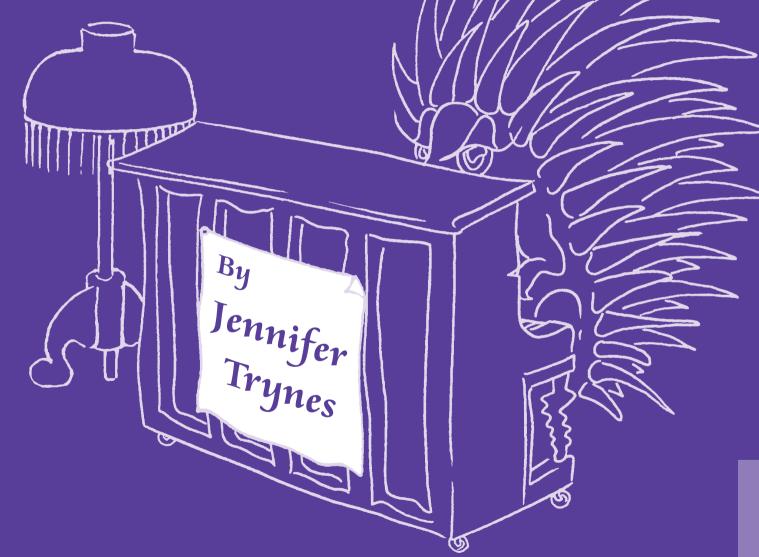
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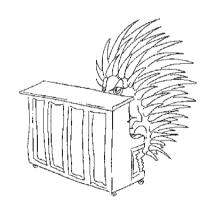
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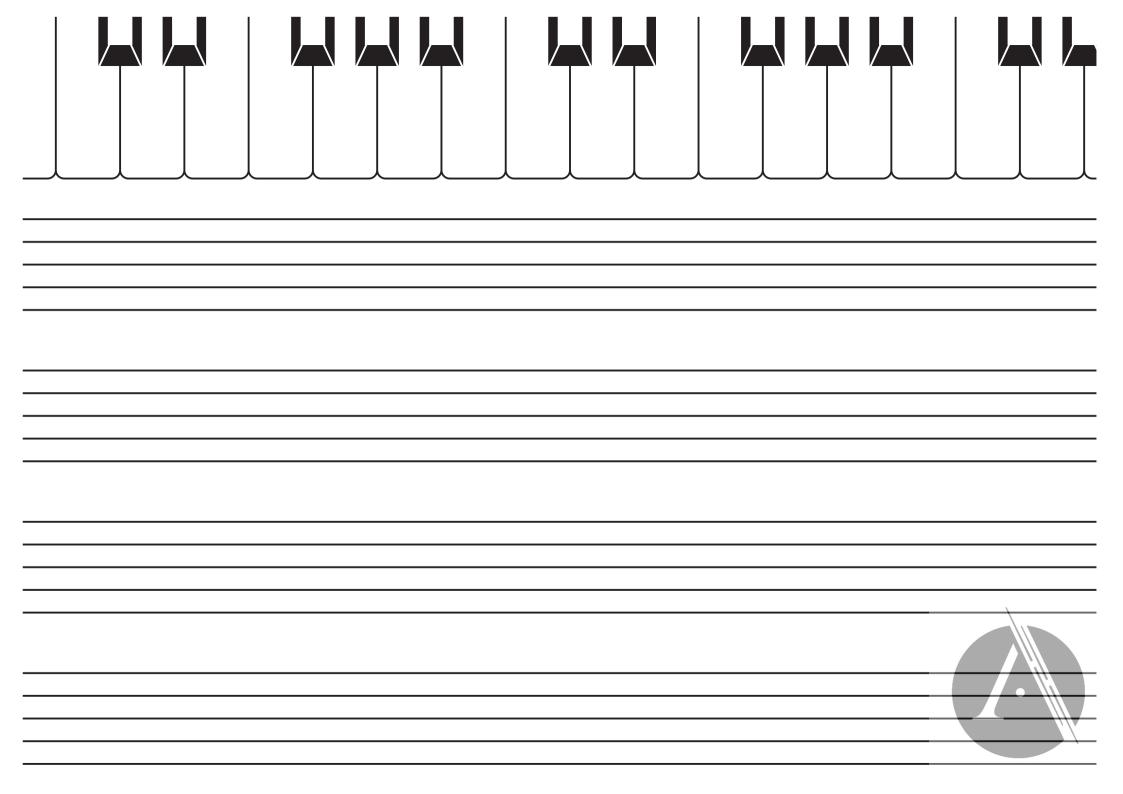
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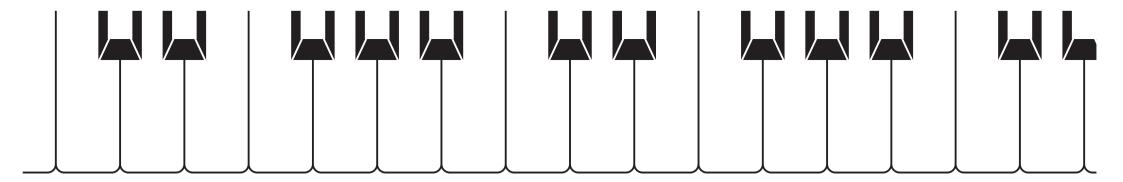


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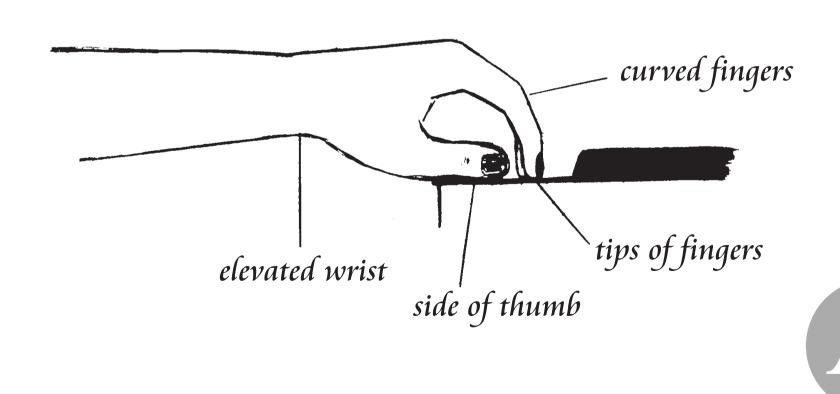








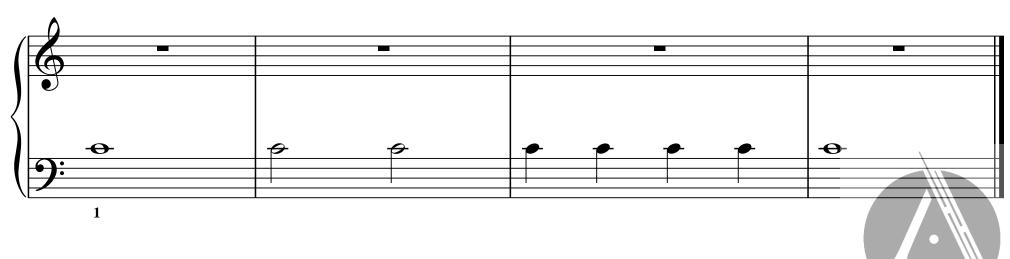
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Two thumb tune

Two little thumbs play middle C...

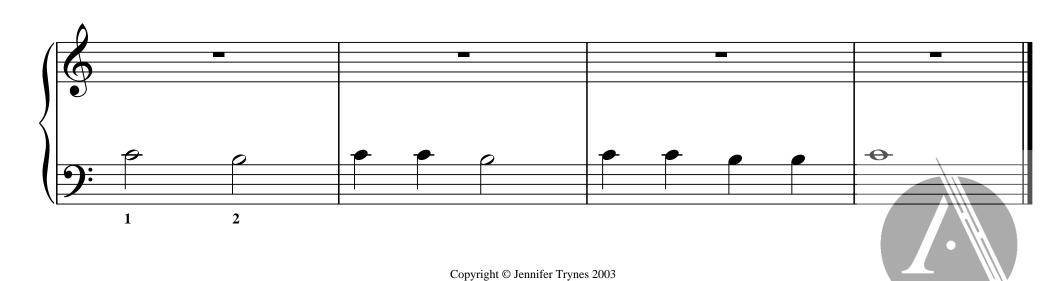




Stepping up and down

Now go on with D and B...

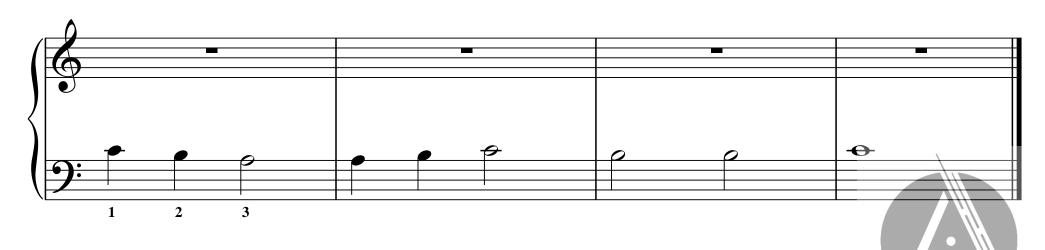




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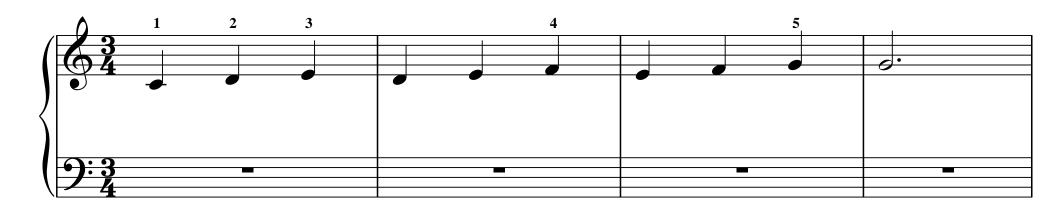
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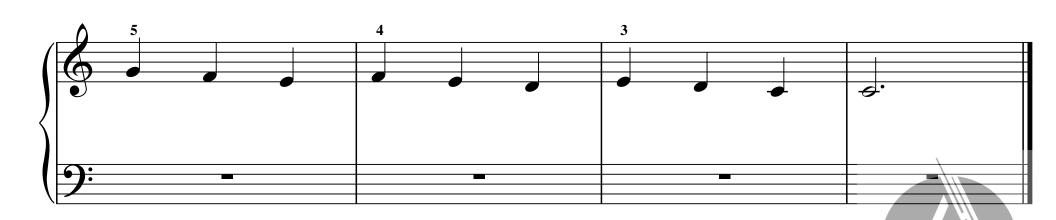




On the escalator

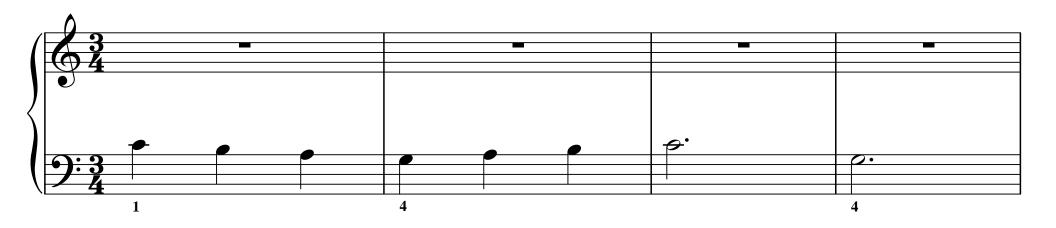
Right hand now goes up to G!

