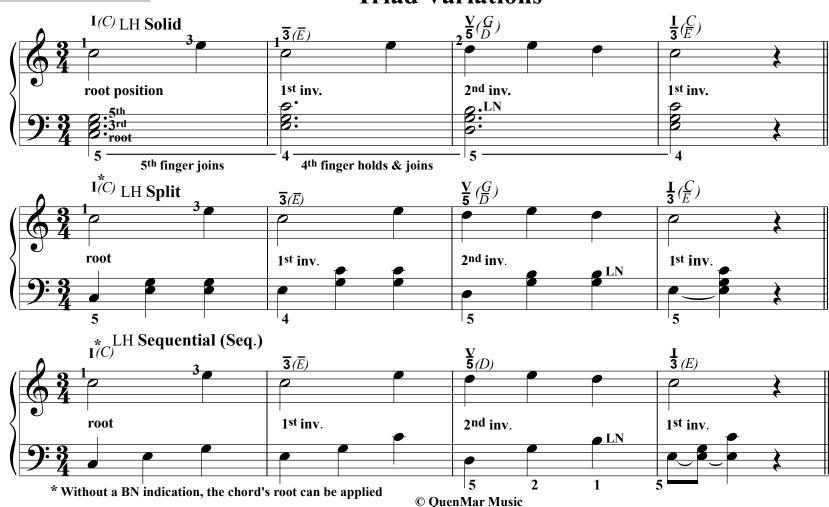


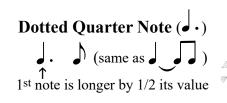






Triad Variations







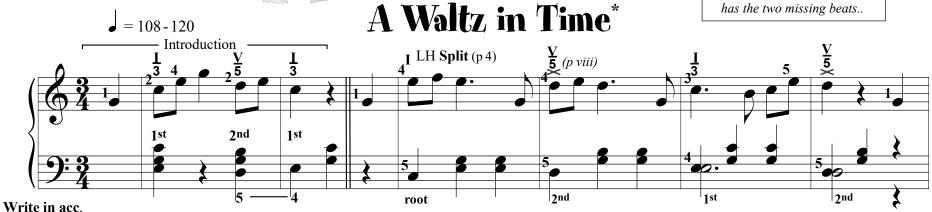
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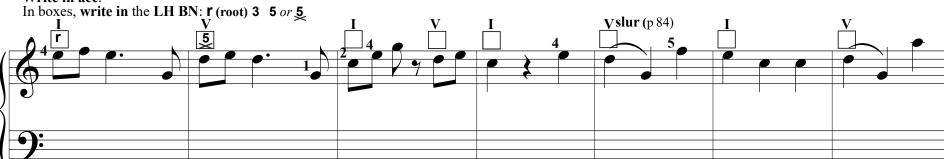
3rd of the chord as a single note with both hands can clash (unless approached by step)

The Upbeat

This melody begins on the 3rd beat. Referred to as the 'upbeat', it precedes the first full measure.

Notice that the last measure has the two missing beats..











Definition for Chord & Triad

Chord: a combination of notes played as a group **Triad:** a 3-note chord consisting of its root, 3rd & 5th *Notes are often omitted - full triad/chord is implied*

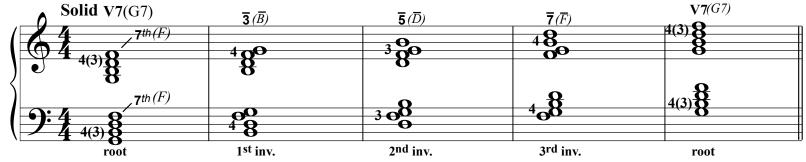
Hard work spotlights one's character; some turn up their sleeves,

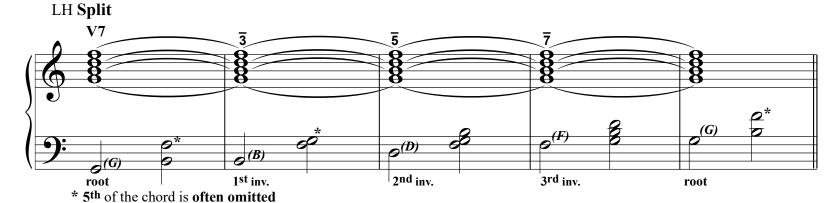
some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.

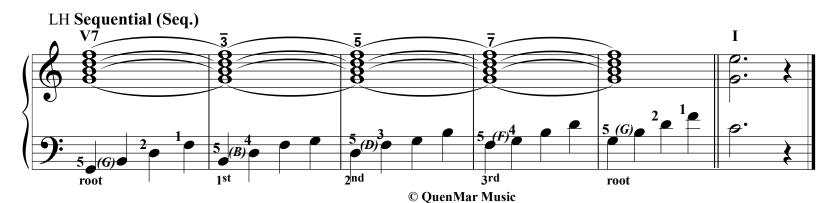
Both chords & triads can be referred to as chords.

Play the following ascending & descending Chord V7 and Inversions (inv.)

Sam Ewig



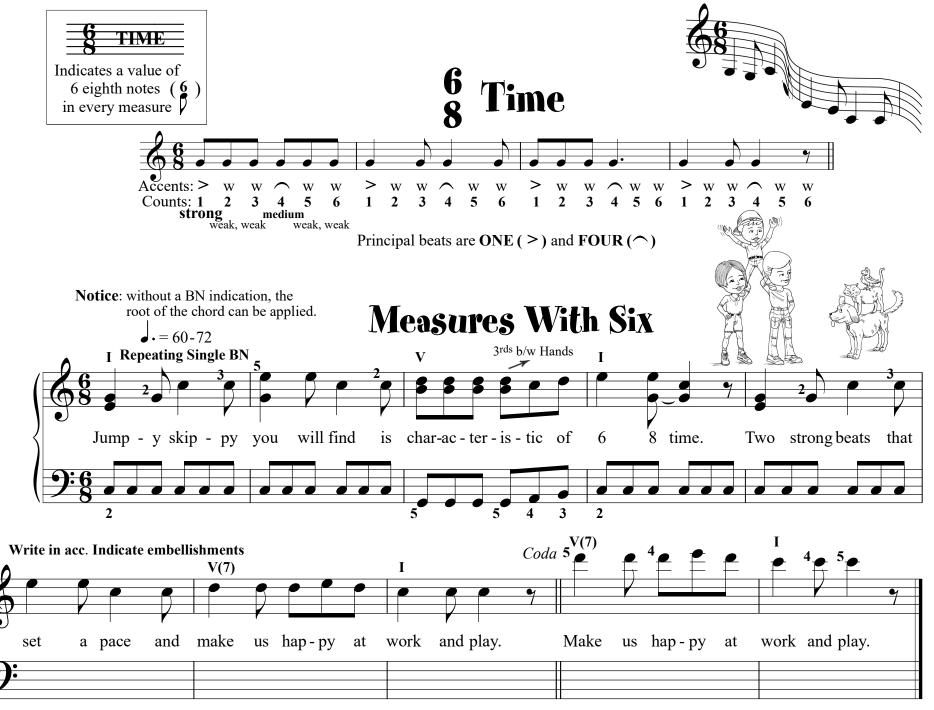


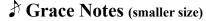


LH Alternating Bass (AB)

