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F BRASS, G Clef





Inspired by the "Bayside Beginners' Music Camp", this collection of very easy tunes for a "first" concert performance, is playable by any size group with any combination of instruments.

Fingering diagrams, lyrics for songs and explanations of signs and terminology are included.

SOME ELEMENTARY TERMS AND SIGNS

STAVE - The five lines and four spaces in between which and upon which our music is written.

BAR LINES - the vertical lines which divide the stave into segments END BAR LINE - The very last one has an extra and thicker bar line. BAR - a segment of the stave between two bar lines. DOUBLE BAR LINE - to draw our attention to something extra special, two bar lines are drawn at the end of that bar. G (or Treble) Clef - It is an old way of writting the letter "G". Can you see the similarity to today's "*G*" or "g" Because it is drawn by starting around the 2nd. bottom line, this line is thus called G All other lines and spaces are named in alphabetical order using only the first seven letters - thus after G, we start again at A The names of the spaces For line names, remember the sentence spell the word FACE <u>Every Good Boy D</u>eserves <u>F</u>avour. CAN YOU MAKE UP SOME OTHERS? You can use your hand to help remember these names -Just like the stave has five lines, your hand has five fingers (including the thumb). Between these fingers there are four spaces - call them FA C E Therefore you have a "face" in your hand to help you remember the names of the lines and spaces TIME SIGNATURE - The two numbers, one above the other, at the beginning of the stave and after the Clef. The top number tells us the number of beats (or counts) in a bar and the bottom number tells us the value of each beat This is the most common time signature (four four). The top number 4 means that there are four beats (or counts) to a bar. The bottom number 4 refers to crotchets (because there are 4 crotchets in a semibreve) thus the value of each "beat" or "count" is one crotchet. When the bottom number is 4, the following shapes (notes) have the values shown -Semibreve (4 beats/counts), Minim (2 beats counts) Crotchet (1 beat/count)
Crotchet. Quaver (1/2 beat/count) Quaver. It make no difference whether the stem is up or down The tail of a quaver

starting on a beat is joined to the next quaver.

Notes for F Brass

Correct posture:

Sit on the front of the chair, feet flat on the floor, back and neck straight, face forward and, shoulders level.

Some Tutor books use the unison sound system which means that all instruments use notes that sound the same even though they are written differently. This however requires the F brass students to start to play on inappropriately difficult notes. Therefore, this tutor provides an alternative set of beginner notes that are more easily playable by students. This then gives another problem of the notes not sounding



the same as the other students. However, this is considered to be the "lesser of two evils". Be aware that for the time being, your notes will sound different but, as you learn more notes, they will start to have the same sound.

NB: The F Horn is played with the left fingers, not the right-hand fingers.

One of the big problems for brass is not only that you have to produce your own sound by vibrating through AKA Buzzing, your lips but also having the correct hand and/or figure positions. Correct embouchure is with the head level and, the mouthpiece coming straight out. The lips should be slightly curled inwards (say "wee um"), the corners of the mouth upwards (smile) and, the cheeks never puffing outwards. Now attach the instrument to the mouth piece.



This instrument is also a member of the Tuba sub-family of Brass instruments. This is because the diameter of most of the tubing is constantly getting wider, as opposed to the trumpet sub-family where the diameter is mainly constant. Having said that, the F Horn tubing expands at a very slow rate which, is why it responds better with its higher notes than with its lower notes.

The F horn is called a French horn because of its French hunting horn origins although, the modern instrument is now said to be more German than French.

Note the holding position. The head must face forward to open the throat and thus the instrument must be raised to match the level of the lips. The right hand is especially important to get correct. It often looks like the right hand is holding the instrument against the body but if fact, the back of the hand is pushing against the outer side of the bell and, holding the horn upwards.

Because of the weight, this becomes fatiguing so there is often a tendency to allow the horn to be incorrectly placed on the lap, on the leg or, on the chair. When you are not playing, lower it to a resting position as often as possible. The right hand supports the horn from inside the bell upwards and away from the body. The reason for this will be taught in future lessons.

The fingering seems different to the other brass instruments, but it is just that your notes are written an octave lower so, look at the other brass charts for 8 notes higher and you will see that it's the same. Notes that this is for the rotars/valves 1, 2, and 3. The 4th one behaves very differently to the fourth on other brass.



STAGE ONE

Learning and using the note Concert " B_{\flat} " (pronounced B Flat), the note shape Semi-Breve o and its value of four counts,

the Semi-breve rest shape, _ and its value of four counts (rest means silence), || End barline (the end of the music)

When most of our music ideas were being formalised, the main instrument was the Concert Piano. In addition, instrument makers had little commonality with the size of the instruments they made and, little commonality with the sounds made and, the names given to those notes. Some notes with the same name did not sound the same. All players had to know which note on the "Concert Piano", sounded the same as "C" on their own instrument. In this lesson, we will learn the note that sounds the same as B, on the piano i.e. ConcertB.

The term "Concert" means that even though your note may have a different name, the sound you make is the same as the note if played on a "Concert Piano". Some students' note is called "B^J" but some may have a note called C or G or F. They make the same sound as Concert B_b.

NO. 1.1 - FIRST NOTE - C - Concert F for F instruments. NB: Concert Bb is a difficult starting note for this instrument. Therefore a more suitable alternative has been chosen. Remember however, that it will not sound the same as the other instruments.



The hollow circles mean that the valve is up, coloured-in circles

mean that the valve is down.

This diagram is for a four valve instrument. If you only have three valves, just use the top three circles.

Because the semi-breve has been drawn with the "C" line going through it, it is asking us to play the note "C"

For the time being, the semi-breve is played for four full counts.

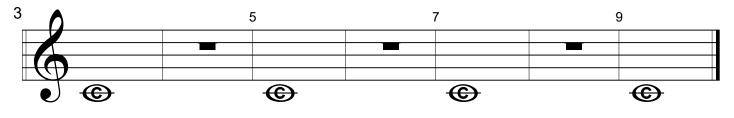
LEDGER LINE - (Not yet used on all instruments.) When we want to use notes that are higher or lower than the five lines in the stave, we draw just the part of the next line or lines that are needed. This additional part of a line is called a "ledger line".

NO. 1.2 - SEMI-BREVE REST



Note that the semi-breve rest shape is hanging (slung) below a Line. Note - "S" for Semi-breve, "S" for Slung. It has a value of four full counts of silence

NO. 1.3 - COMBINING NOTE AND REST



Rest Bar: When you play the above exercise, keep your fingers etc. in the playing position and, do not lower the instrument when playing the rest bar. You are going to have to bring it back up again and there is not enough time to re-position the instrument to the correct position.