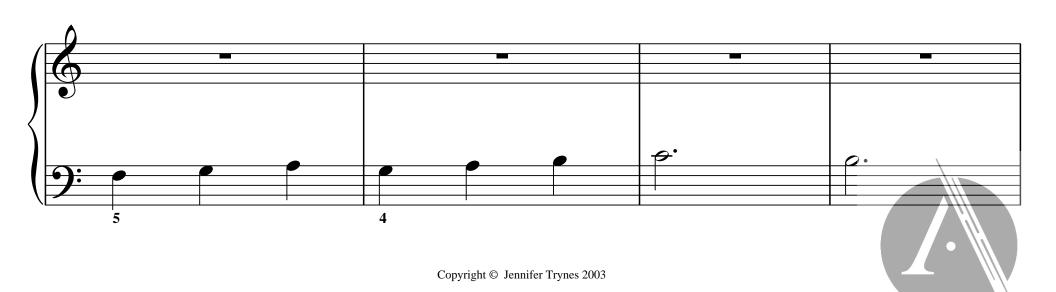




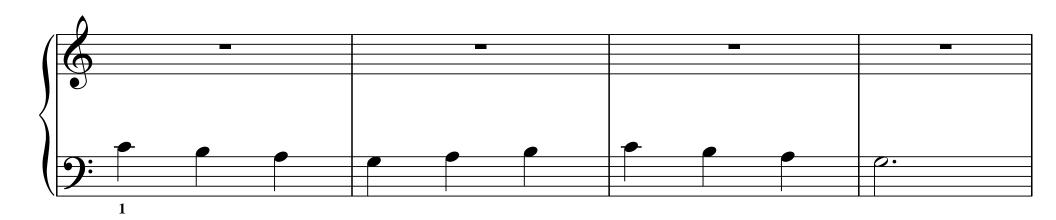
Yo-yo

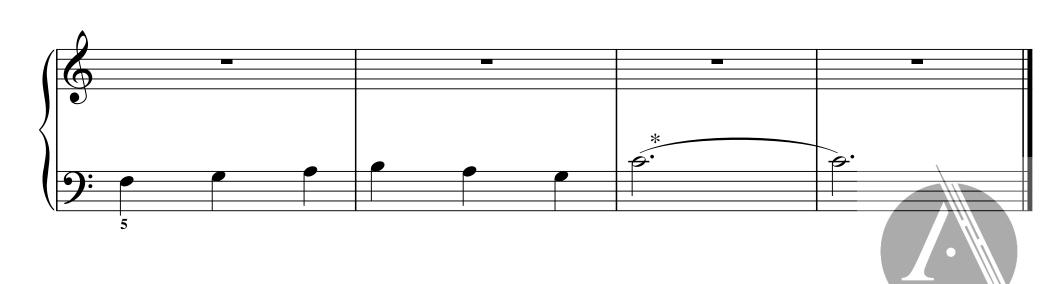
Left hand goes right down to F.





* Learning about ties is a very important step. Play the first note but hold and count the rest.

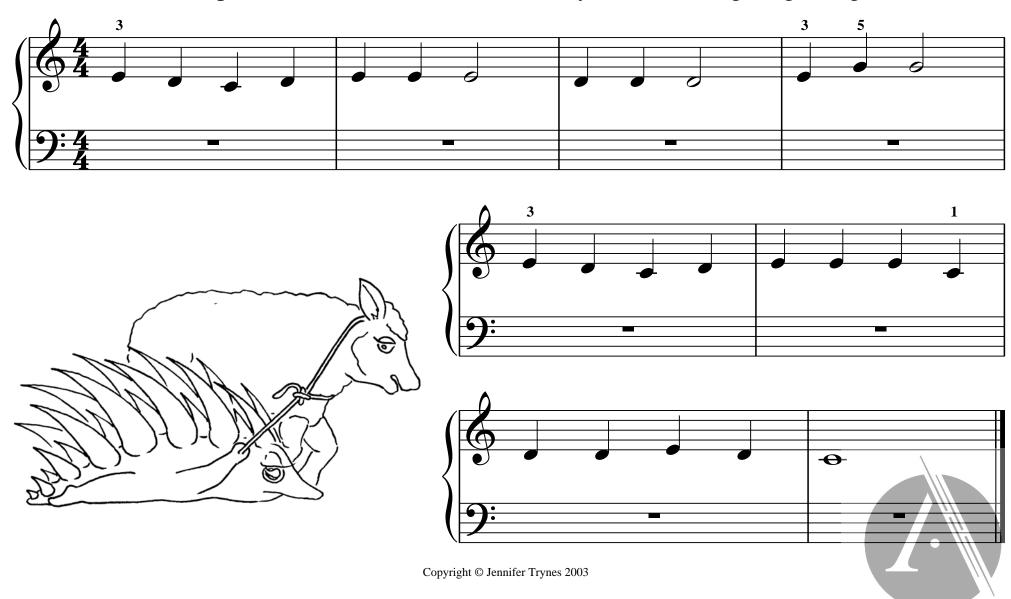




Mary had a little lamb

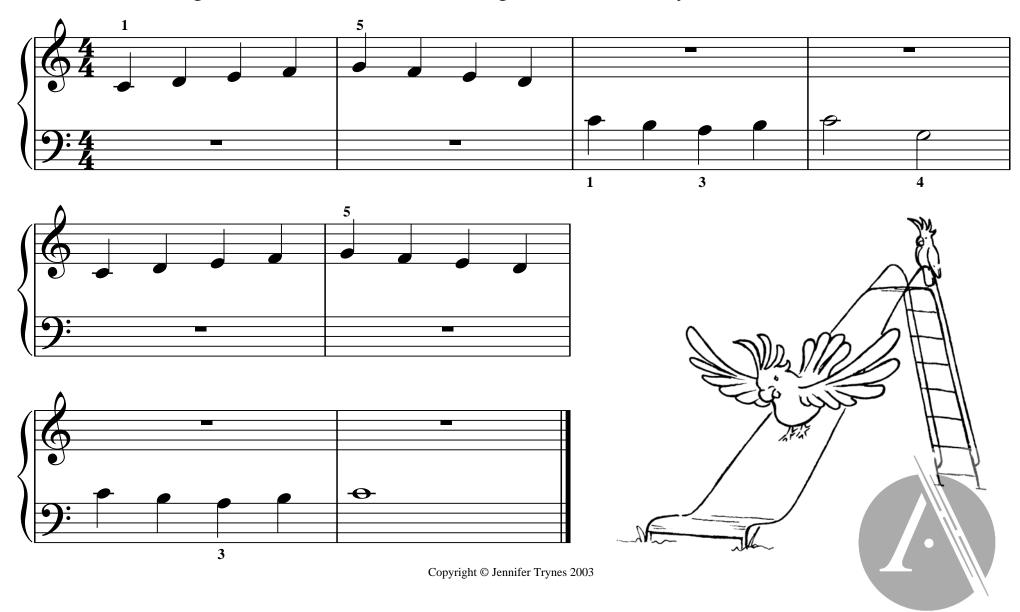
(Traditional)

Here's a piece that we all know. Make sure you use the fingering though!



Slippery slide

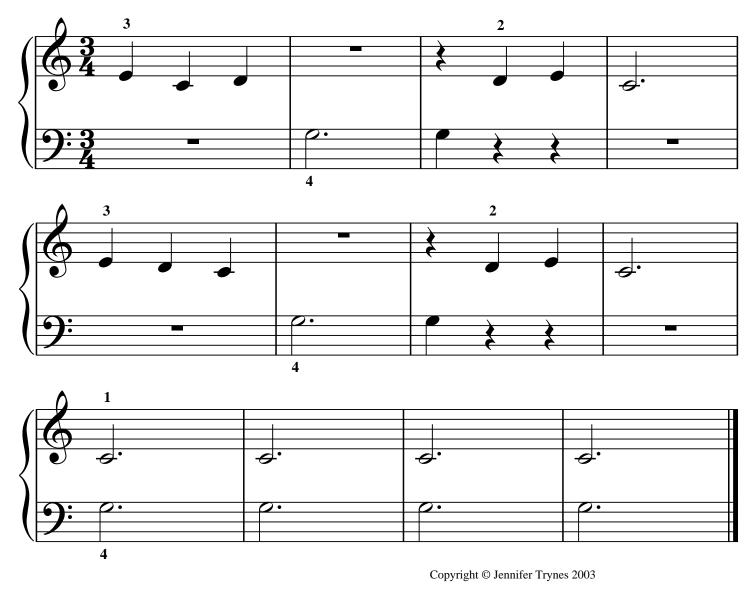
From right hand to left this tune will go and the melody, likewise, to and fro.

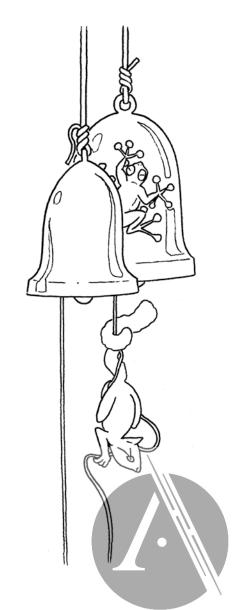


Church bells

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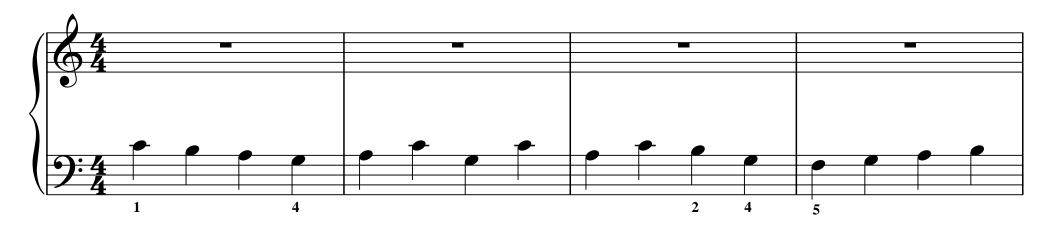
Again both hands, but together too. Make sure the bells toll strong and true!

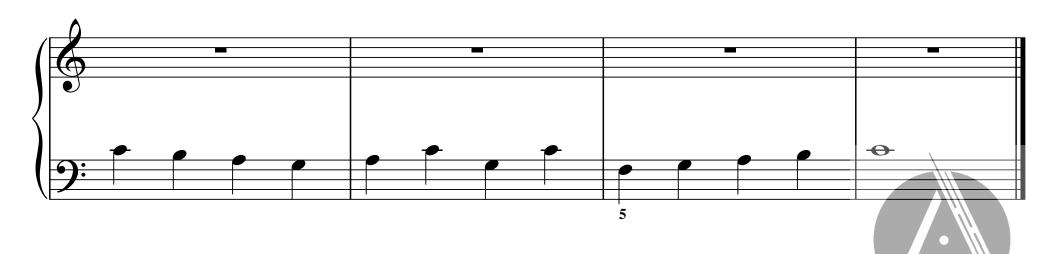




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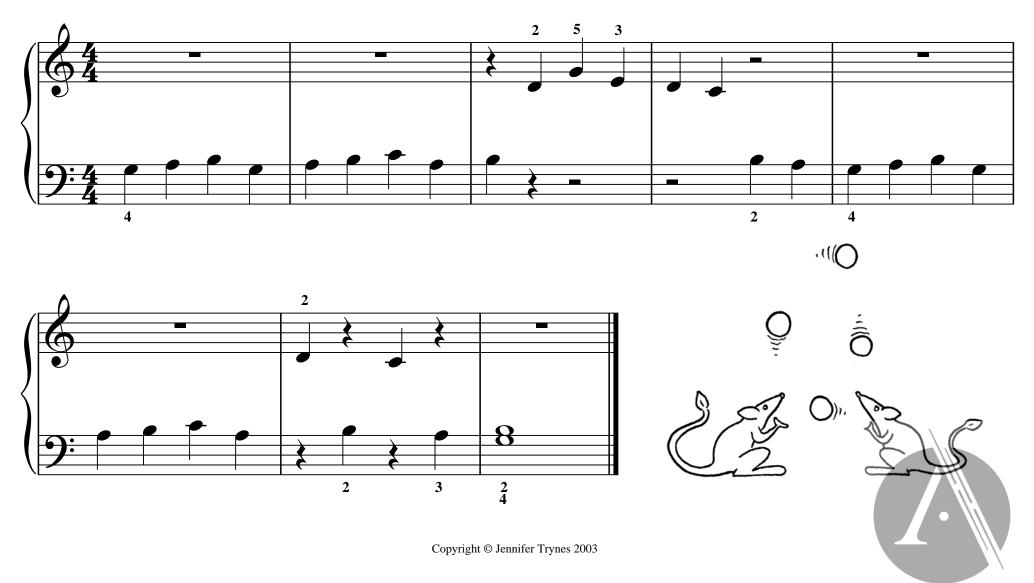
Bass clef can be a tricky game but practice will help you learn them by name.