Root generally alternates with a chord note. The **most common** is the 5th. 5. AB root Passing Notes (PN) Remember PN ascend 4 scale degrees V - I Always put in PN descend > 5 scale degrees V - I dynamics (p vi) Steps often omitted. (PN, pp ix, x) Intro. -LH AB In boxes, indicate BN: (3, 5 or 7) continue AB (slur, p 84) Apply acc. **5**(G) (p 85) Coda morendo (dying away) MA BOOK 3 * March: walking in a military way 10 © QuenMar Music







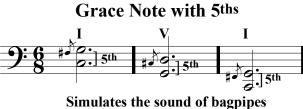
Played **with** the principal note and released instantly

or

slightly before the principal note and released instantly.



Life is not measured by the
breaths we take but
by the number of moments
that take our breath away.
Unknown



Pipes on the Moor



Write in acc.

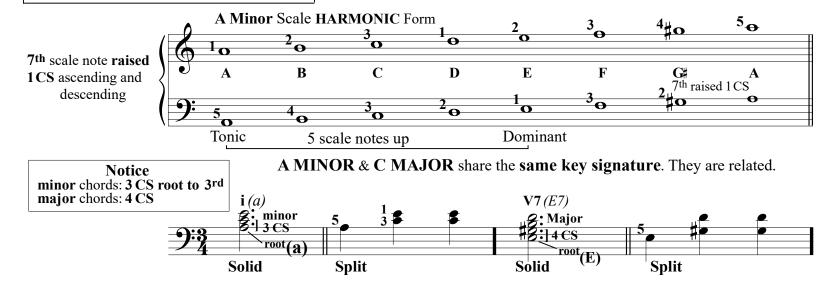


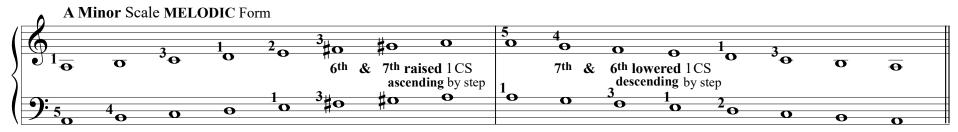


Letter & Roman numeral chord names are written **lower case** if the **chord** is **minor**Ex. I minor or Im is **i**A minor or Am is **a**

KEY of A MINOR

CS Chromatic Step Closest distance between 2 keys on the keyboard.

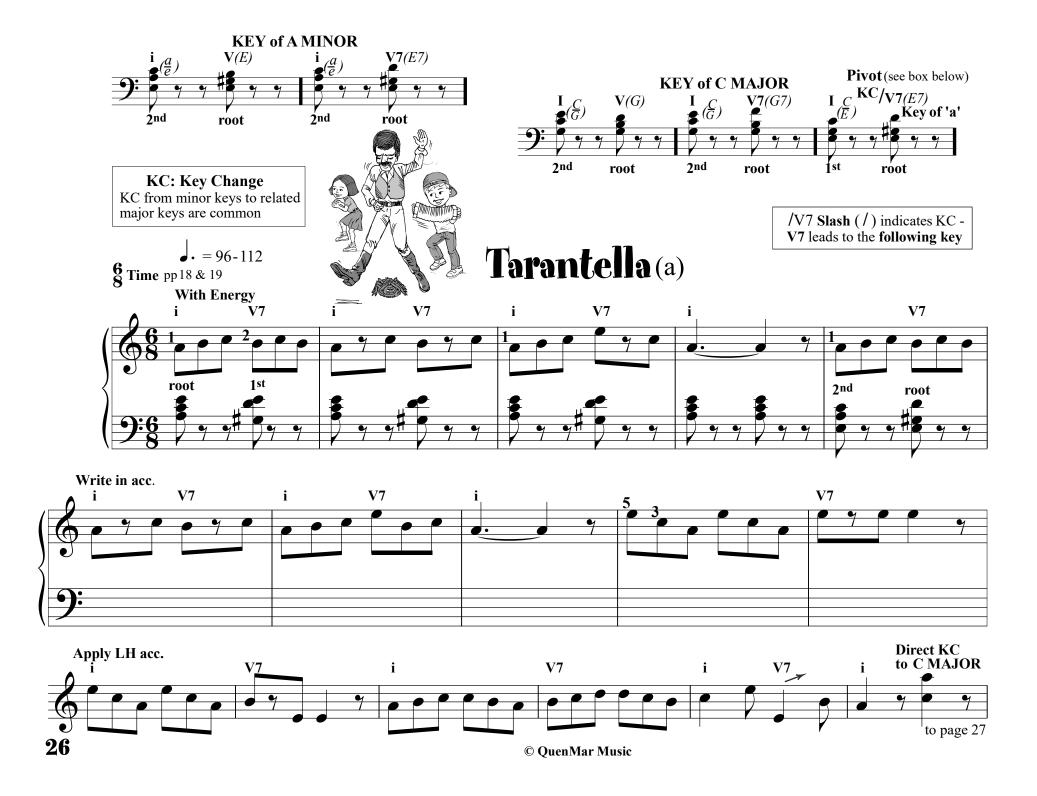




Harmonic & Melodic scales should be secure with both hands ascending & descending 2 octaves