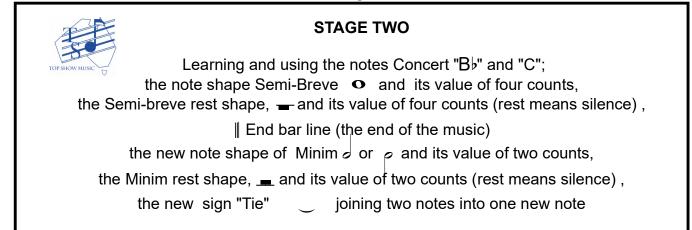
Posture: remember to maintain your correct posture -

- . Sit on the front of the chair with your feet on the floor and your back straight, face forward
- . Keep your shoulders level and, without twisting to the left or right
- . Keep your instrument level, vertical or, at the angle shown to you by your teacher
- . Maintain correct arm, hand and finger positions.

PRACTICE HINT 1 - 2

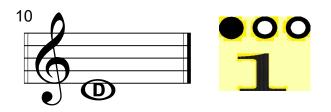
1- To play a note for four counts, don't forget to play the full value of the fourth count. If you stop at "four" you have only played three and a bit counts. To play four full counts, stop just as you are about to start number five.

2 - (For wind players) To develop your best playing sound, as well as playing the note for four counts, also play it as long as you can. Use a clock's second hand to time yourself.

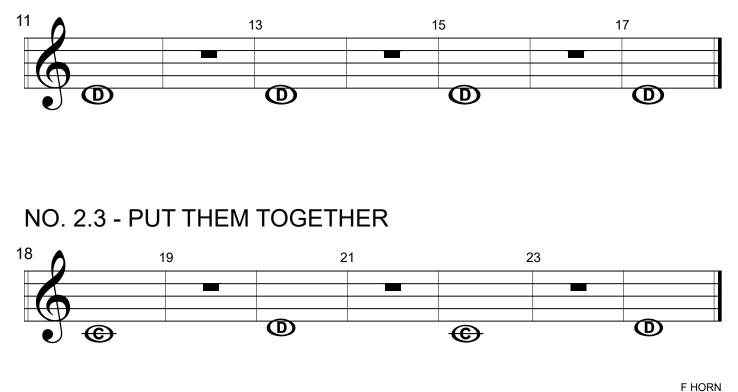


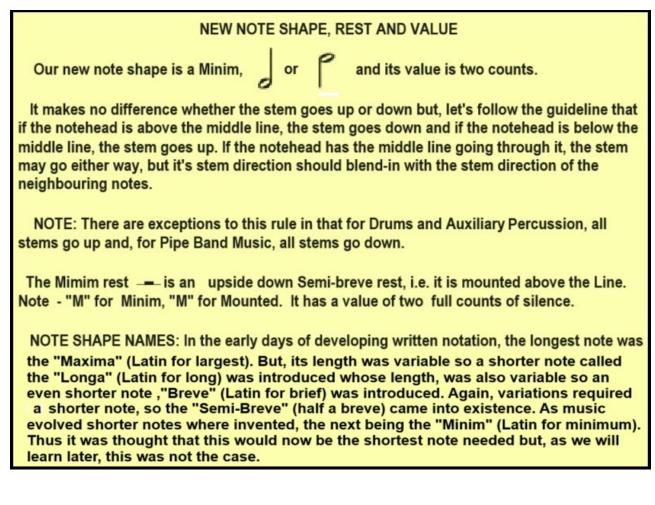
NO. 2.1 - SECOND NOTE -D

(Concert G for F instruments)



NO. 2.2 - NEW NOTE AND REST.





NO. 2.4 - PLAYING MINIMS -



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TIE

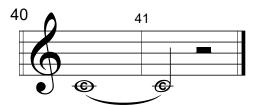
A tie is a musical plus sign which is used to add two notes together to make one new note.

A tie is a way of making new notes of different lengths than the single notes we know. It also allows us to make notes that start in one bar and finish in another bar. The sign for a tie is just a curved line _____ which joins the two notes together.

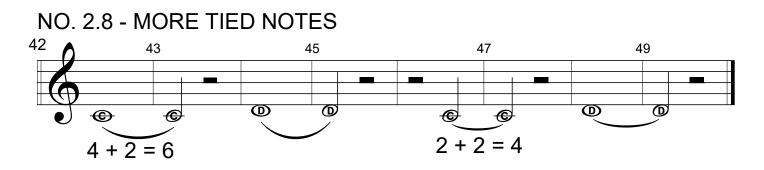
Before you play this exercise, write the new count value of the tied notes.

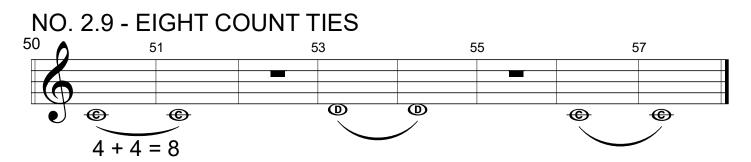
NB: If you have accidentals (sharps or flats) on the first note of a tied pair, the accidental applies to the second note also. Remember, the tie creates one new note therefore, the accidental does not need to show on the second of the tied notes.

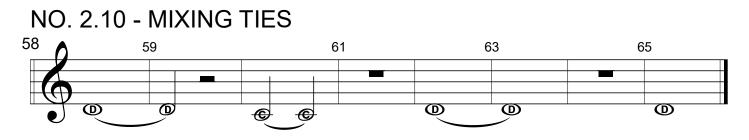
NO. 2.7 - TWO NOTES TIED



4 counts + 2 counts = 6 counts







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STAGE THREE

Using the notes Concert B[,], C and the new note D

the values Semi-Breve (• = four counts), its equivalent rest shape, (•) Minim (• = two counts) and its equivalent rest (-•)

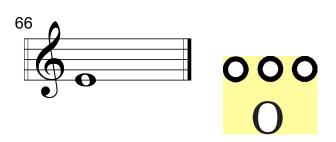
the new shape and value of Crotchet (\bullet or \bullet = one count), and its rest shape \clubsuit

Breath mark (breathe only where this mark is), and the word "phrase" - a musical thought.

Ties, the new technique -Slurs and, the new terms Tutti (whole band or group), Soli (a smaller section of the Band or group), Solo (by yourself) and Tacet (don't play)

Double Barline - something is changing Lyrics (words) - sing, as well as play the tunes that have words.