The juggler

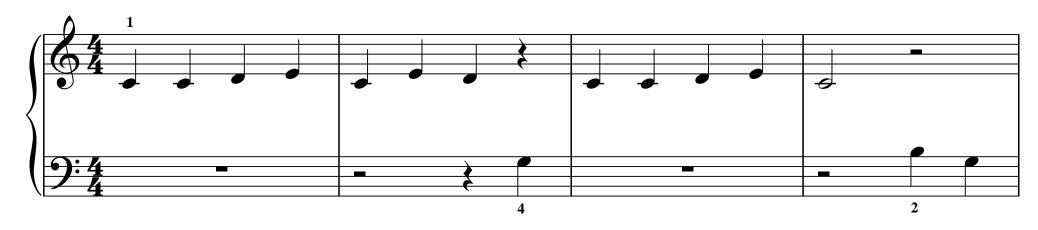
This melody goes up and down and even hand to hand. If your fingers stay well curved the final chord they will command.

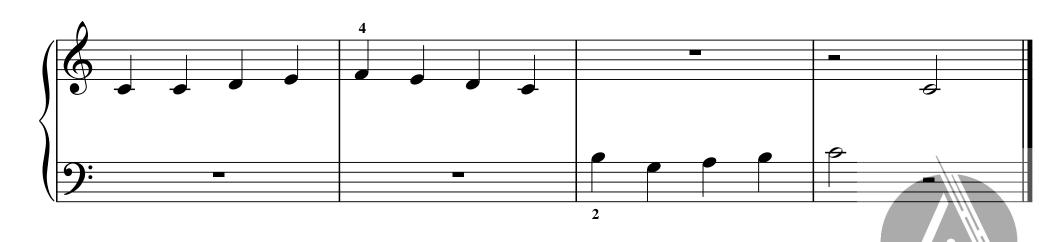


Yankee Doodle

(Traditional)

This tune is shared between right hand and left so 'balanced hands' will bring it out best.

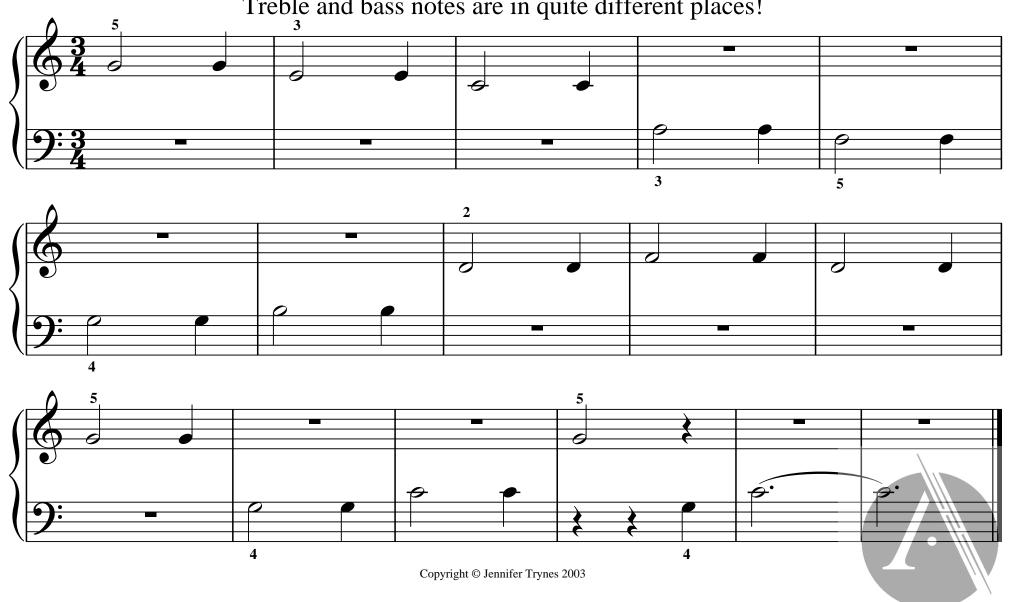




The skipping song

In this piece you'll learn about lines and spaces.

Treble and bass notes are in quite different places!



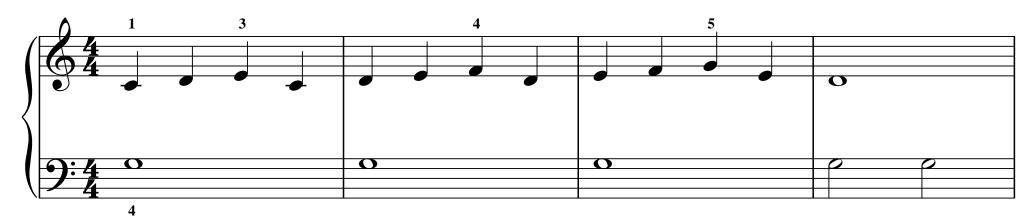
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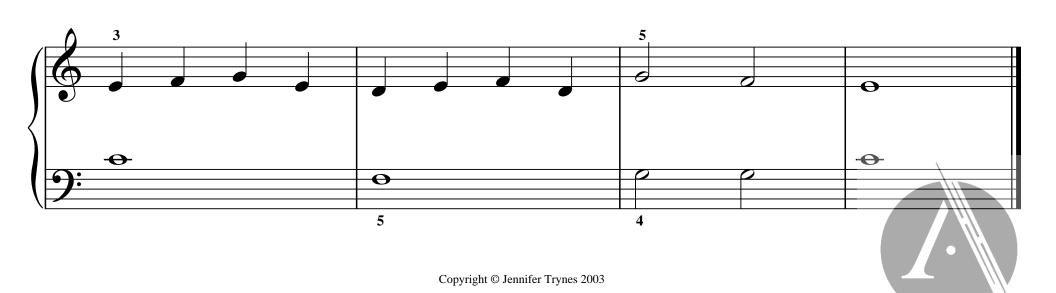
This is a piece you have done before, but now it contains a little bit more!



Walking up the hill

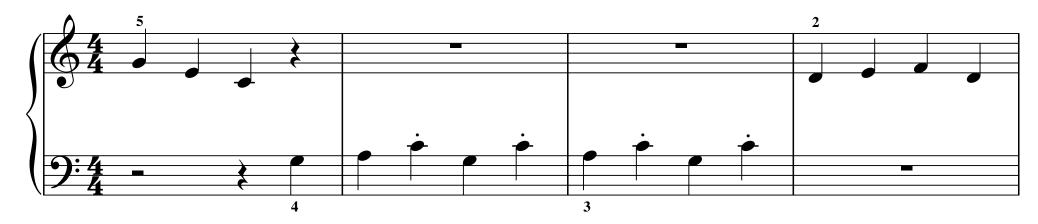
Take note of the pattern in the treble clef (it's much more tricky than the left).

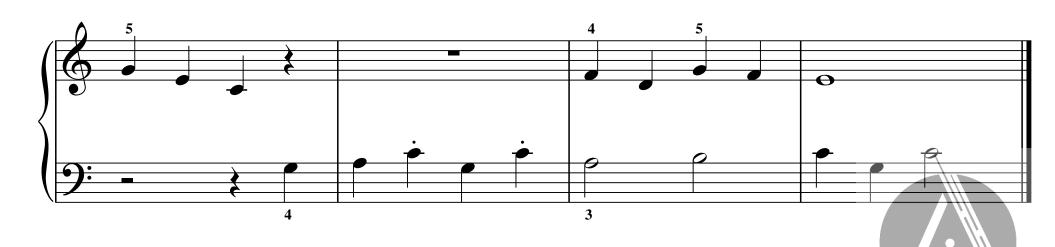




Run and jump

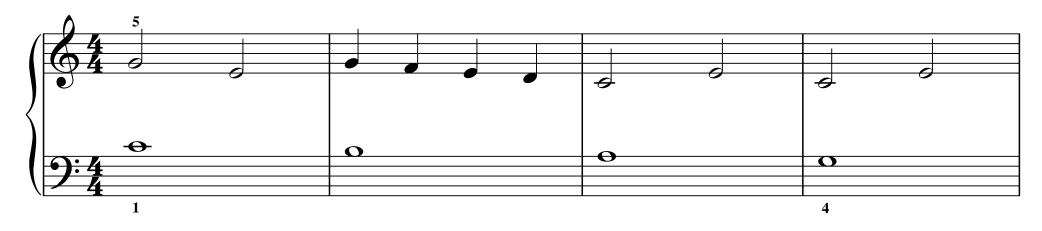
A staccato dot can be below or on top but it always means to bounce straight off.

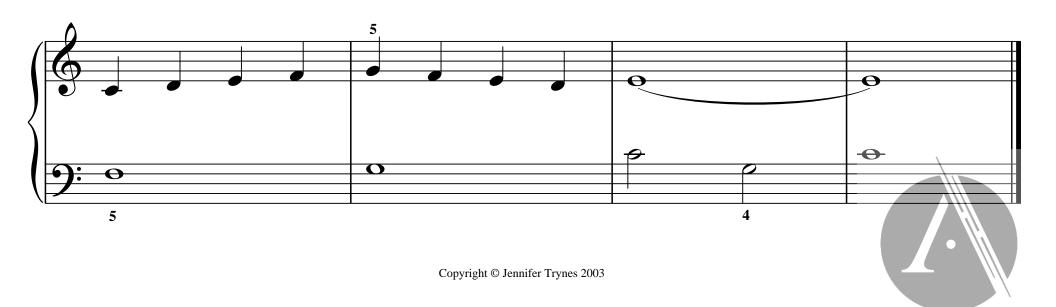




Minim and crotchet music

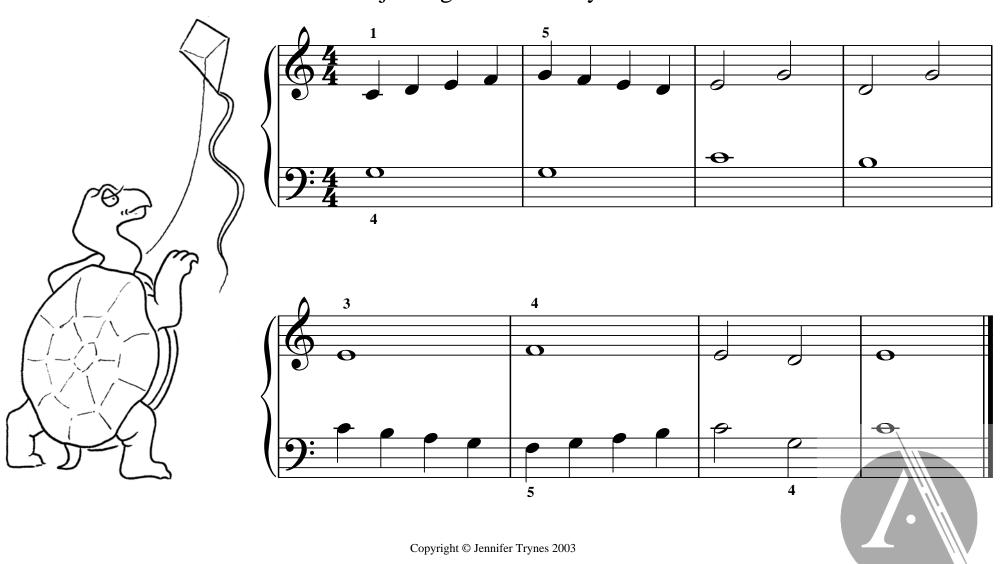
This is a tune that will always sound best if you bring out the right hand, and soften the left.





Flying kites

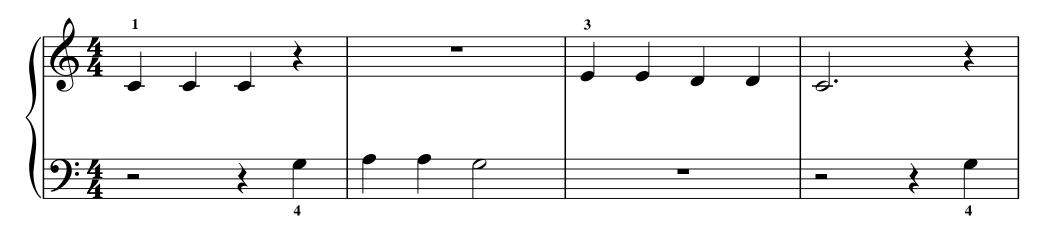
Just like a kite a melody can flow - now flying high, now flying low. To make the music sound just right the 'melody hand' must steal the show.