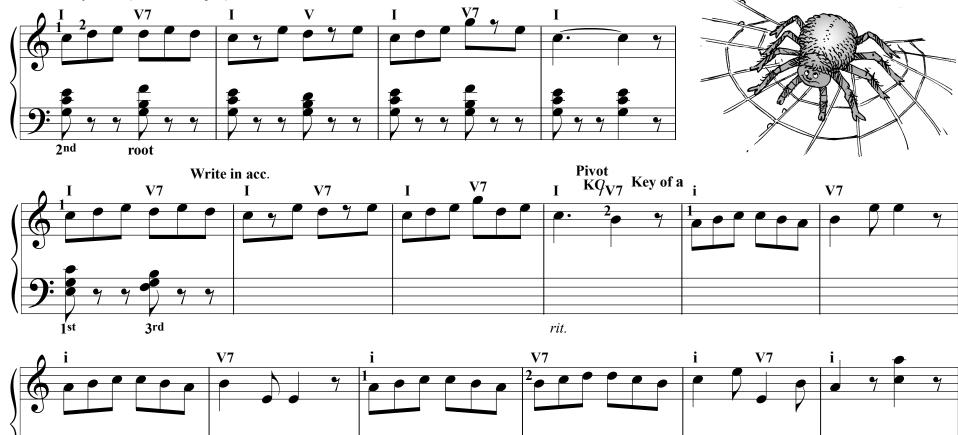






Tarantella, Cont'd

Key of C (related major)





TARENTELLA

Rapid Dance in 6/8. In Italy (1600), a sickness from the bite of the tarantula spider was thought to be cured by the use of this lively dance, hence called the "Tarantella".

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Taking the Challenge!



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Create Your Own Accompaniment

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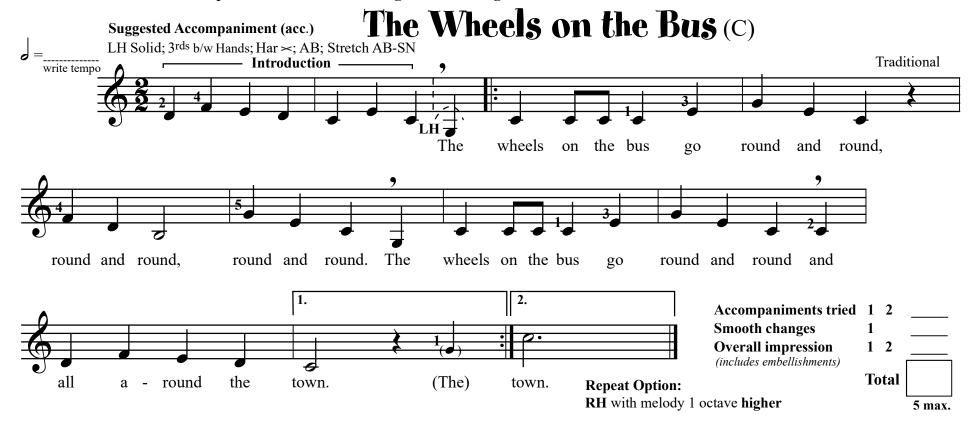
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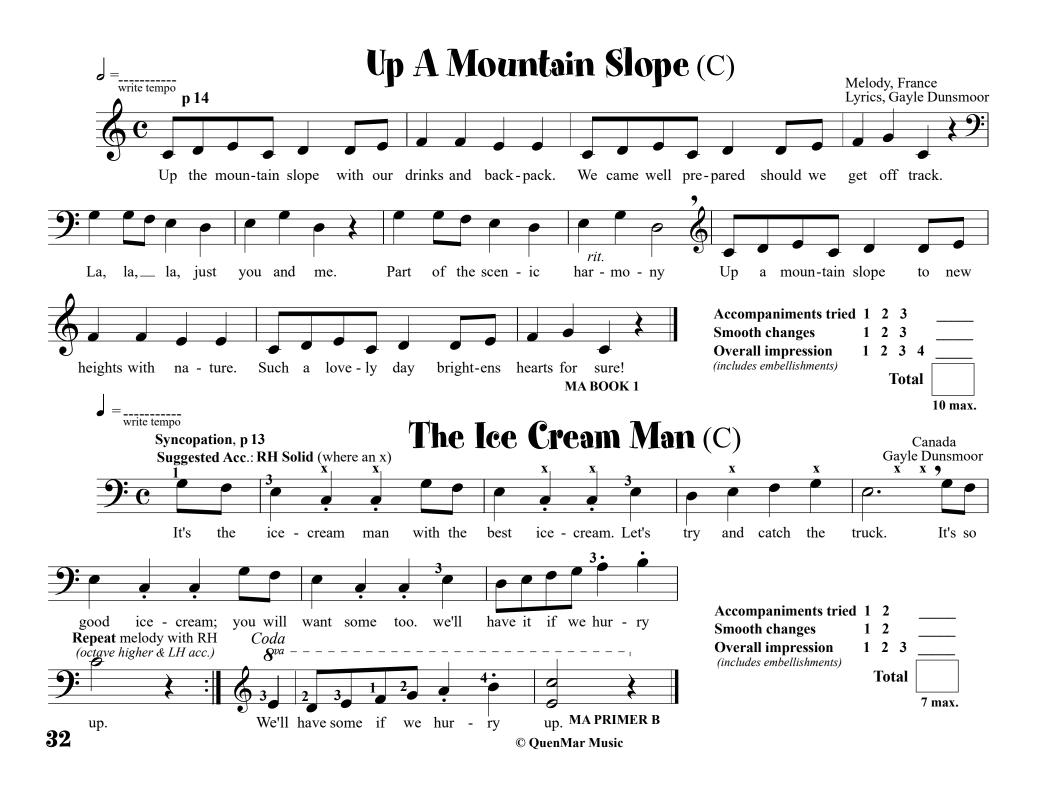
Circle the number that best represents the **overall impression** (dynamics, timing, embellishments, presentation, etc.)

ACCOMPANIMENT OPTIONS: AB pp 10-11; **5**^{ths} pp 19, 28; **Repeating BN** p 18; **Seq.** pp 4, 6, 12; **Solid** pp 4, 9, 6, 22, 26; **Split** pp 4-9, 21; **Stretch AB-C** pp 16-17; **Stretch AB-SN** pp 24-25; **Syncopation** p 13; **3**^{rds} b/w **Hands** pp *viii-ix*, 2-3, 8-9, 15

EMBELLISHMENTS: Auxiliary pp ix, 3, 17; Chromatic Drop pp 16, 17; Coda pp 10, 11; Grace Note(s) p 19; Harmony Crossing pp viii, ix; Introduction pp 5, 10, 11; Passing Note(s) pp ix, 10, 11, 20, 24; Suspended 4th p 12

Write in the metronome tempo for each of the following melodies/songs:





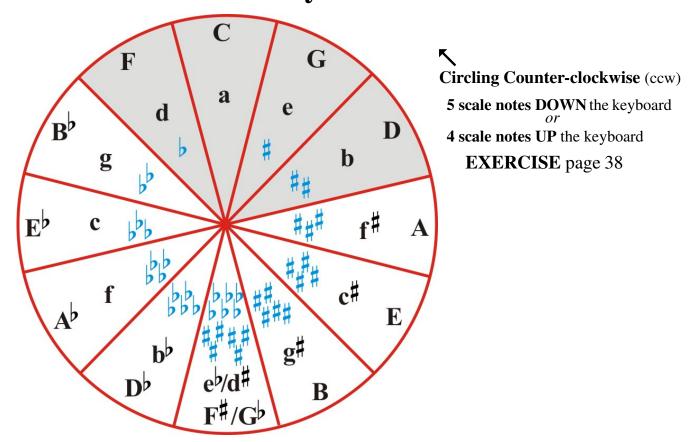


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SECTION 2

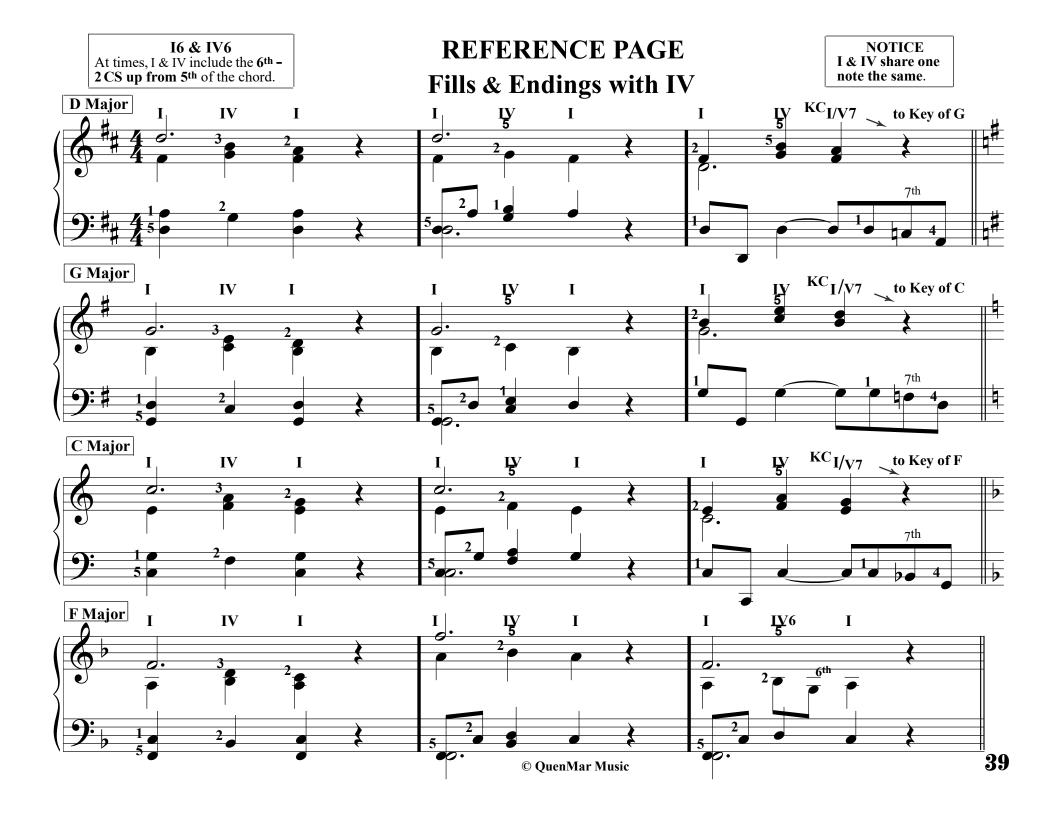
Keys of: D, G, C and F Major

"Circle of Keys"



The remainder of this book has key changing counter-clockwise between major keys in the above shaded area

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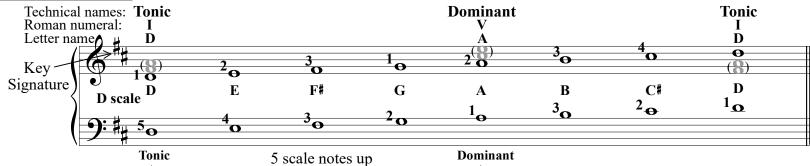


Key of D Major

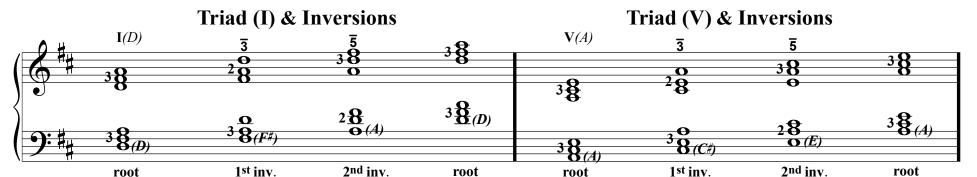
The 'home tone' is D and unless otherwise indicated, there are 2 sharps - F# & C# (see Key Signature)

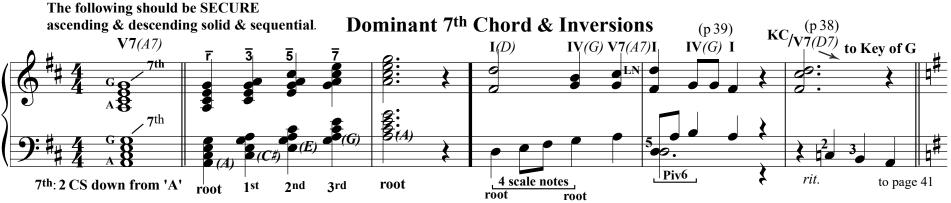
Key of D Major

The following scale should be secure, ascending & descending, two octaves:



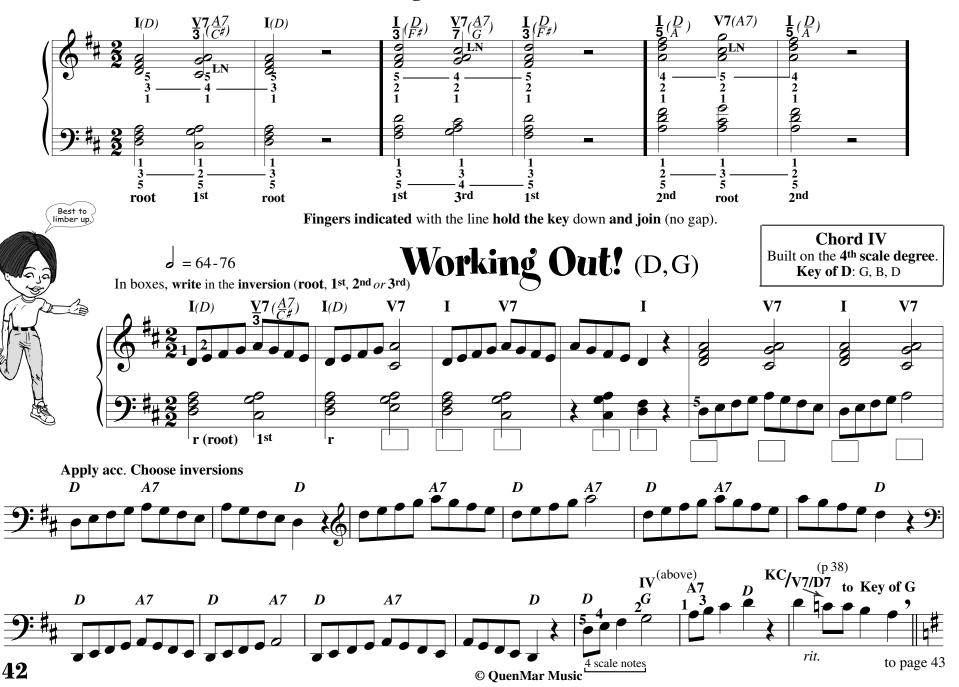
OPTION: Repeat the above scale, hands together, with Har× and 3^{rds} b/w Hands (p viii)

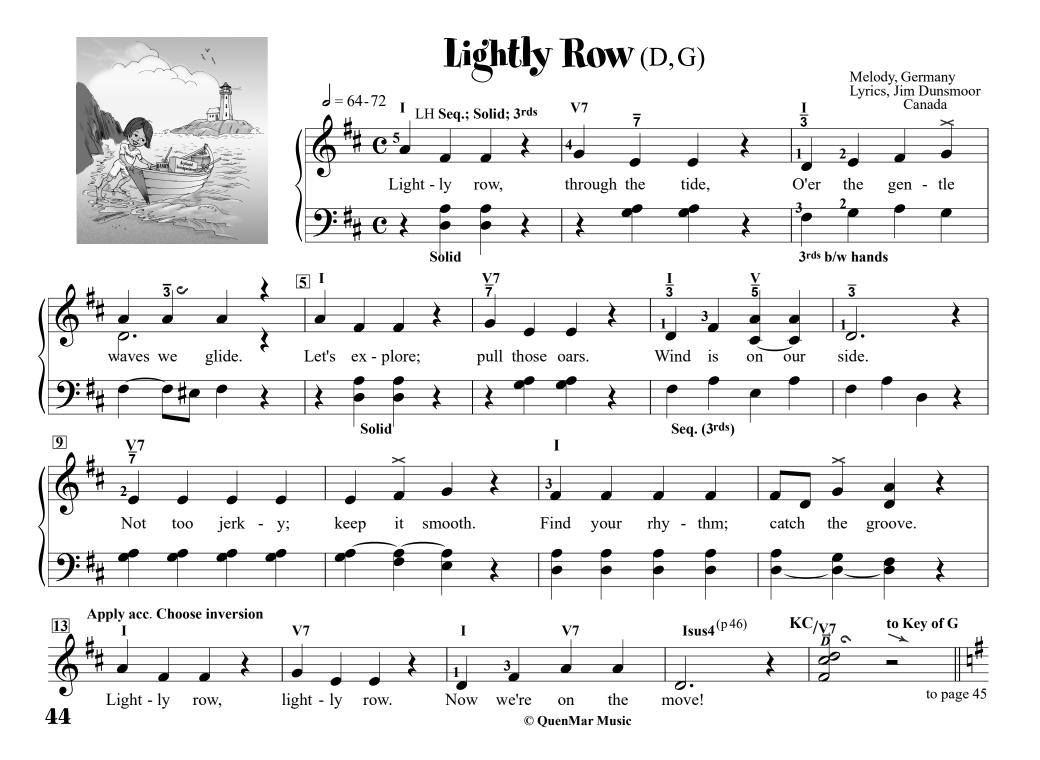


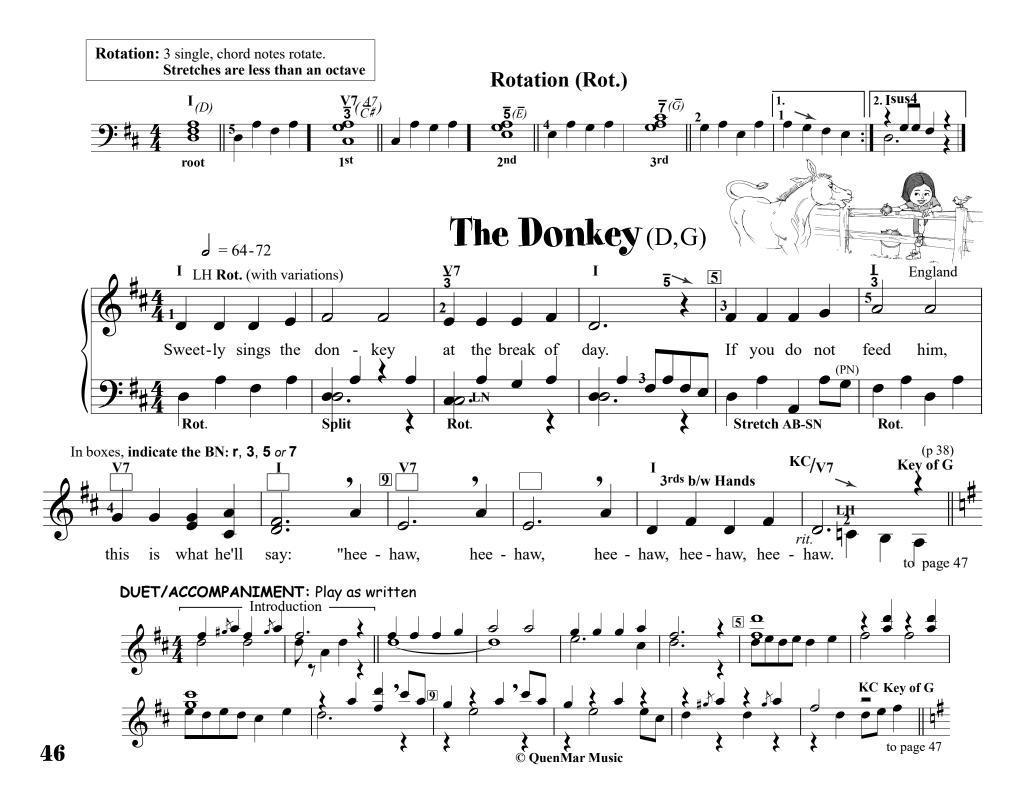


CS Chromatic Step: closest distance between 2 keys on the keyboard. Notice: 5th of chords often omitted - full chord is implied.