NO. 3.1 - NEXT NOTE - E (Concert A for F Horn)

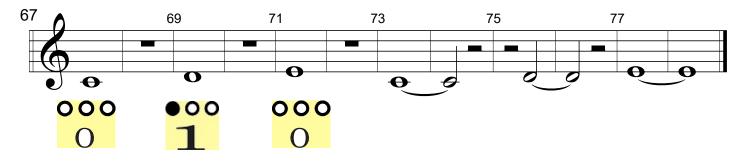


PRACTICE HINT 3 - WARM-UP

A warm up to a musician is just as important as a warm-up is to an athlete. Before you start any playing session, you need to give your body, your mind and, your instrument, a warm-up session to get all things operating better. A good, life long skill is that every playing session should now commence by playing the note at lesson 1, slow and gentle. Then more notes maybe included, stonger and faster.

Warm-ups in this book not only help to prepare for the coming lesson or practice session, but also revise the teaching points we have already learnt.

NO. 3.2 - WARM-UP 1 and, REVISION



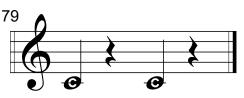
NEW NOTE SHAPE AND VALUE

Our new shape is a Crotchet, or o and, its rest shape 1 It has a value of

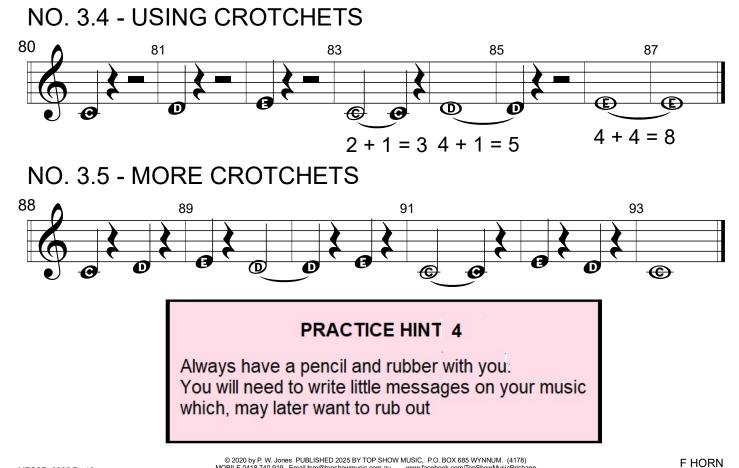
one count. Again, it makes no difference whether the stem goes up or down.

SHAPE NAME MEANING: When it was decided that a shorter note shape was needed, it was originally given the Latin name "Semiminima" (Semi meaning half, therefore half minim). Also, all previous notes were hollow and as this was the first time that the note shape had been filled in, it also had the names "Negra" or " Noire". However it also reminded people of a small hook, so the French word "Crotchet" (meaning small hook) predominated. This is also the same place we get the name "crochet needle".

NO. 3.3 - ONE COUNT NOTE AND ONE COUNT REST.



Remember that to play a one count note properly, you must play up to the next count i.e. two.



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SLURS

We have learnt that a Tie joins two notes of the same pitch (same name) together to make one new note.

A Slur is a special tie which joins two or more, different notes. A slur still forms one new note whose length is equal to the sum of the lengths of the notes that are slured, except that the note changes sound at the joining point.

The sign for a slur is just a curved line, the same as for a tie — It makes no difference if the curved line goes under or over.

In number **3.6** below, the first two minums are played as one note of four counts but change the fingering after the first two counts have been played.

The next slur, two crotchets and a minim add up to four counts, but the fingers/postion change after the first count and then, after the second count.

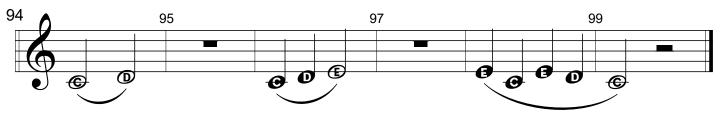
For the last slur, the total of the notes is six counts with four finger/position changes.

FOR PIANO/KEYBOARD: The way to acheive a slur as best as possible is to make sure that when the second note is played, the first note is not released until the second note has sounded.

FOR PERCUSSION, the slur has no effect but is shown for education purposes.

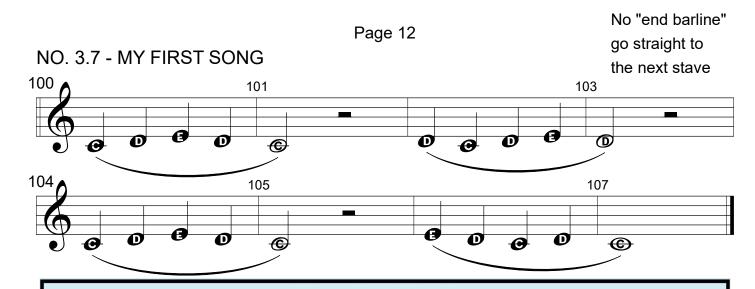
FOR STRING BASS: Change the left hand but do not pluck the slurred to note. This however, only works when the notes to be slurred are on the same string.

NO. 3.6 - SLURRING



EXTRA STAVE

Just like the words in books, music doesn't always fit on the one stave (line) and we have to use extra staves below the first stave. When music is continued on the next stave, there is no "end barline" which therefore means go straight on to the next stave.



BREATH MARK and PHRASE

A phrase in music is the same as in normal speaking, singing, reading and poetry. When we speak or sing, we often can't fit all the words into one breath and have to find a place in the music or words to take a breath.

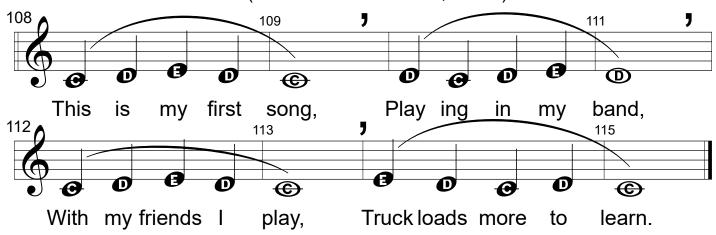
The group of words or the notes between breaths is called a "PHRASE". Putting the breath in the right place is called "PHRASING".

In music we indicate a place to breathe by placing a comma () above and just after the note we play before breathing.

Notice that the end of each phrase in No. 3.7seems ugly and short. To fix this, the last note needs to be a four count note, but now 32 beats without a breath is too long. Lets take a breath after each two bars

LYRICS

To be able to play music as best as possible, it is most important to know the story that goes with that music. Although, some music does not have a story, most music with a story has lyrics. So if music does have lyrics, it is important to learn the lyrics and, be able to sing them as well. Doing this will empower you to play the music with greater passion and, accuracy.