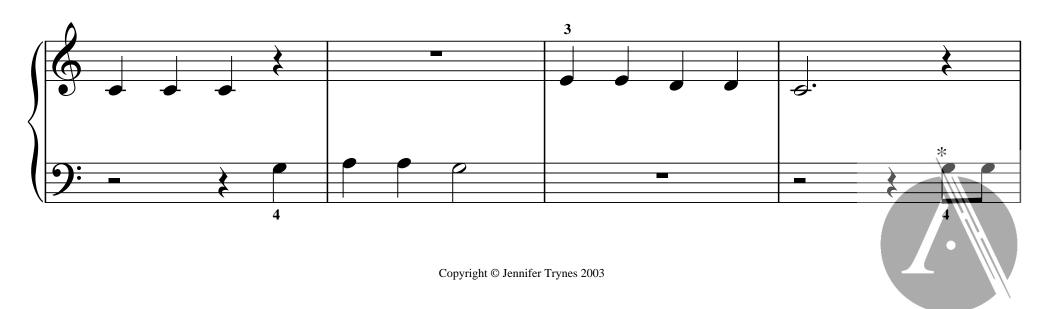


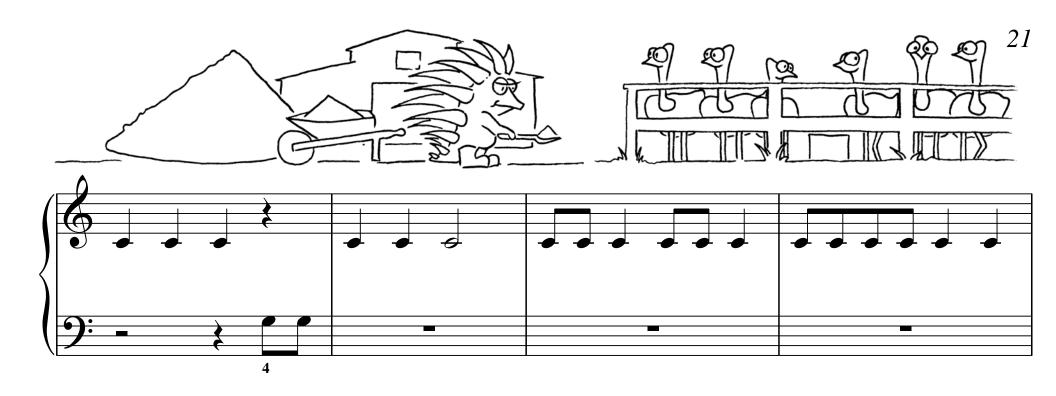
Old MacDonald

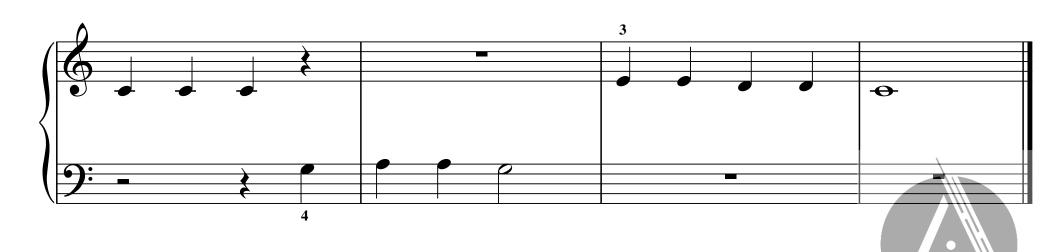
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This familiar piece will help you to learn about quavers (see the star *). Sometimes you'll hear them called 'eighth notes' - like a crotchet cut in half.



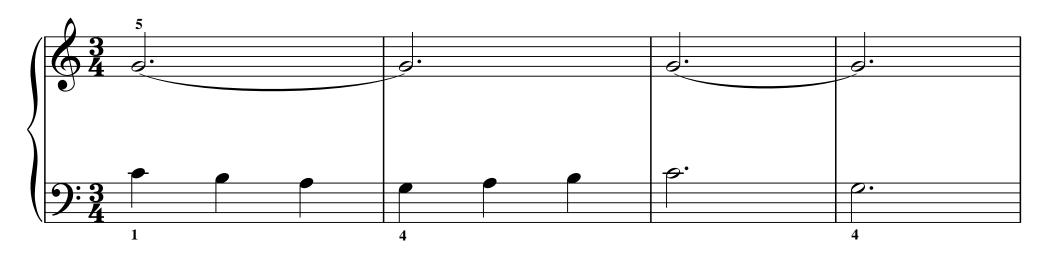


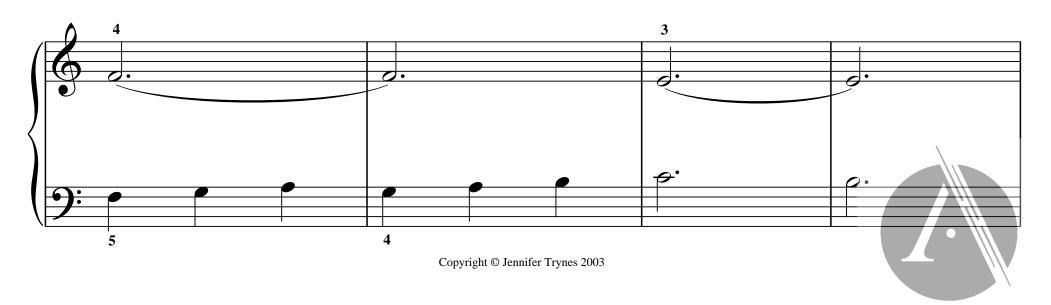


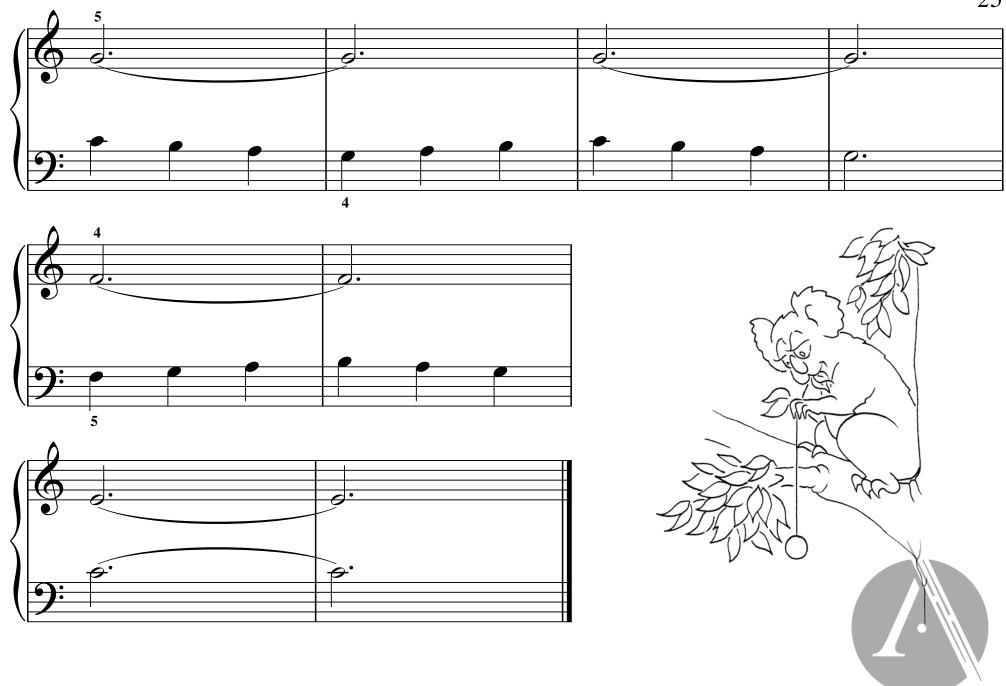


Yo-yo (II)

The notes in the bass you've already tried. Now add to that treble notes, all of them tied!

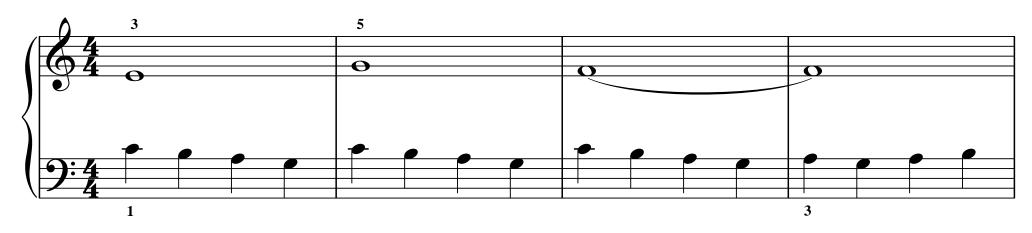


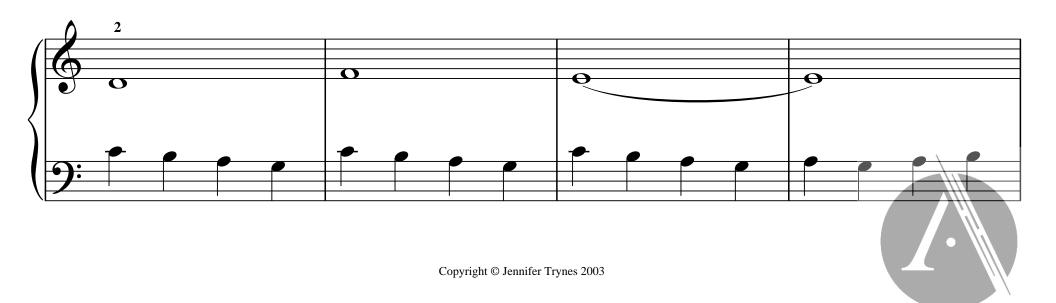


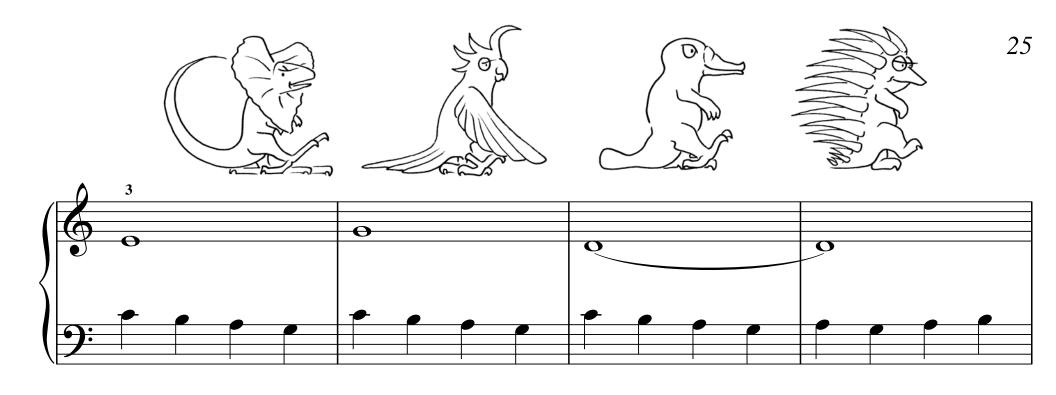


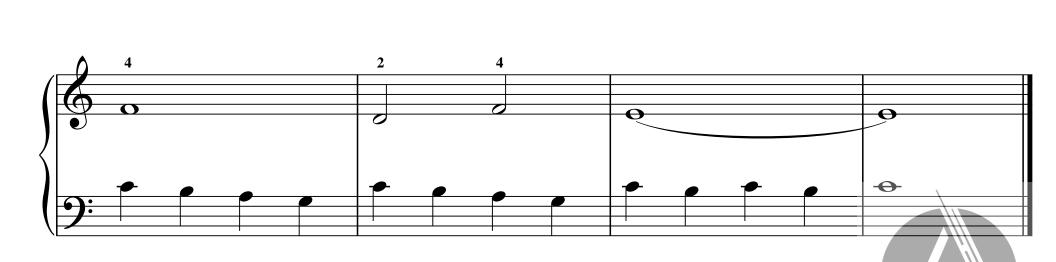
Crotchet march

Just like soldiers on parade, the crotchet's pulse must never stray.



