Alfred's

Music for Little Mozarts

A Piano Course to Bring Out the Music in Every Young Child Ages 4, 5 and 6

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Music for Little Mozarts has four levels. Most students complete the series in approximately two years. Three correlating books at each level guide the children through a comprehensive approach to learning music.

Music Lesson Books introduce students to new musical concepts as they follow the story of Beethoven Bear™, Mozart Mouse and their Music Friends[™]. Piano pieces are sequentially introduced throughout the story adventure.

Music Workbooks contain pages to color that reinforce the musical concepts introduced in the Music Lesson Books.

Music Discovery Books feature songs that allow students to experience music through singing, movement and response to rhythm patterns. Also included are music appreciation activities and melodies to sing that aid in matching pitch while discovering tonal elements of music.

Beethoven Bear, Mozart Mouse and Music Friends plush toys stimulate the student's imagination, a necessary component for teaching young children.

Music Recital Books include motivational music to reinforce performance concepts that are introduced in the Music Lesson Books. They also provide extra material for students in group lessons who move quickly. Each book includes a new story about the Music Friends and challenge pieces based on familiar folk tunes.

Compact Discs include all of the music in the Music Lesson Book and Music Discovery Book, as well as the narration for the story. Use of the recordings of the Music Lesson and Music Discovery Books is essential to achieve the goals of the course.

Teacher's Handbooks include suggested lesson plans and guidance in curriculum development. A special section provides practical teaching tips for using the Music Discovery Book.

New Concepts in Music Lesson Book 3:

New Concepts in Music Lesson Book 4:

Treble Clef Notes (

Bass Clef Notes ()

Intervals: 2nds, 3rds, 4ths, 5ths

Melodic and Harmonic Intervals

Playing Hands Together

Concepts Presented in Music for Little Mozarts

New Concepts in Music Lesson Book 1:

How to Sit at the Piano

Hand Position

Low and High Sounds

Moving Up and Down the Keyboard

Loud Sounds (f) and Soft Sounds (p)

Finger Numbers

2 Black Keys

Quarter Note ()

Bar Lines and Double Bar

3 Black Keys

Quarter Rest (\$\)

Repeat Sign

Keys on the Keyboard (D, C, E, B, A)

Half Note ()

Whole Note (**o**)

Whole Rest (**→**)

Half Rest (-) Bass Clef Notes ()

Flat Sign (b)

Staccato

f-p

Legato, Slur

Sharp Sign (#)

Tied Notes

Crescendo (—)

Diminuendo (______)

New Concepts in Music Lesson Book 2:

Dotted Half Note (0.)

Keys on the Keyboard (F, G)

Time Signatures $(\frac{4}{4}, \frac{3}{4})$

Mezzo Forte (mf)

Line Notes and Space Notes

Treble Clef

Steps and Skips

Treble Clef Notes



Bass Clef

Bass Clef Notes



Grand Staff



Upon completion of the fourth level of the Music for Little Mozarts series, students should continue piano study in Alfred's Basic Piano Library, Prep Course, Level C, or Alfred's Premier Piano Course, Level 1B.

Correlation of Materials



Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse and the Musical Argument

Once upon a time, there was a large house where a family with children just about your age lived. In that house, there was a wonderful playroom filled with every kind of toy imaginable. There were dolls and books, trains and trucks, puzzles and crayons and even a trunk with clothes for playing make believe. The children who lived in the house loved playing in this room. But of all the toys they had, their favorite ones were a little stuffed bear and a little stuffed mouse. Their names were

Everyone knows that children play with toys. But do you know what toys do when children are not around? They play too! All of the toys played with one another in the playroom when the family was not at home. Well... all of them, that is, except Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse. When the family was away, they would sneak out of the playroom to their favorite place in the house—the Music Room!

Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse.

Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse thought that the Music Room was the most special place in the whole house. It had shelves from floor to ceiling filled with music and books about music. There were cozy chairs and a sofa where the family sat as the children performed. But the very best thing in the whole room according to the little bear and mouse was the piano. They could not wait to hop on the keys and make beautiful sounds.

When the house was empty (except for the toys, of course!), Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse would creep out of the playroom and go to their favorite spot, the Music Room.

As they hurried down the stairs, Beethoven Bear would sometimes say to Mozart Mouse, "I can't wait to play some low sounds!"

Mozart Mouse would reply, "I like high sounds the best!"