NO. 3.8 - MY FIRST SONG (With breath marks and, words)

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F HORN

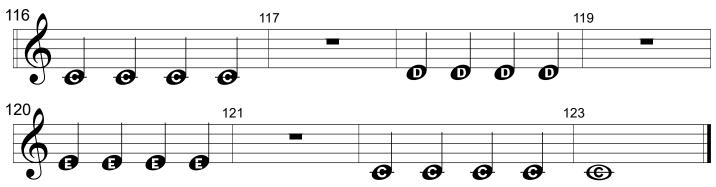
TONGUING

On many occasions, the next note is the same as the note we just played. If we slur the second note, it just makes the first note longer, therefore, we must re-start the next note. We do this by "tapping" the back of the lips (or reed) with the tongue. Doing this is called "Tonguing", even though for percussion, you just restrike the note.

It is very important to make sure that you do not stop the airflow while doing this and, NEVER take a breath at the same time. If we do this we are breaking the phrase.

Always wait for the breath mark to take the breath. When tonguing, think of the word "toe" which will help keep the throat open and the air flowing. The next exercise has four crotchets in a row so therefore think "Toe Toe Toe Toe".

NO. 3.9 - FOUR IN A ROW



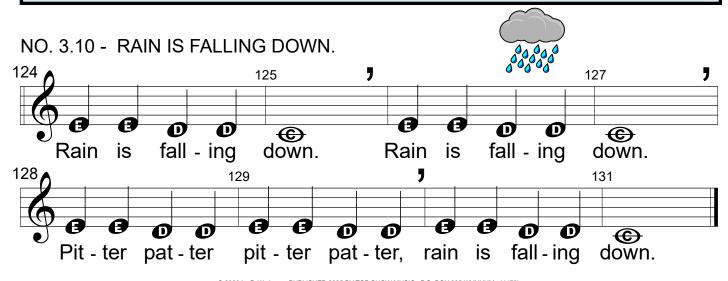
TONGUING AND CHANGING NOTES

One of the great uses of slurring is to show singers that the next note is part of the word of syllable already being sung. Therefore, if there is a new word of syllable, the note should not be slurred but tongued instead. It is also common to change the note at the same time.

In the next song, all notes have a new word of syllable, therfore every note is to be tongued.

NB: for practice purposes, we will still have some slurs that cover word or syllable changes

REMEMBER, do not stop the air flow or breathe until you get to the breath mark - TOE TOE TOE TOE



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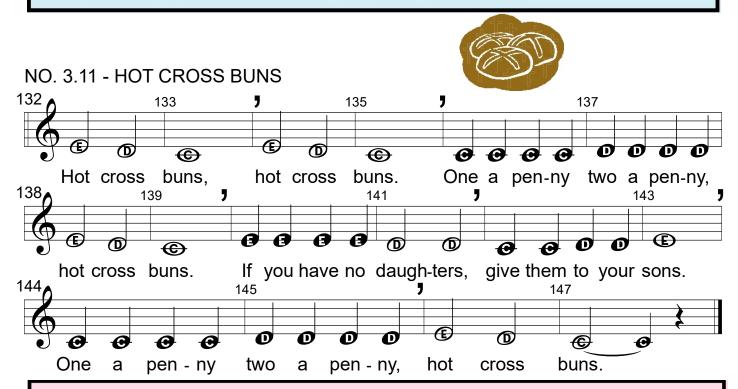
ACCIDENTAL RULE:

NOTE - some instruments are not yet using flats.

For those players using flats, In bar 144, the flat sign has been placed in front of only the first of the "B"s. From now on we will have a rule that for each bar, the flat sign is only placed in front of the first of the notes that are the same.

ACCIDENTAL RULE 1: Once a flat sign has been placed in a bar, it refers to all subsequent notes on the same line or space and, is cancelled by the next Bar Line.

ALSO Rule 2 (Look back at EX 3.2 & 3.4) When a note with an accidental is "tied" to the next note, the Accidental does not have to be rewritten, even if there is a barline between them, because, they are joined to make one new note.



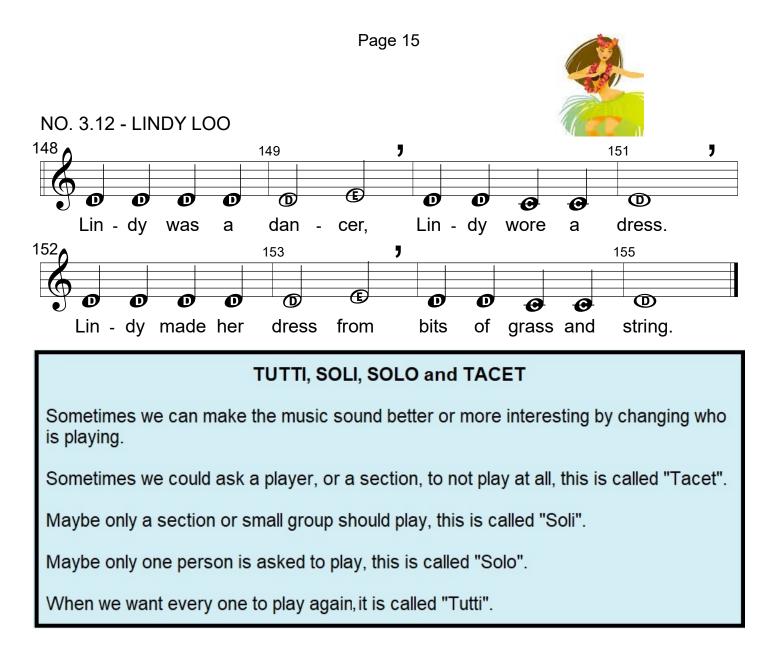
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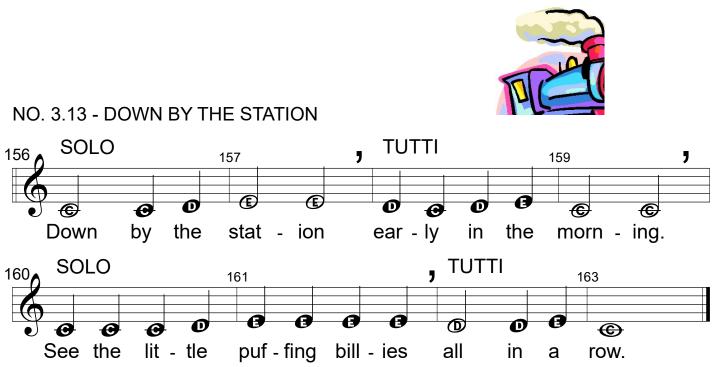
5. (For Wind Instruments) - Remember to think of saying "toe toe" when you play consecutive tongued notes. By doing this, the tongue, the throat and the air flow should all work correctly. Remember that when there is nothing on the music to indicate that there is a gap between these notes, we should not hear one. Remember also, that to hear all of the word attached to any note, we must play all of the note not just the start of the note

6. Before playing any tune, have a quick look for the elements used. e.g. which notes, which note value, changing notes with or without a rest and with or without ties and slurs.