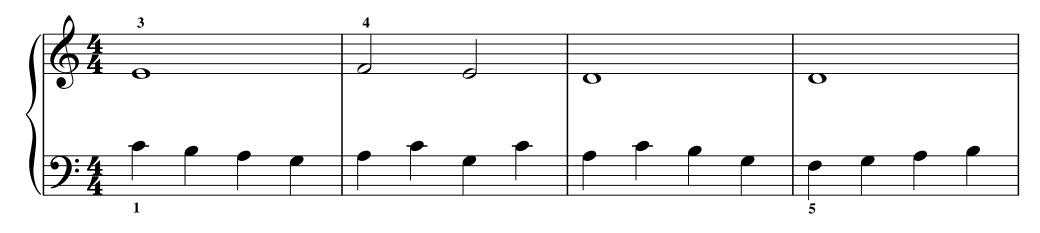


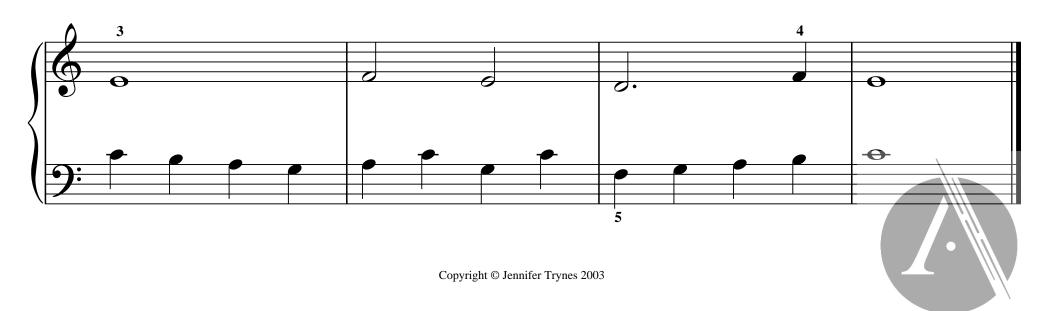




Exploring together

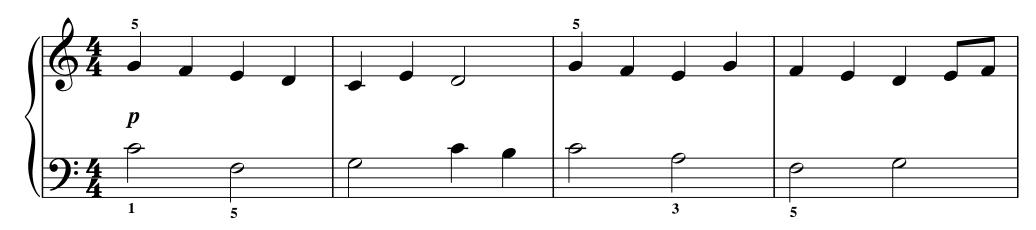
To start with, the bass was on its own. Add treble to give a whole new sound.

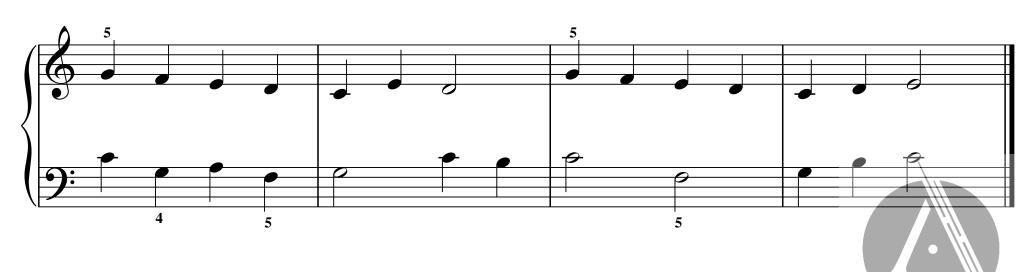




Sunday morning

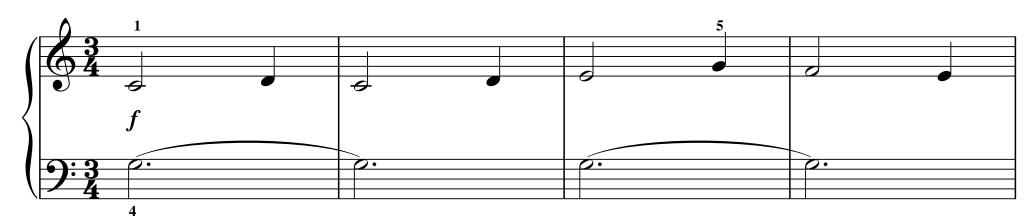
'**p**' for 'piano'. Play it softly. Here you must play the notes quite gently.

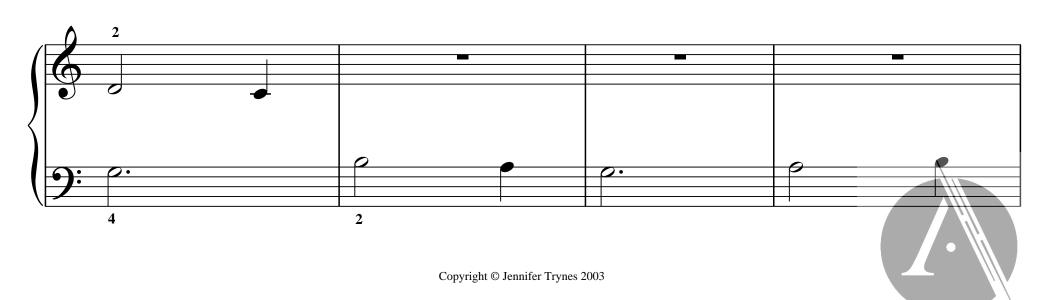


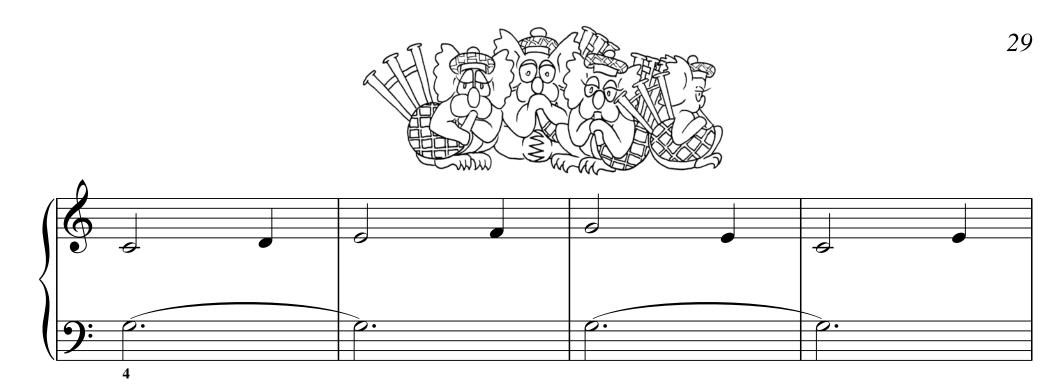


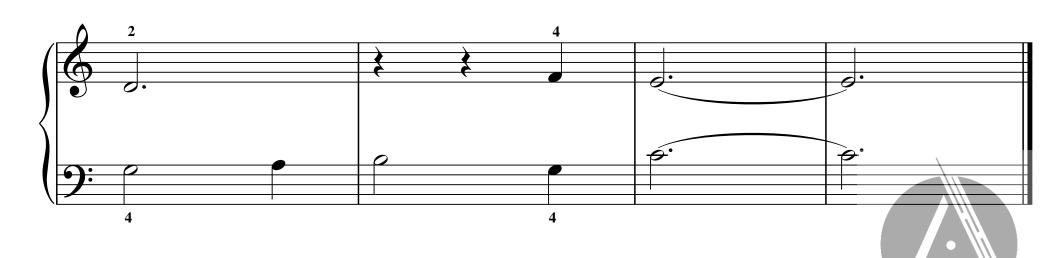
The bagpipes

'f' for 'forte'. Play it loud.
The bagpipes must impress the crowd.







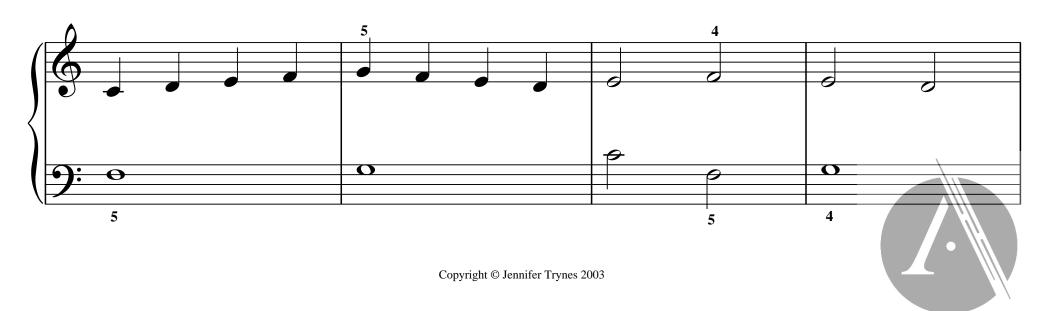


Minim and crotchet music

(Concert Version)

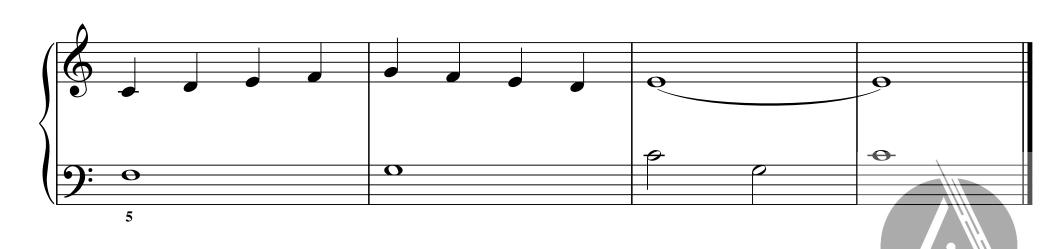
'mf' - 'mezzo forte' - means moderately loud....





Play the second page this way to make a different sound.

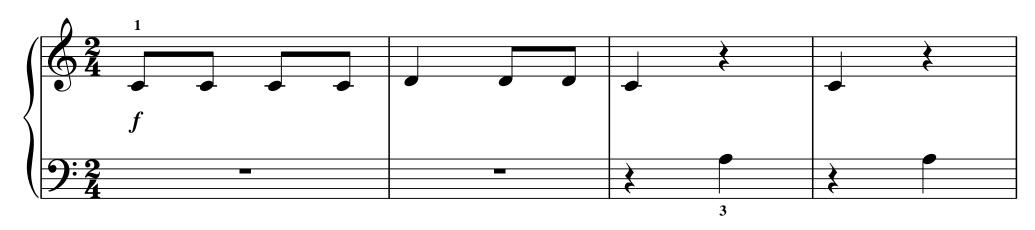


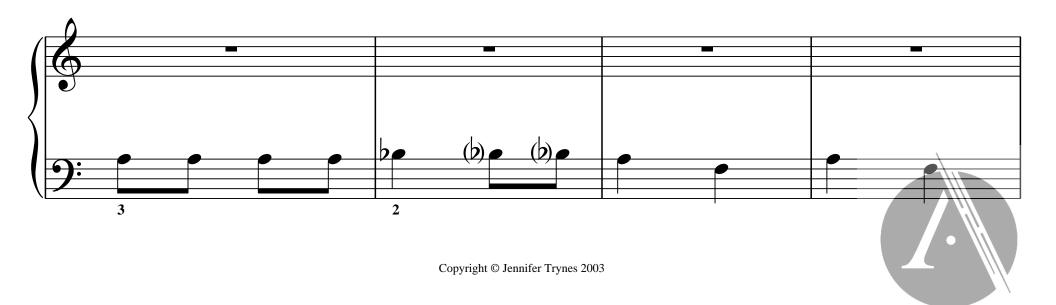


Kookaburra

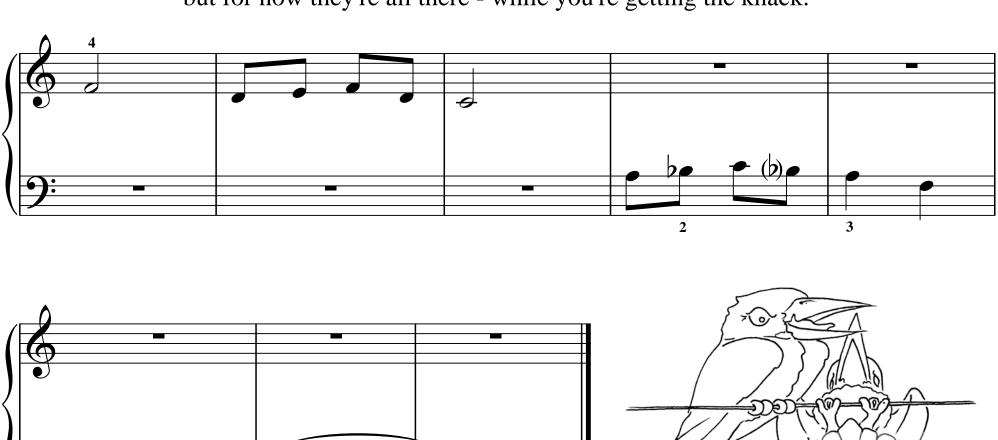
(Traditional)

Notice this sign ' b' - your very first flat! Go down one semitone - you'll land on a black.