Joining to the Closest Inversion









If you don't know where you are going, how can you expect to get there? Basil S. Walsh

Sleigh Ride (D)

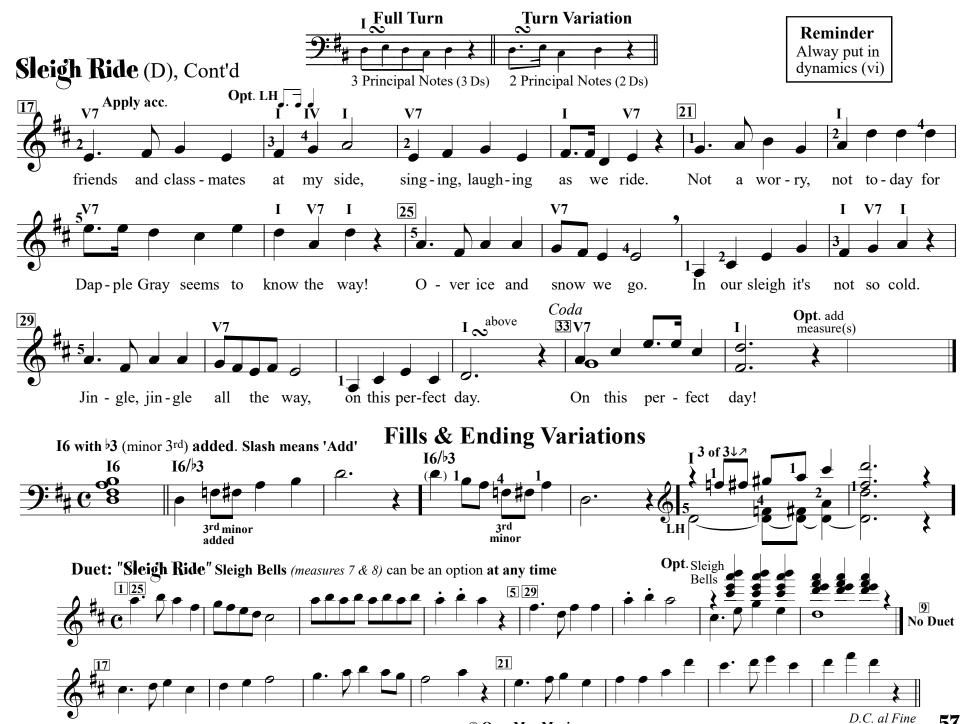




Apply acc. Indicate embellishments

OPTIONS: Solid; Rot., AB; Split; Stretch AB-SN or C; 3rds b/w hands; Seq. (fill variations, p 57)





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- Revolves (1 or 2 CS) **Up** and around the principal note
- Revolves (1 or 2 CS) **Down** and around the principal note



Syncopation

a music event occurs on a normally **weak** beat or nothing happens on a normally **accented** beat.

Mexico Way(D)



9th Chords

V/9: includes 9th scale degree up from root slash means 'add' (V triad add 9)
V9: without slash, 7th is included

More About 9th Chords

Unless the 9th & root are well separated, they can clash in the solid form.

(reason 9ths are not a 2nd)

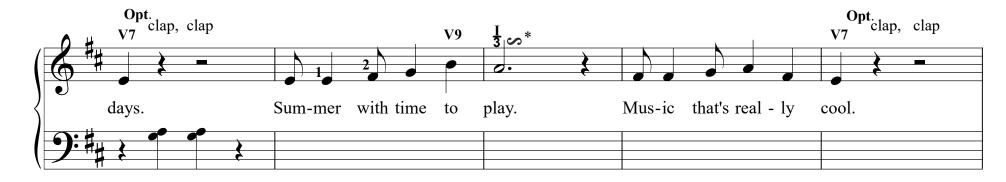
Sequential order avoids a clash.

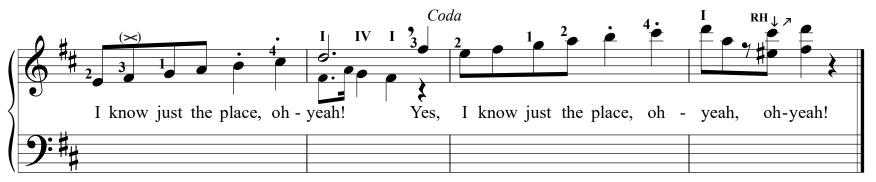


No culture, so far discovered, lacks music.

Anthony Storr

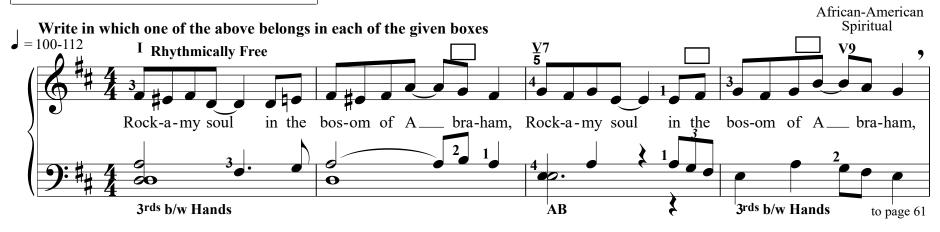






^{*} Same as aux. & $\downarrow \nearrow$, turns are generally on the root, 3rd or 5th of the chord.