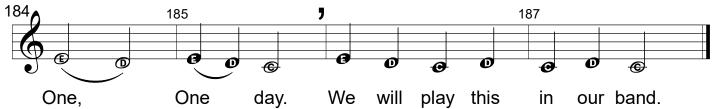
7. Just like has been done in "Rain is Falling Down", when playing music that has words, always place a breath mark at the same place as there is a comma, or full stop, in the words.

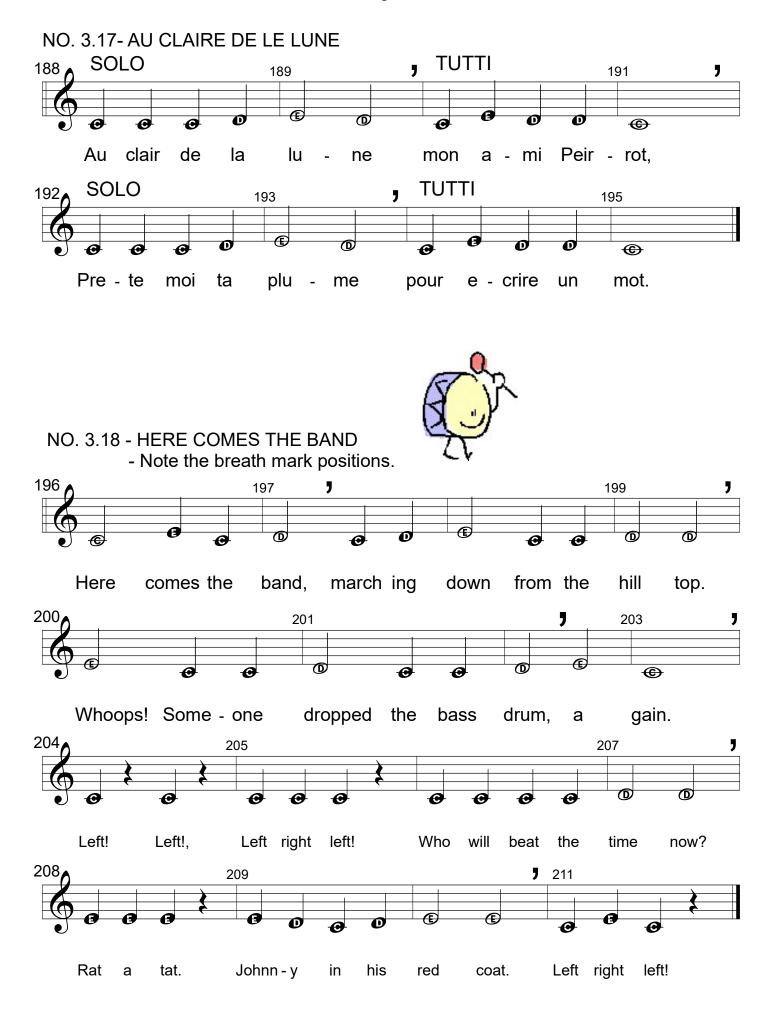
8. When taking a breath, try to make the gap that you must have, as small a possible and, always start the next note at the right place.







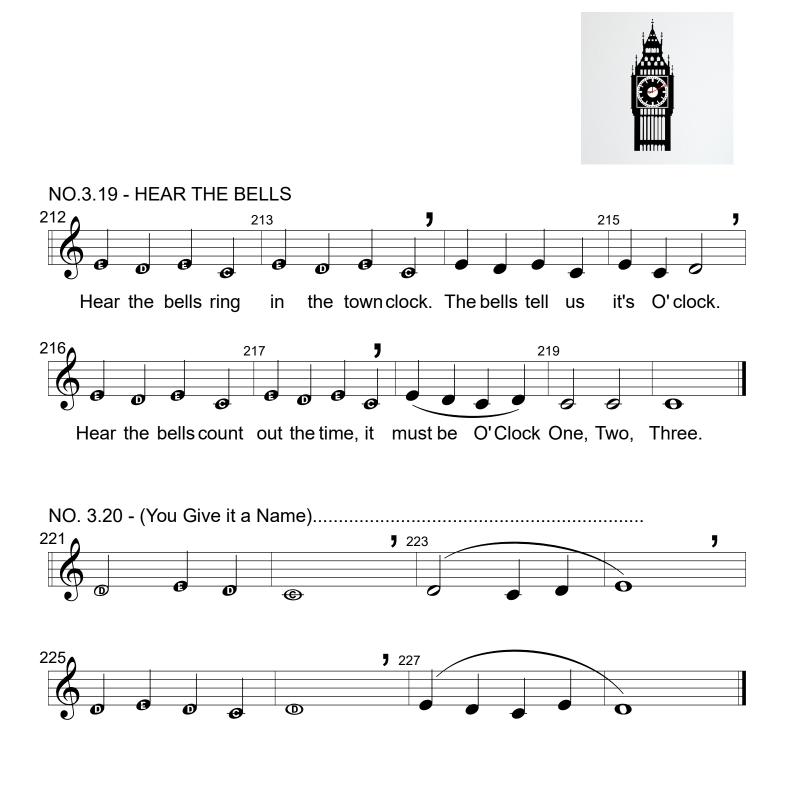




ALPHA NOTES

So far we have been able to see the name of a note which is written inside the note. This has been useful but, it is not the usual way of writing music. We should all be able to recognise each note by its position on the stave.