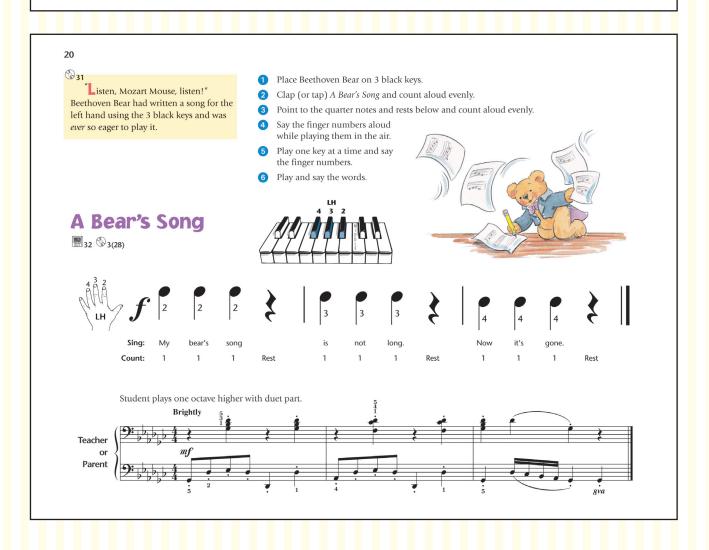
"No!" Beethoven Bear would argue. "Low sounds are best. They are perfect for a bear like me"

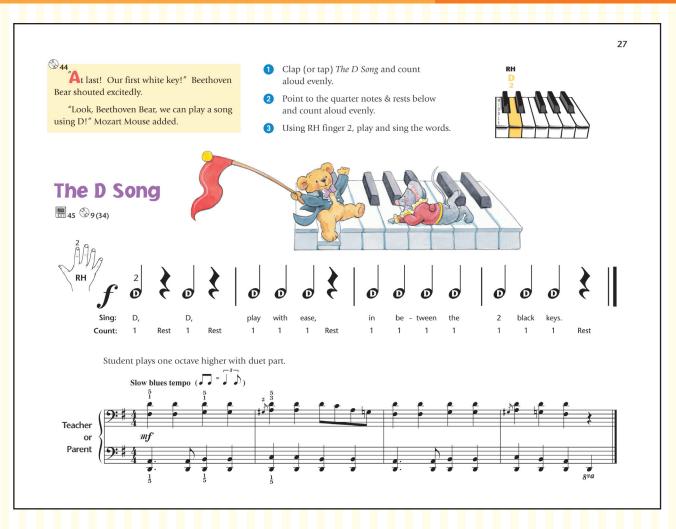
"No!" Mozart Mouse would reply. "The high sounds are perfect for a mouse like me."

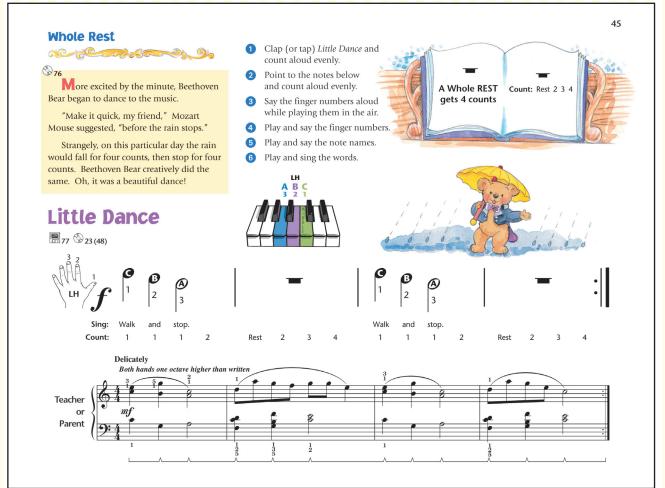
And so went the argument that Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse had many times when they played in the Music Room. When they weren't arguing, they would take a peek in the big book that was always left open on the music rack of the piano. "This must be a Magical Music Book," said Beethoven Bear. Mozart Mouse added, "It is simply wonderful! We can learn so many things from this book."