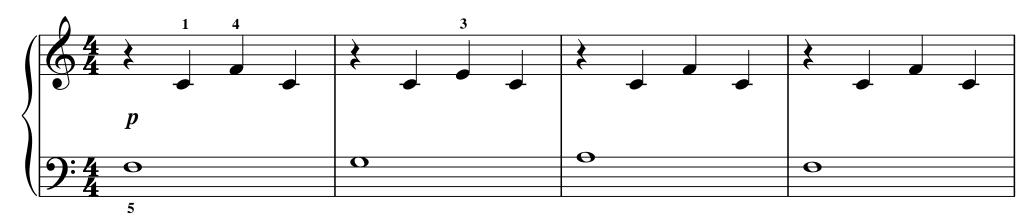


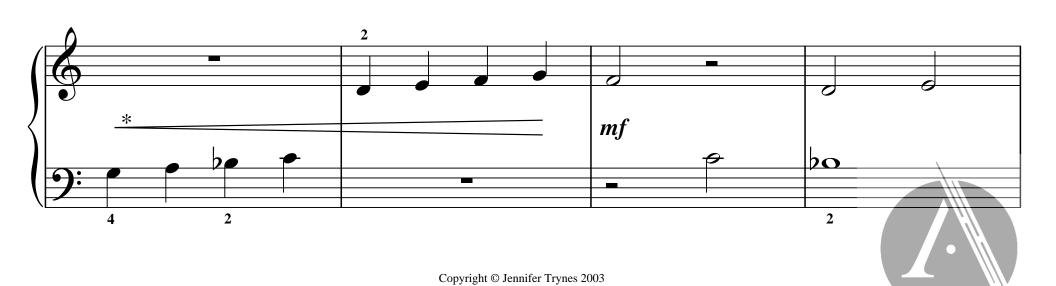
Only the first flat should be shown in each bar but for now they're all there - while you're getting the knack.



Foggy morning

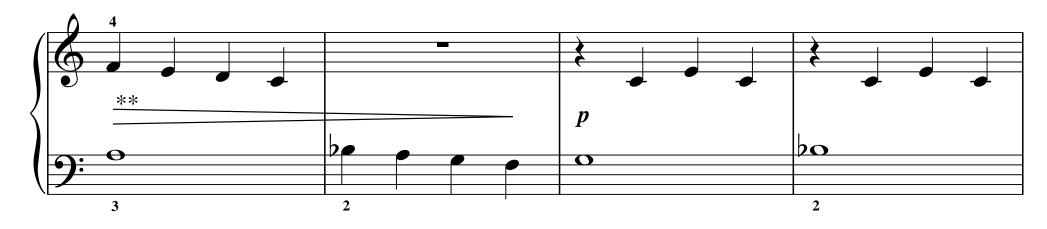
Here's something else that you haven't seen yet... *crescendo and **diminuendo. (Try not to forget!)

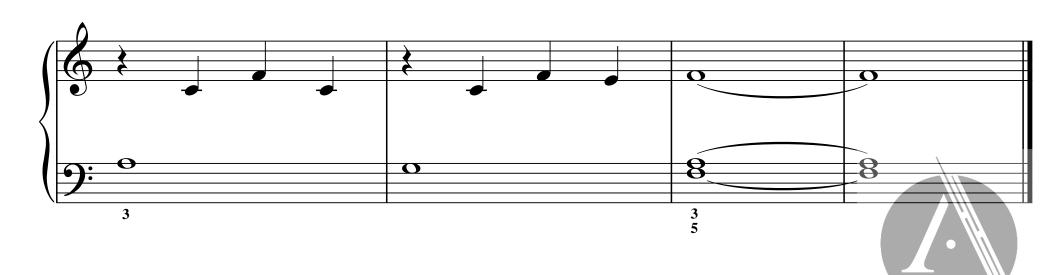




*Gradually becoming louder (the first one you found).

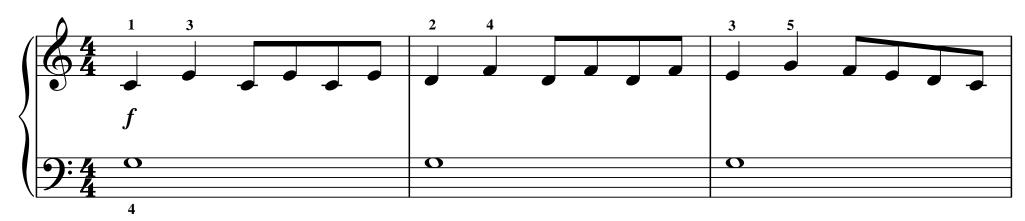
**Gradually becoming softer (the other way round).

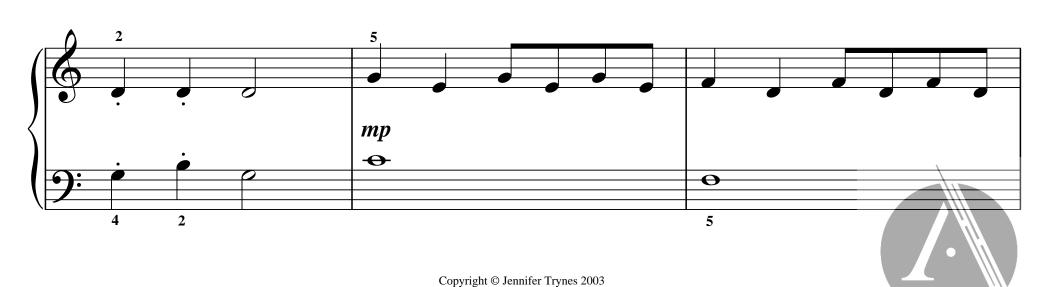




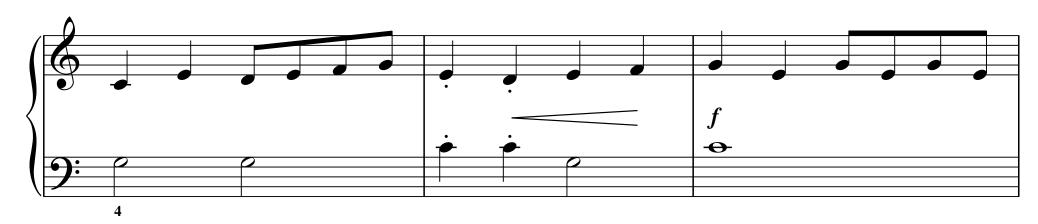
Quick quavers

The only thing here that you haven't seen yet is 'mp' - 'mezzo piano' - meaning 'moderately soft'.





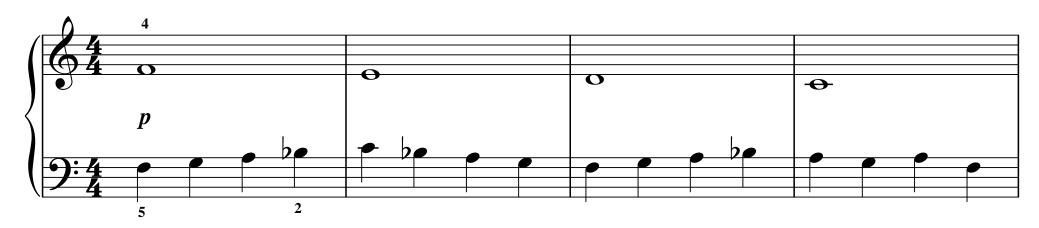
But there are lots of things that you've learned in the past, now altogether in one piece, at last.

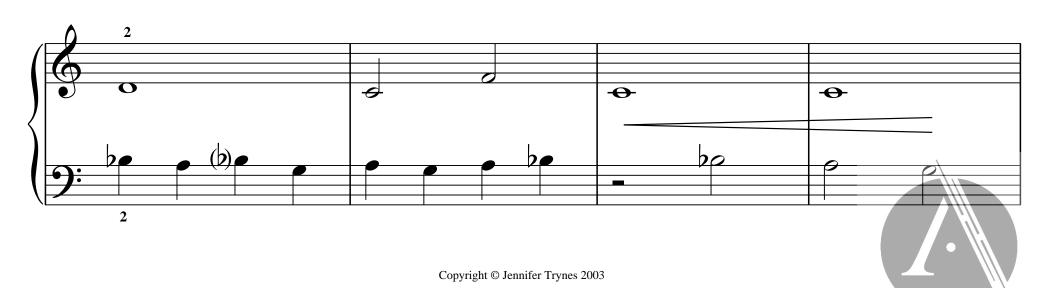




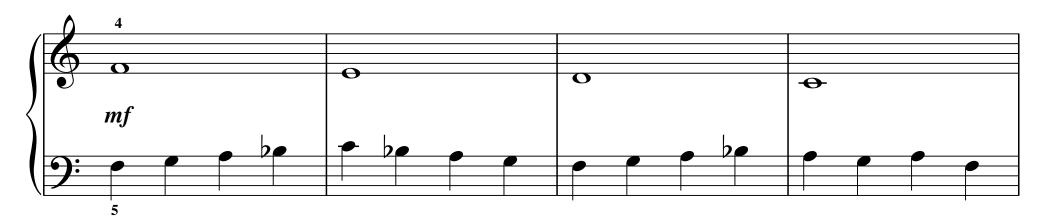
Semibreve song

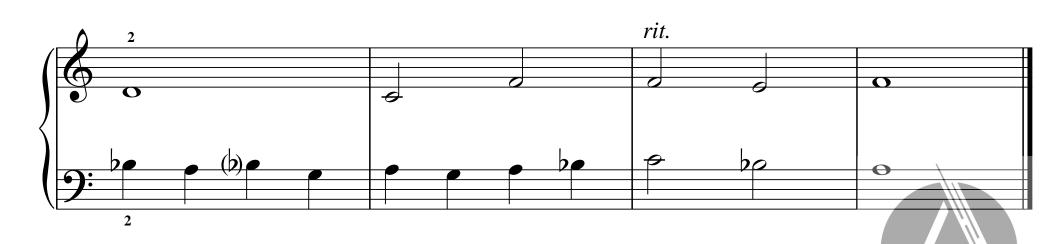
Once again you'll find B flat and a few dynamics too. Be sure you start off soft enough to make the contrast true.





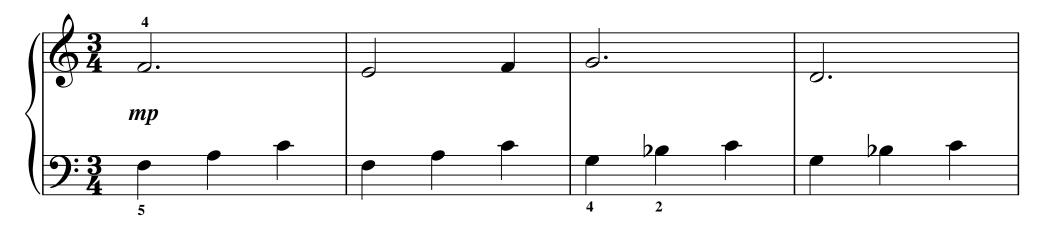
This is the first time you use 'ritenuto'. The short form you see here is 'rit.' The meaning of this is 'immediately slower' or some of us say 'held back'.