From here onwards, we will start to delete the Alpha Notes and, replace them with standard notes

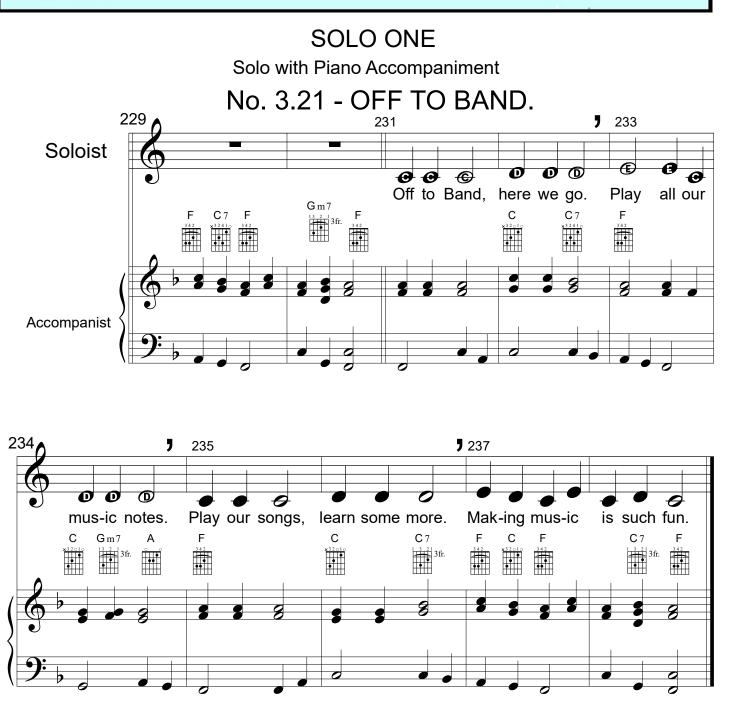


PIANO ACCOMPANIED SOLOS

A common method of performing a whole piece as a solo is to have a backing part which is played as an accompaniment part to the solo part. The most common method is to have a piano player (pianist) play the backing part. The pianist is said to accompany the soloist.

It is also becoming common for the accompaniment to be played digitally as e.g. a CD, lpad or MP3 file. The accompaniment may also be played by a guitarist which is why Guitar Chords are also shown on the piano part.

It is also common for the solo part and accompaniment to be shown on the one part so that both players can see what the other player is doing. It is also common for the accompaniment to play a short passage before the soloist starts playing. This is called an Introduction and has been done for the the piano accompanied solos at Numbers 3.21, 3.23 and 3.25.



MEDLEY

A Medley is a group of tunes or songs, played one after the other, to form one larger piece of music.

REHEARSAL MARKS

You will in this medley, see some alpha characters in boxes, These are called "Rehearsal Marks". Bar numbers show exactely which bar we may be discussing, but as our tunes get longer, it is sometimes guicker to identify a section of the music by using these alpha reference boxes.

NO. 3.22 - FIRST CONCERT MEDLEY

My First Song, When I make My Music, Down by the Station, Hot Cross Buns.





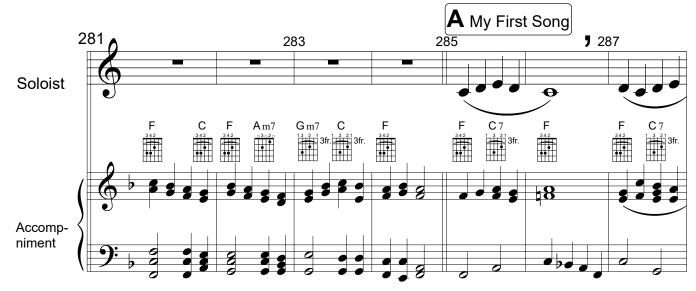
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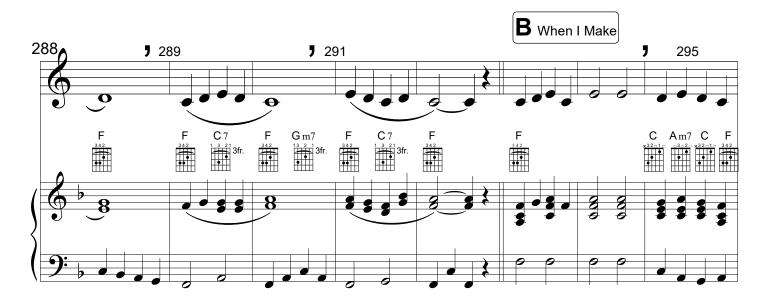
You may have noticed that at the begining of each tune or song, there are two barlines. This is called a double barline and is different to an end barline. The double barline indicates that something is changing. In number 3.21, you should have noticed the double barline where you start to play. In numbers 3.22 & 3.23, there are several double barlines which, in this case indicate the end of one song and the start of another.

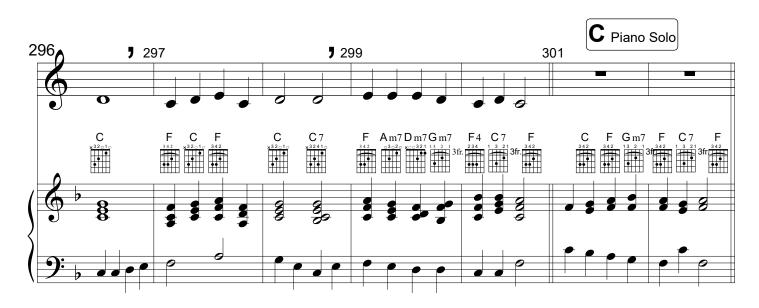
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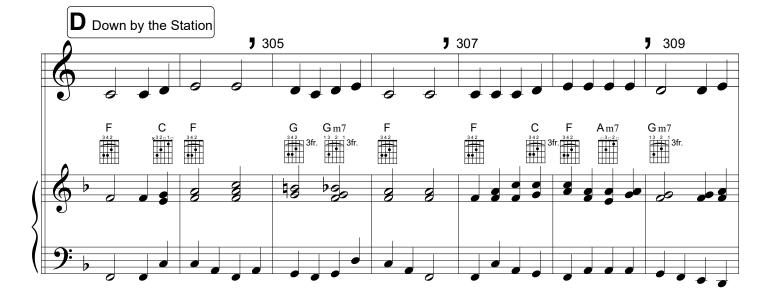
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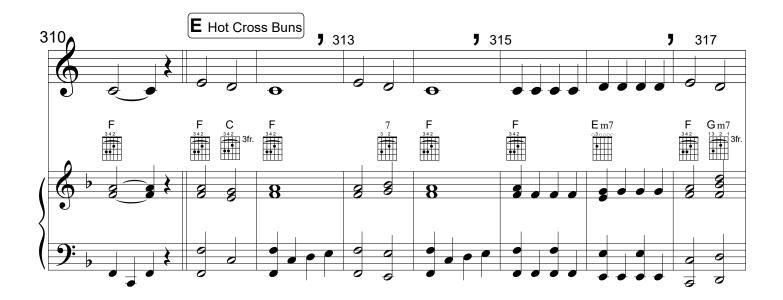
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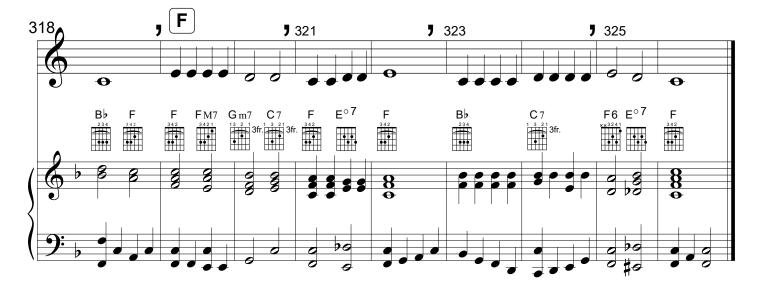