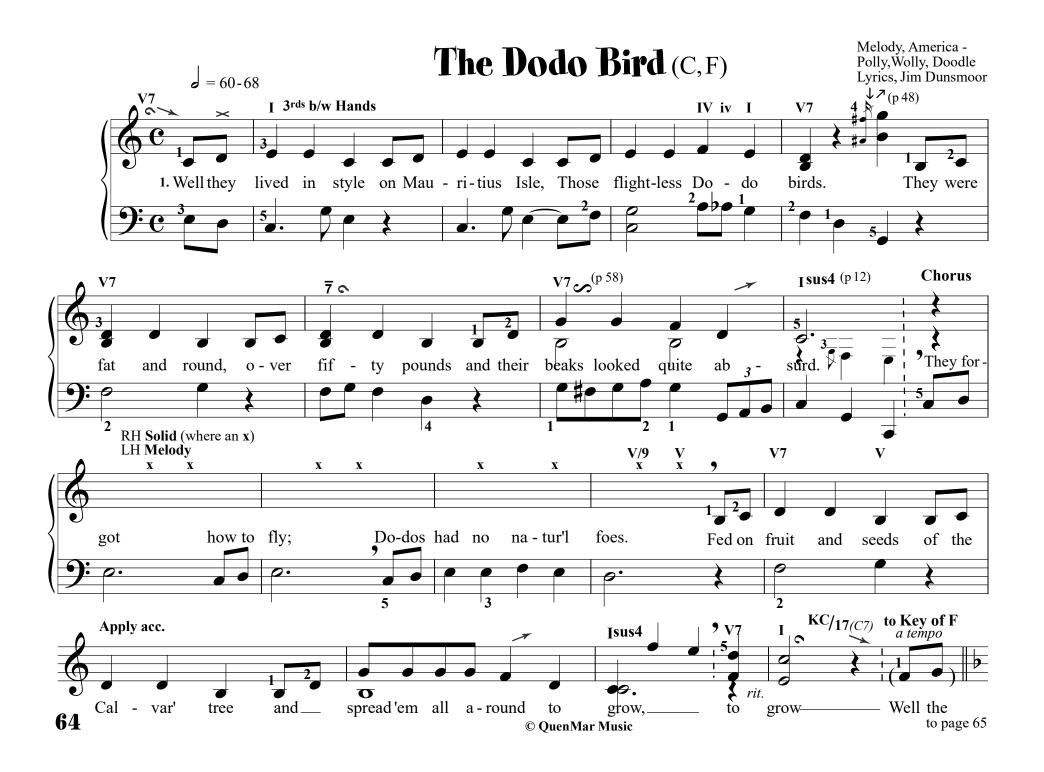
Rock-a-My Soul(D)

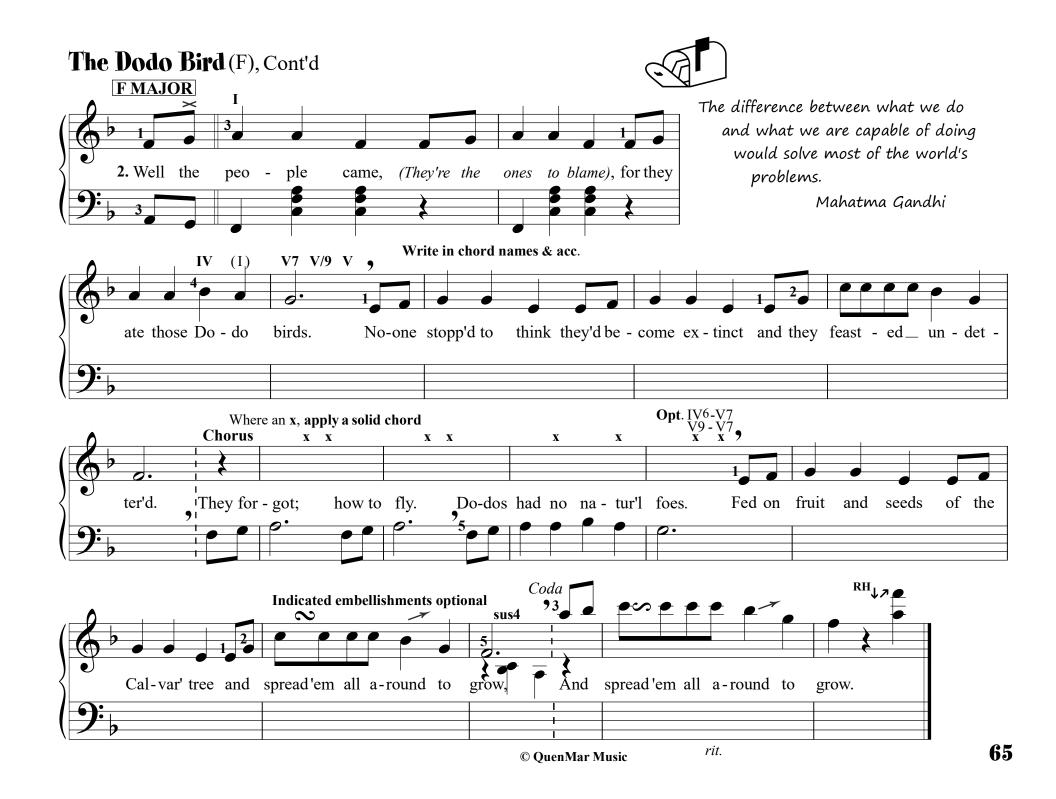


DUET/ACCOMPANIMENT: (as written). Other than Solo Break & Coda, student performs 1 octave higher than written









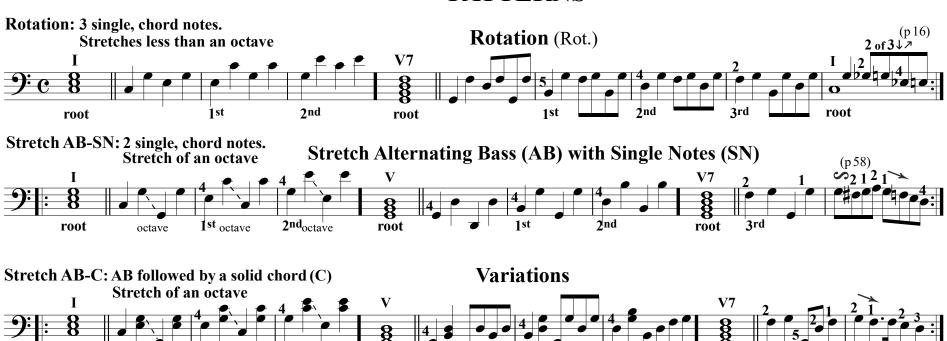
PATTERNS

2nd

Stretch AB-C-Seq.

root

Stretch AB-Seq.



Stretch AB-C-Rot.