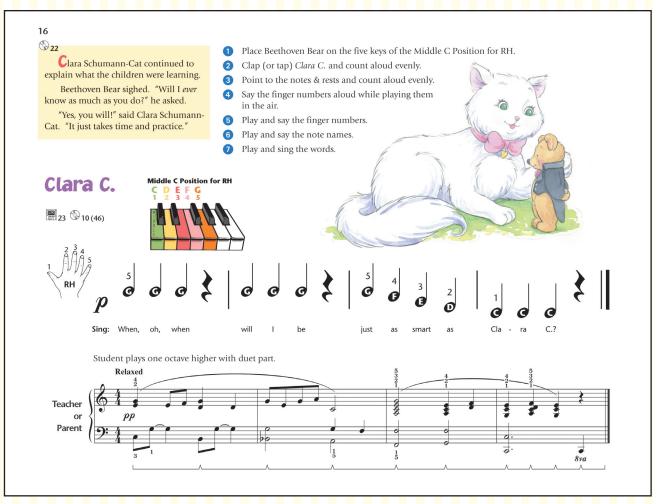
You can help Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse discover many exciting things about music by following the pages through the Music for Little Mozarts series. Let your musical adventure begin so you can share your favorite sounds with Beethoven Bear, Mozart Mouse, your friends and your family.