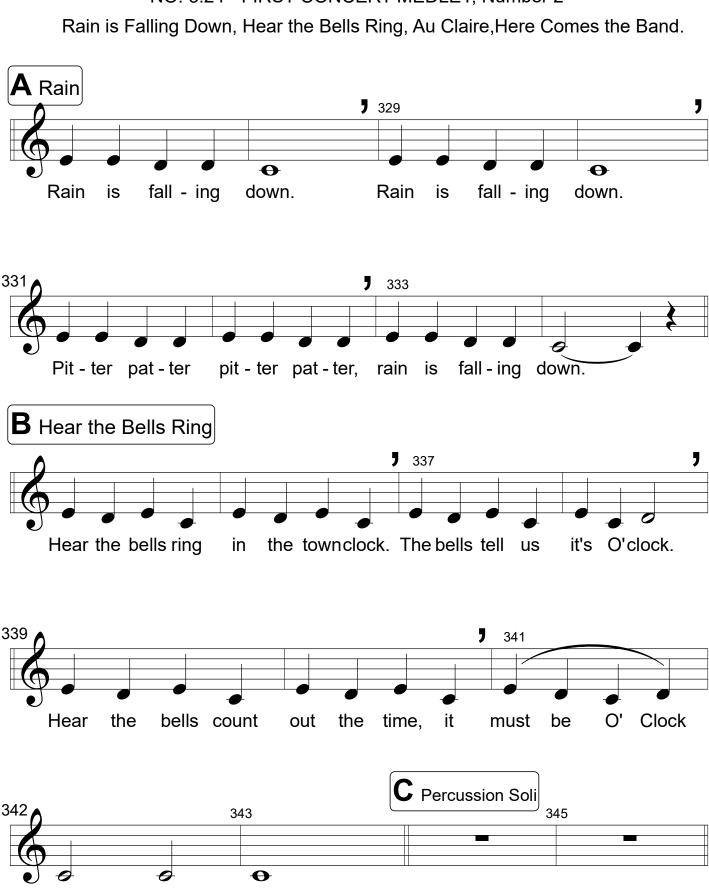












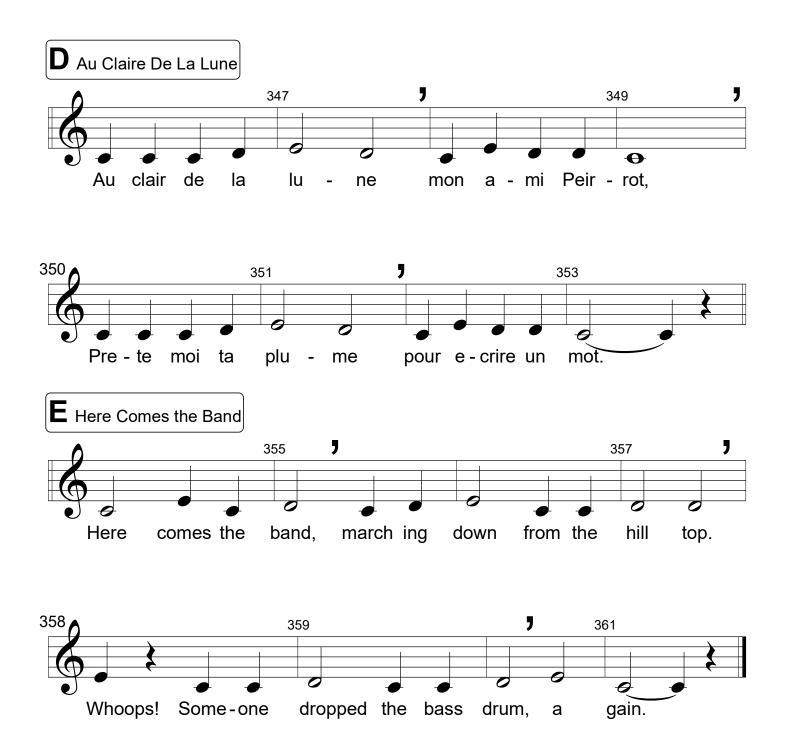
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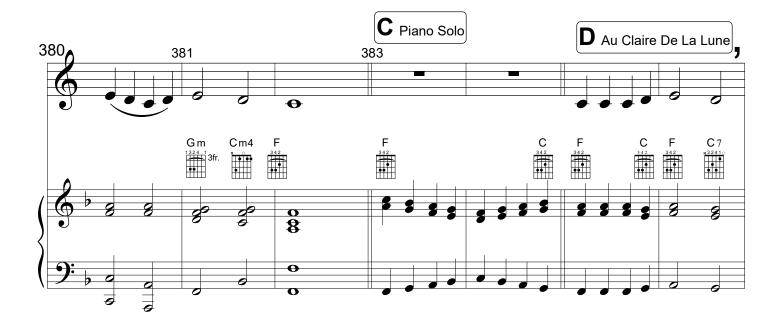
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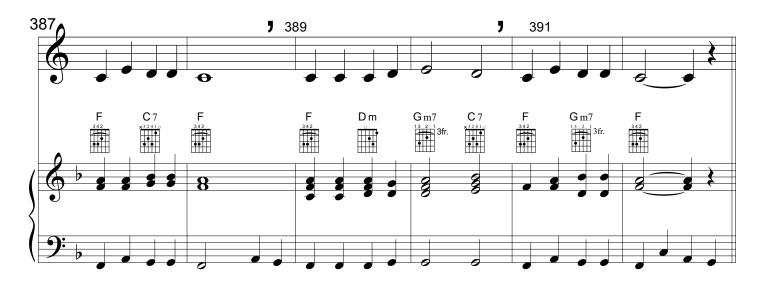