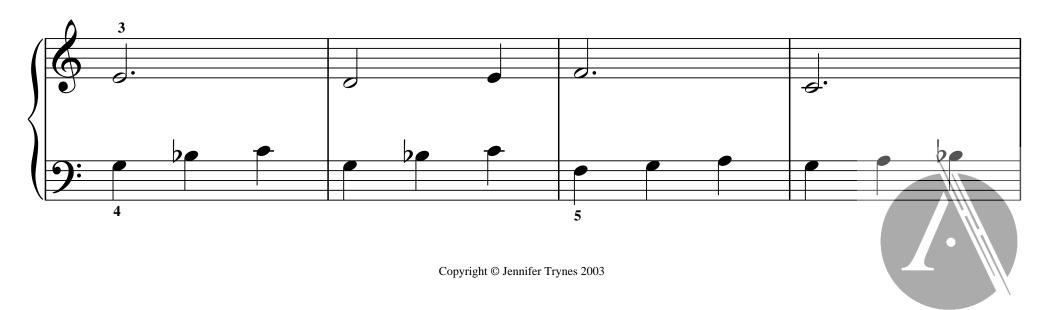




Triple time waltz

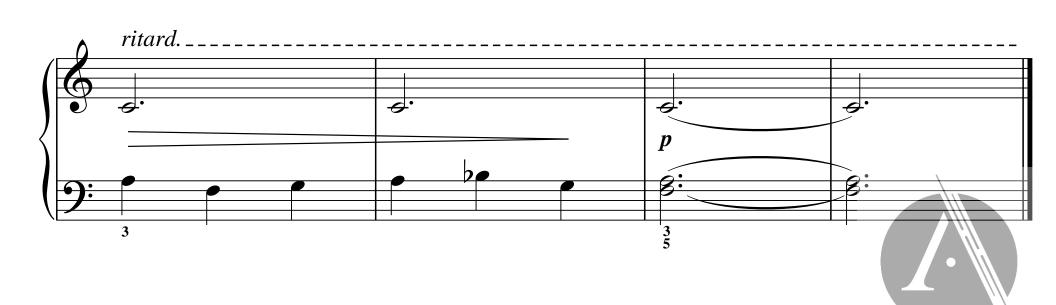
ONE, two, three, ONE, two, three... count for this song. A waltz is in triple time so keep the pulse strong!





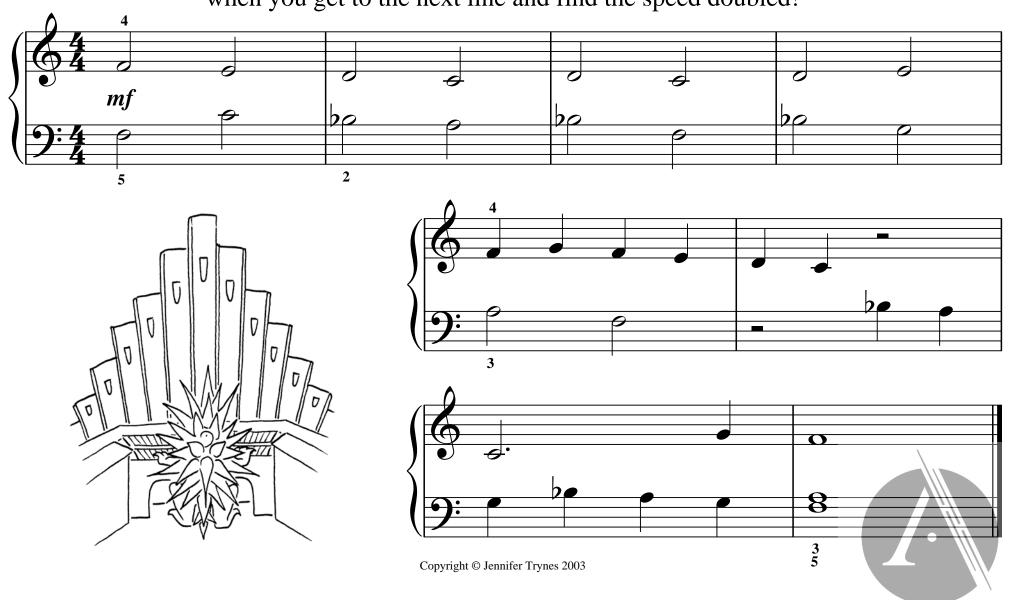
Something new in this piece is the word 'ritardando'. The short form you see is 'ritard'. The meaning is 'gradually becoming slower' so please don't confuse it with 'rit.'





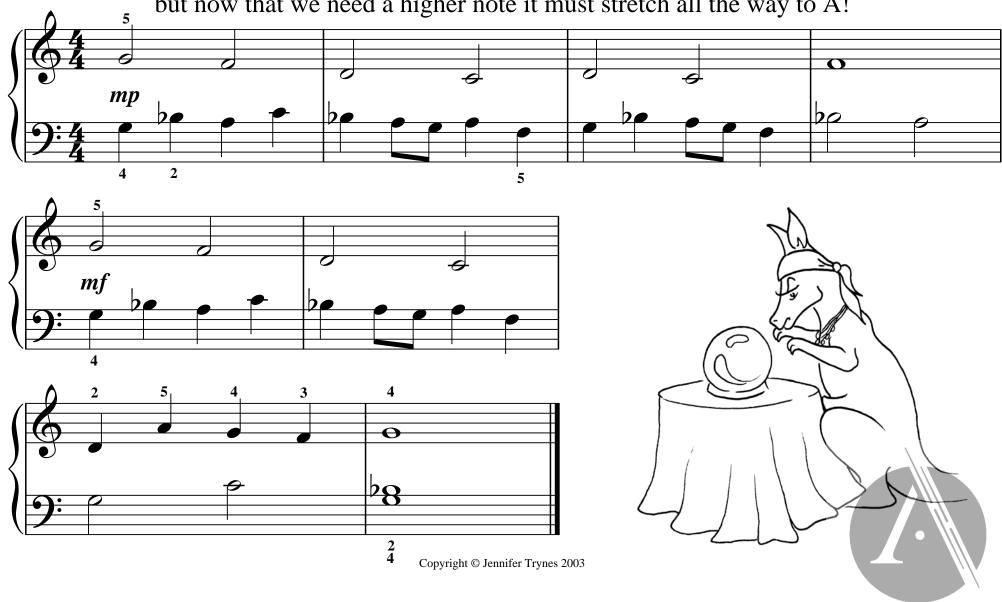
Church organ Don't start too fast as you may well have trouble

Don't start too fast as you may well have trouble when you get to the next line and find the speed doubled!



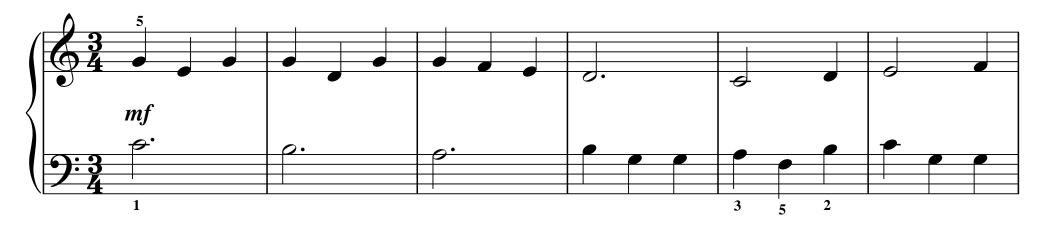
The gypsy

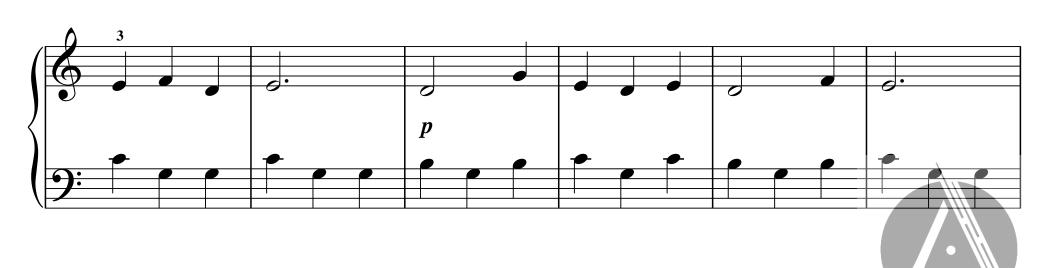
Up to this point the right hand 5th has always played the G, but now that we need a higher note it must stretch all the way to A!



Dotted minim dance

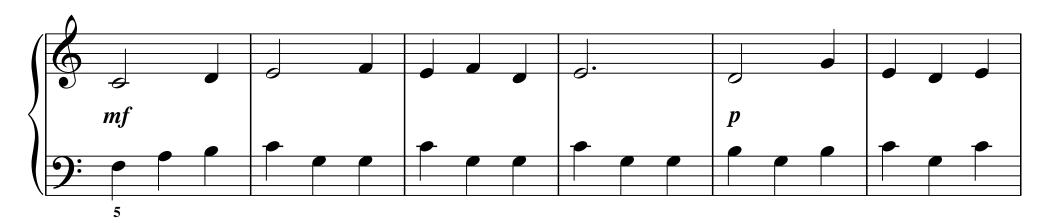
So far the 5th in the left has played F, but now you need to go lower...

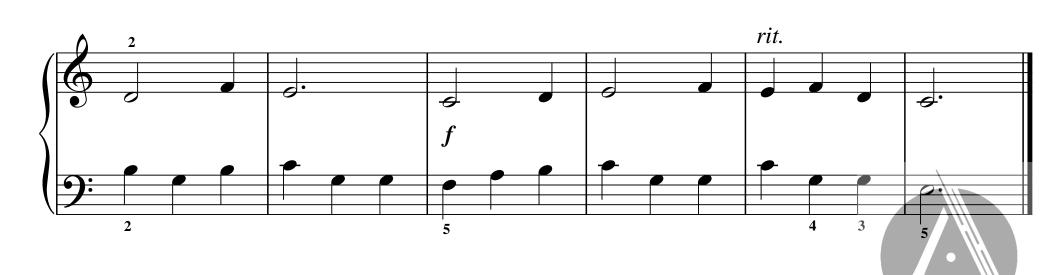




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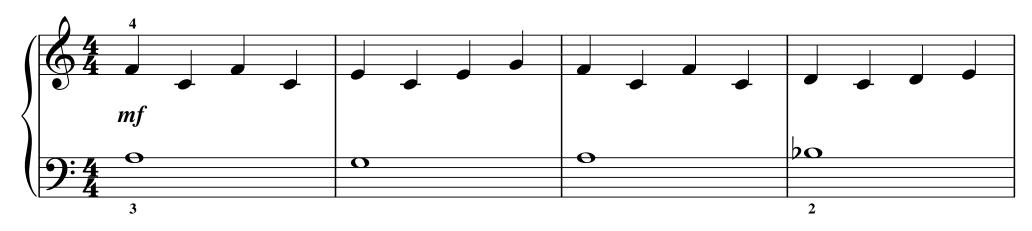
Take a step down - use the fingering you've found - and you'll be in the right place for E!

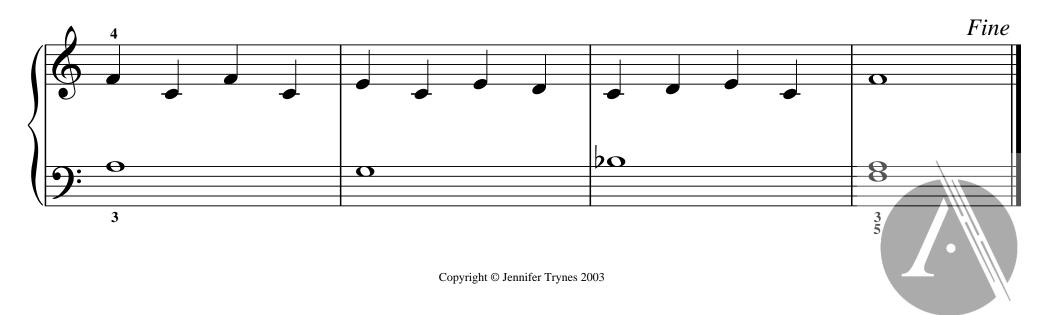




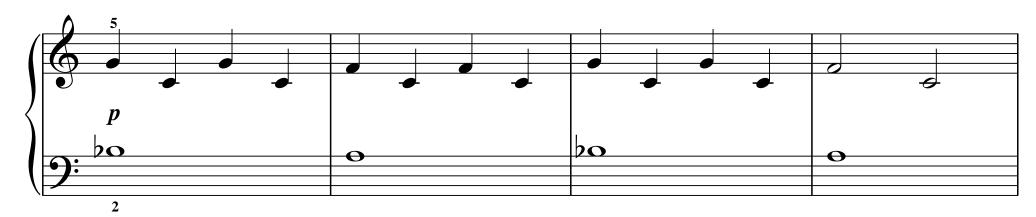
Pony ride

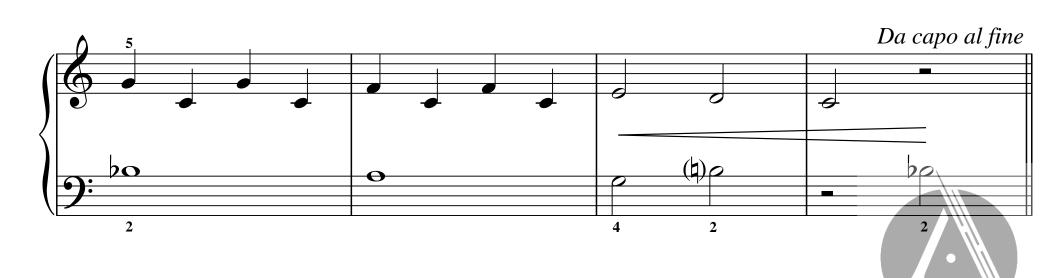
Here's a piece that's longer than it seems at just a glance. When you see 'Da capo al fine' you must go back to the start.