DUET/ACCOMPANIMENT as written, while the soloist for "Fiesta" (p 71) performs 1 octave higher than written

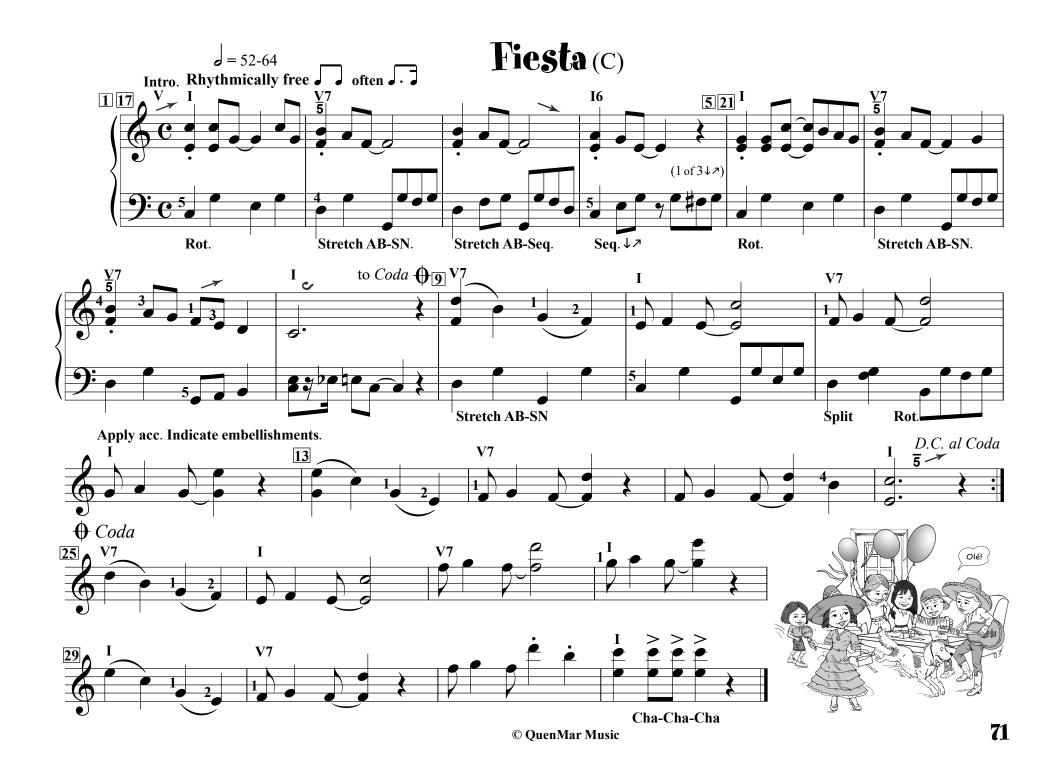
root

2nd

root

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Keep your fears to yourself but share your courage with others. Robert Louis Stevenson

Sequential in a Boogie Style



= 56-68

The Boogie Man(C)



Write in LH boogie acc.





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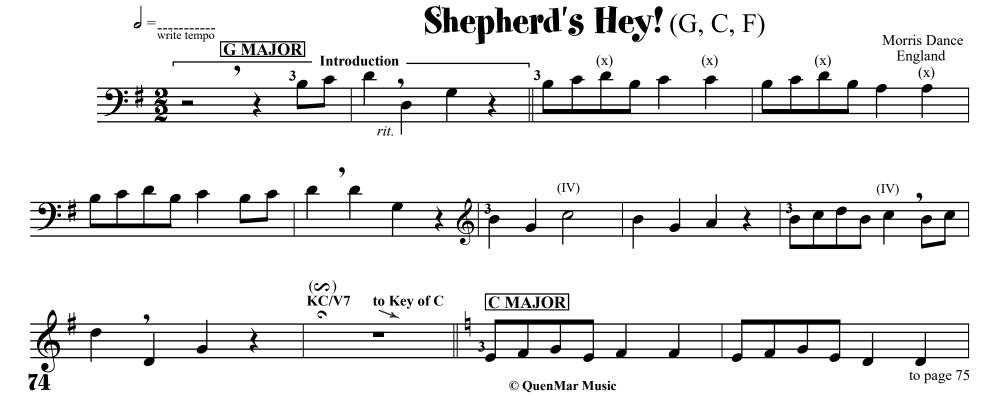
EMBELLISHMENTS: Auxiliaries p ix; Chromatic Drop pp 16, 48, 70, 71; Grace Notes pp 19, 50; Harmony Crossing p viii;

Passing Notes pp ix, 10, 24; Sequential Chord p 52; Sus4 pp 11, 12, 52; Sus2/4 pp 52, 56; Turns p 58

ACCOMPANIMENTS: 3rds b/w Hands pp viii-ix; 2-3; 44-47, 55-59, 62-64 2-Hand Accompaniment p 52

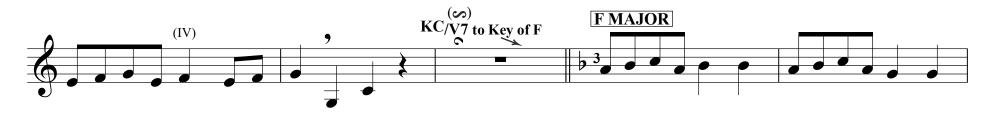
LEFT HAND: AB pp 10-11, 52-54; **AB-C & AB-Seq.** pp 68-71; **5**ths pp 19, 28; **Repeating Single BN** p 18; **Rot.** pp 46-48, 70; **Seq.** pp 2, 6, 12, 49-50, 68-70,72; **Solid** pp 4, 6, 9, 22, 26, 40-44, 62; **Split** pp 5-9, 21, 45-47, 58, 66; **Stretch AB-C** pp 16-17, 56-59, 68-71; **Stretch AB-SN** pp 24, 47, 54, 70; **Variations: Stretch AB-SN**; **Stretch AB-C-Seq.**; **Stretch AB-SN-Seq.**; **Stretch AB** → pp 70, 71

RIGHT HAND: Solid pp 6, 8, 12-14, 22, 40-43, 62-65; **Split** p 13



Shepherd's Hey! Cont'd











Accompaniments tried	1	2	3	4	5	
Smooth changes	1	2	3	4	5	
Overall impression (includes embellishments)	1	2	3	4	5	
		Total				
						15 max.

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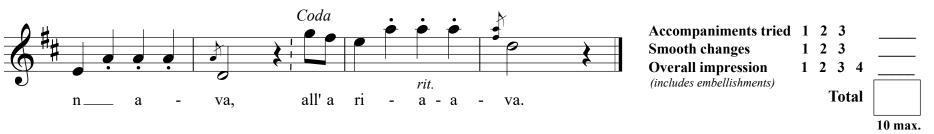
Oh, Dear! What Can the Matter Be? Cont'd











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FROM THE AUTHOR



Gayle MacAulay Dunsmoor

BRAVO! You have completed KA BASICS A and created accompaniments in MAJOR & MINOR keys.

You are becoming a FINE MUSICIAN