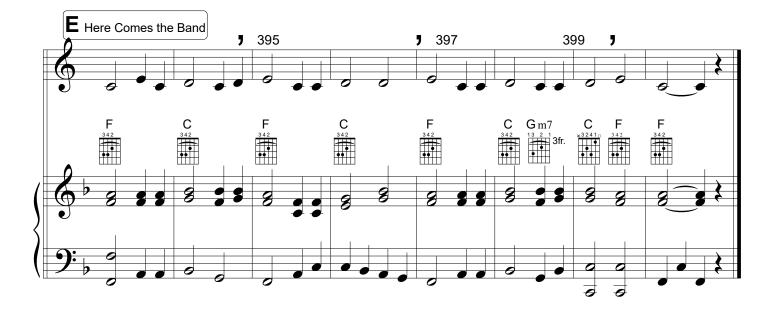




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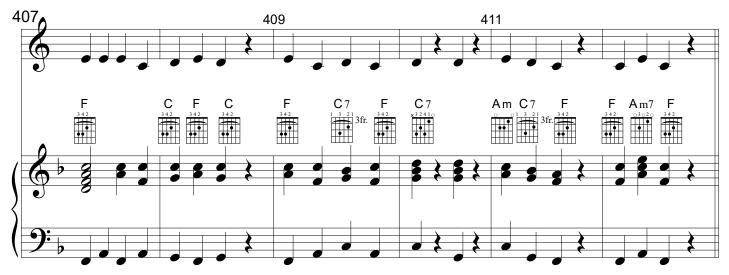


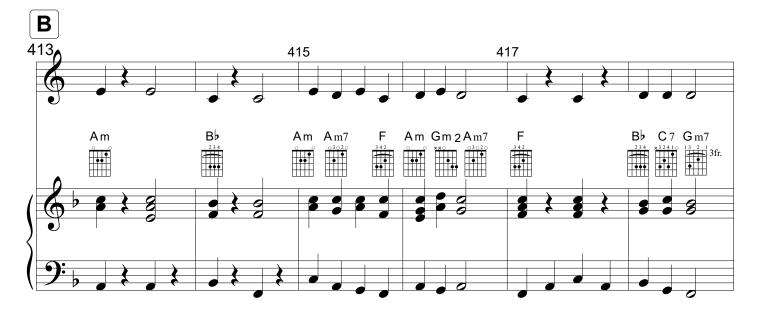


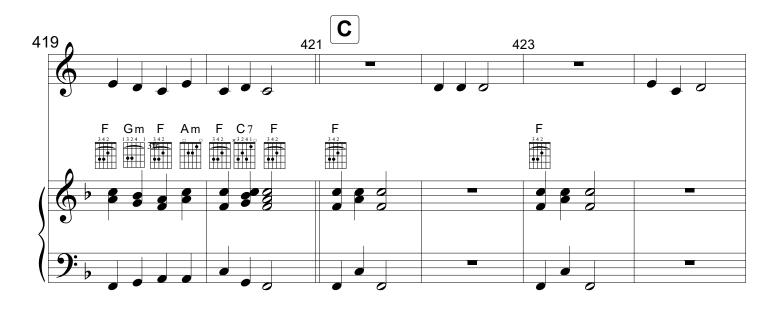


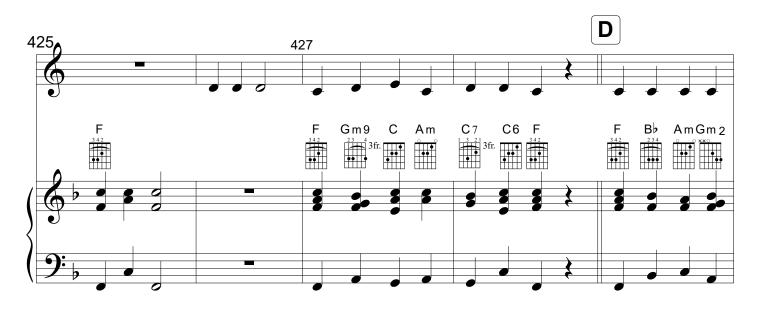


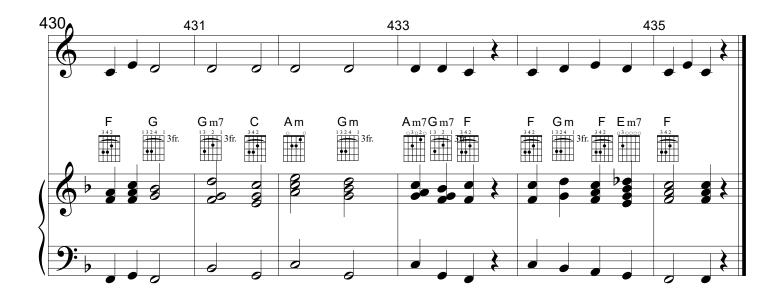




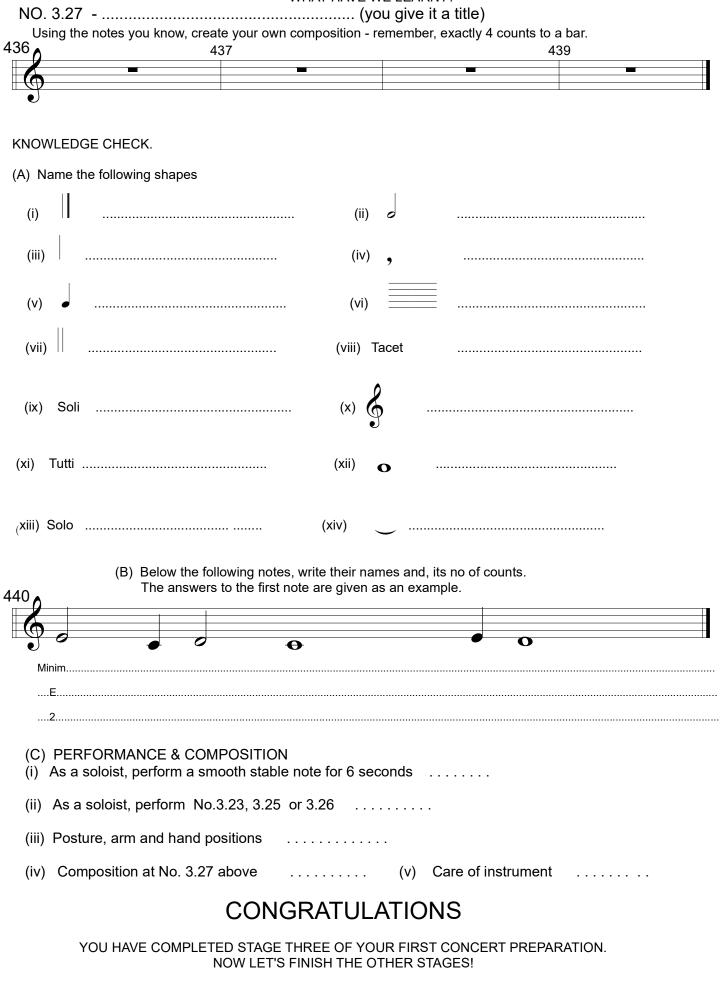








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