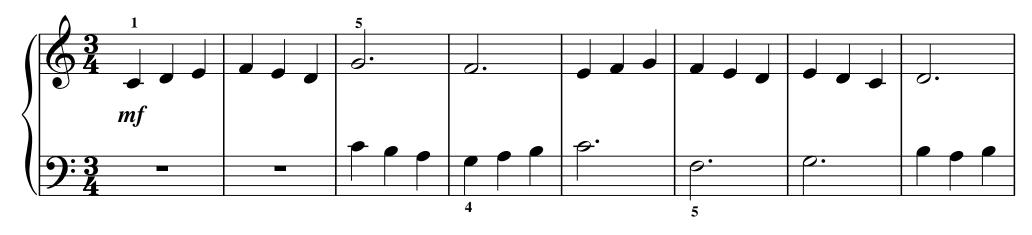
But don't go through to the end this time (just do the first page again). Look above the stave while you play as you need to end at 'Fine'.

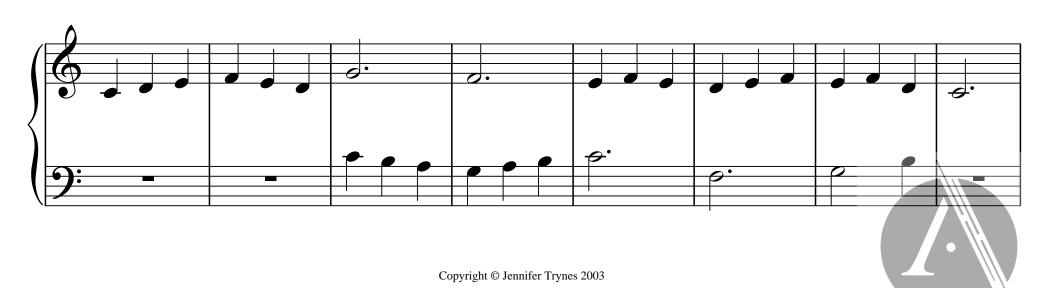




There and back again

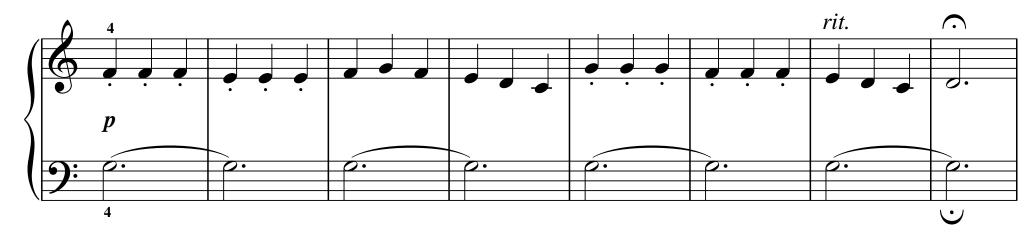
There are quite a few things to be learned in this piece. Firstly - \(\cdots \) - a pause mark - hold as long as you wish.





Often you'll find, after changes in speed, the direction 'a tempo' which means return to the speed that it was before, nothing less and nothing more.

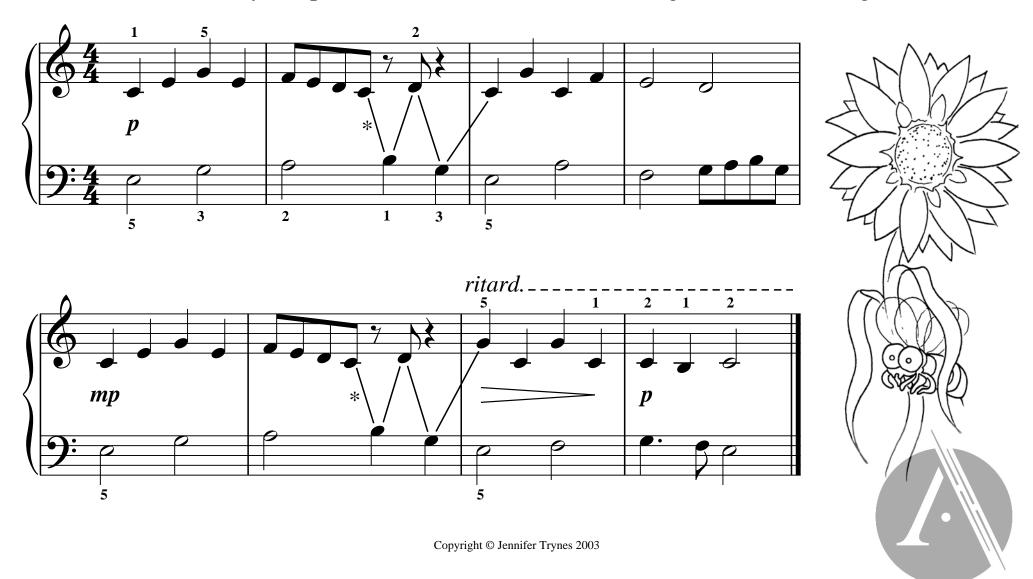
And there's a new trick for the right hand to try. It can step down to B if your fingering is right.





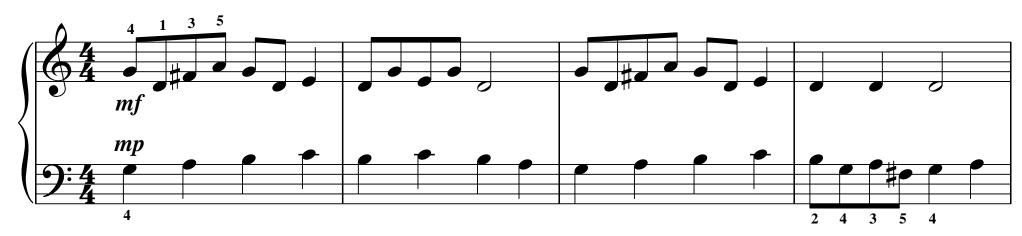
Sunflower

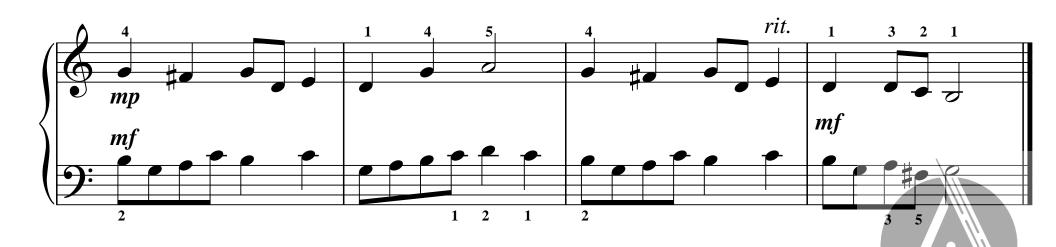
Though the melody mostly belongs to the treble please look at the end of *bar 2 and *bar 6. You'll notice the melody swaps back and forth. Make sure it sings clear whether right hand or left.



Breakfast in bed

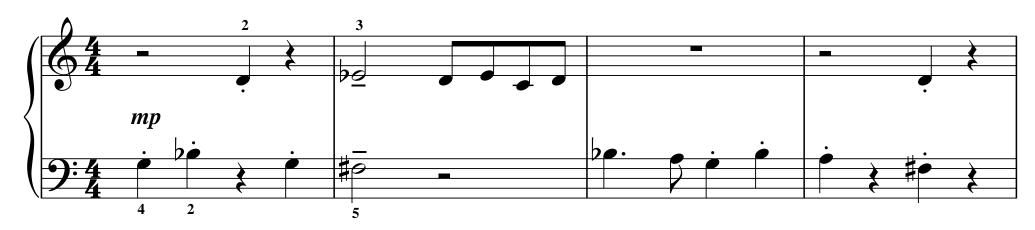
When the two hands have different dynamics there's really no reason to get in a panic. Think of which hand has the beautiful melody to stop the other one playing too heavily.

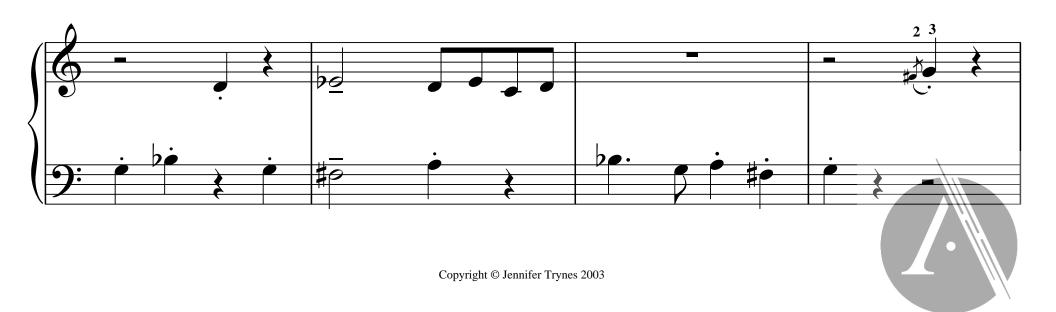


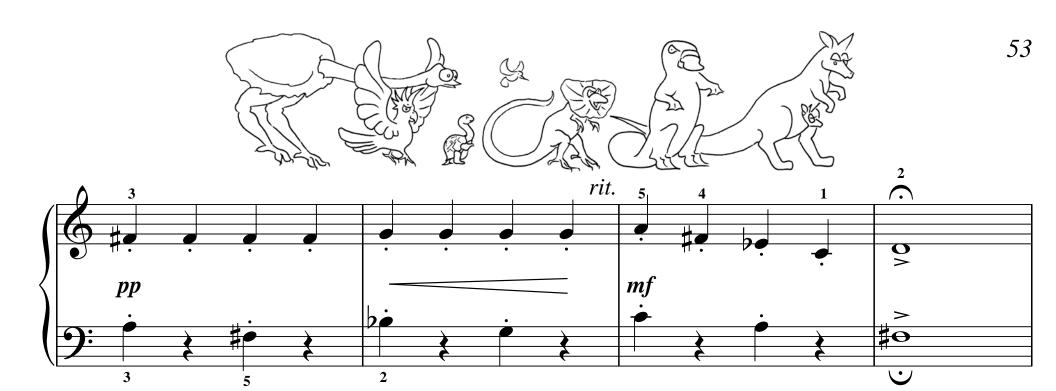


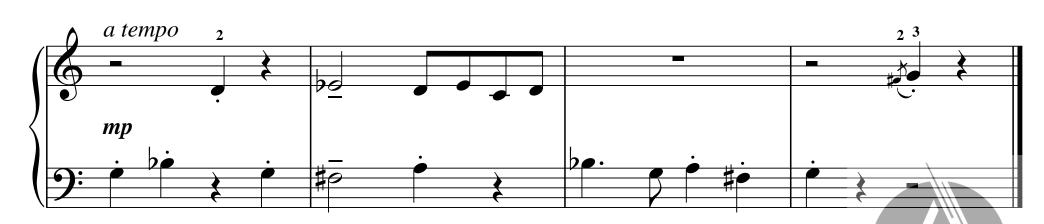
Tiptoe

This is a real recital piece with many more things to learn. Your teacher will help you understand and master each one in turn.









May I ask a favour of you though? It's the final word I'll say... Imagine sneaking through your house, tiptoes, each time you play!

With well over 20 years' teaching experience, both at her private studio and at Trinity Grammar School, Jennifer Trynes has evolved a system of carefully graded pieces in 5 books, entitled "Progressive Piano Series". These books lead the students step by step from absolute beginner to a level where they can move smoothly to AMEB studies or continue playing simply for pleasure. Students proceed eagerly from piece to piece learning a new concept or skill from each one.

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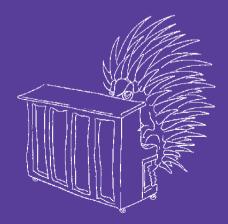
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