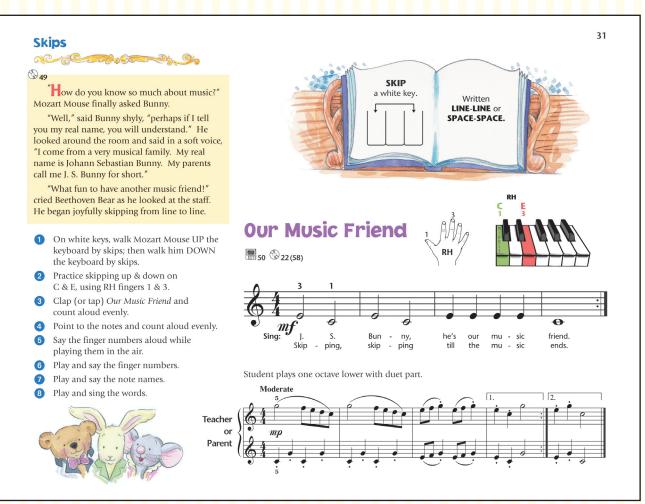


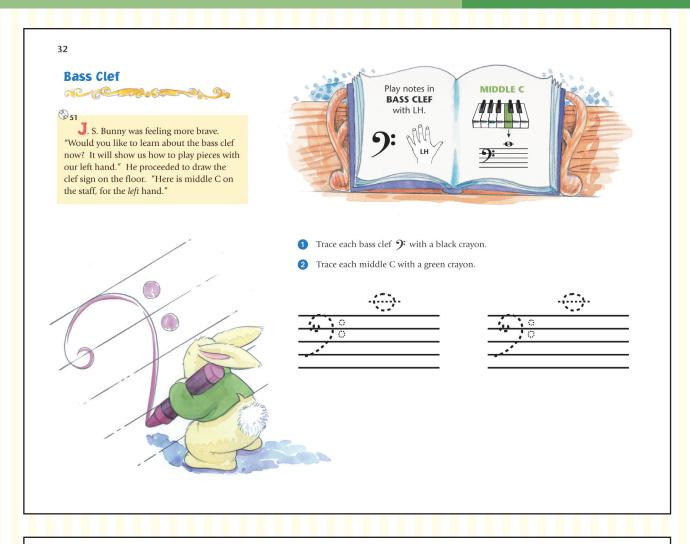


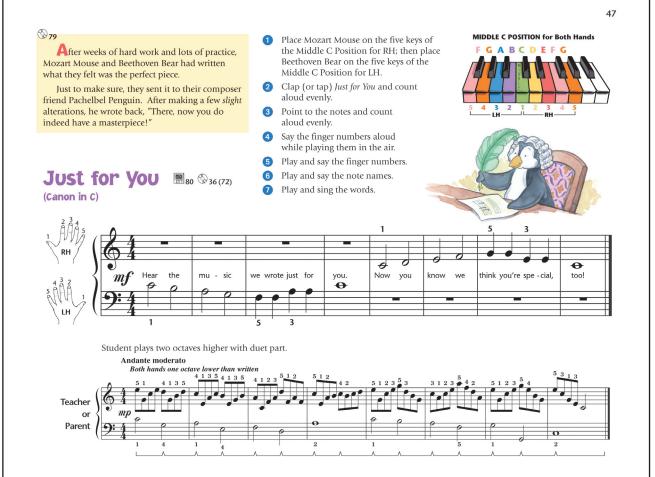












32 **\$**56 1 Clap (or tap) Beethoven Bear's Amazing Trick and count aloud evenly. Beethoven Bear was having so much 2 Point to the notes and count aloud evenly. fun that he forgot all about being hungry. 3 Play finger numbers in the air and count aloud evenly. But he did want to have a turn playing Play and say note names for each single note; say interval numbers melodic and harmonic intervals. for each harmonic interval. "Watch this trick," he said to Mozart Mouse and Nannerl. "I am going to play 6 Play and sing the words. harmonic intervals with my left hand and melodic intervals with my right hand." **Beethoven Bear's Amazing Trick C** Position 57 28 (70) Watch ver - v care - ful - ly, left hand plays two keys, then my right hand plays Fun! First fin - gers and then fin-gers right hand 5, slide down to and Done! Student plays one octave higher with duet part. Lively waltz Teacher



Clara Schumann-Cat had been unusually quiet all morning, listening and purring to the music.

Now she spoke.

"Yes, I believe it would be good for you to work a little longer. Let's have Nannerl Mouse play next. I wrote a special piece just for her."

Nannerl stood tall by the piano and announced the name of her piece. "I will play Nannerl's Waltz, by Clara Schumann-Cat."

- 1 In *Nannerl's Waltz*, clap (or tap) each hand separately and count aloud evenly.
- 2 Point to the notes for each hand and count aloud evenly.
- 3 Say the finger numbers aloud for each hand while playing them in the air.
- 4 Play and say the finger numbers for each hand; then play and say the note names for each hand.
- 5 Play the first beat of each measure hands together.
- 6 Tap the rhythm of both hands together and count aloud evenly.
- Play hands together and count aloud evenly; then play hands together and sing the words.



Nannerl's Waltz C Position

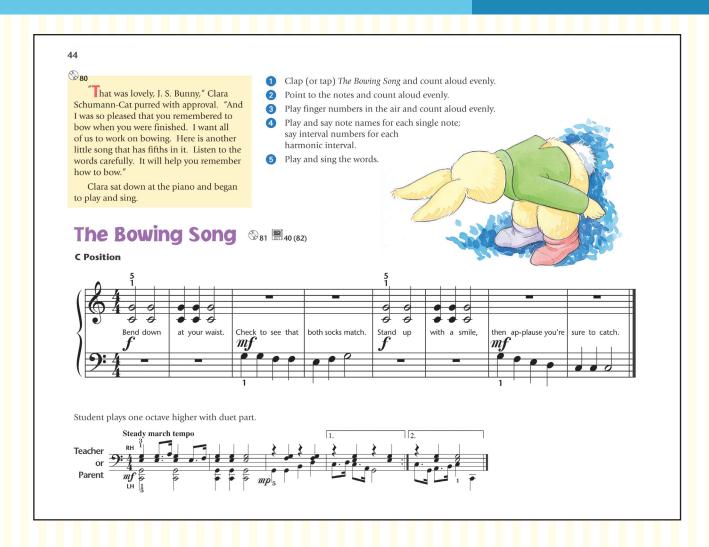
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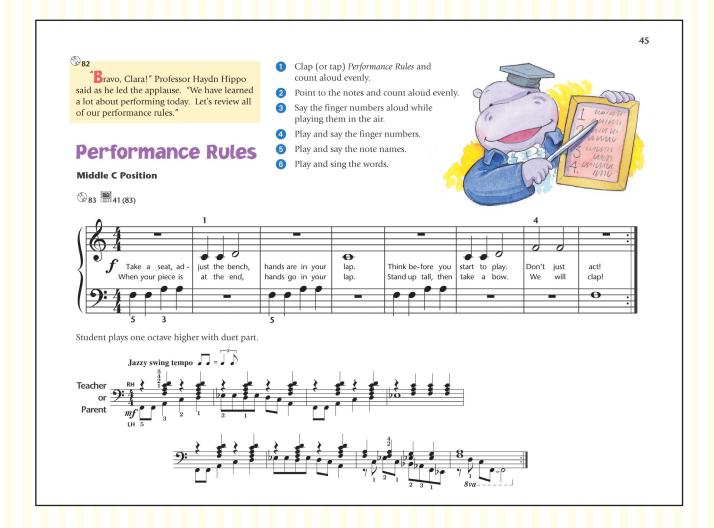


Student plays one octave higher with duet part.

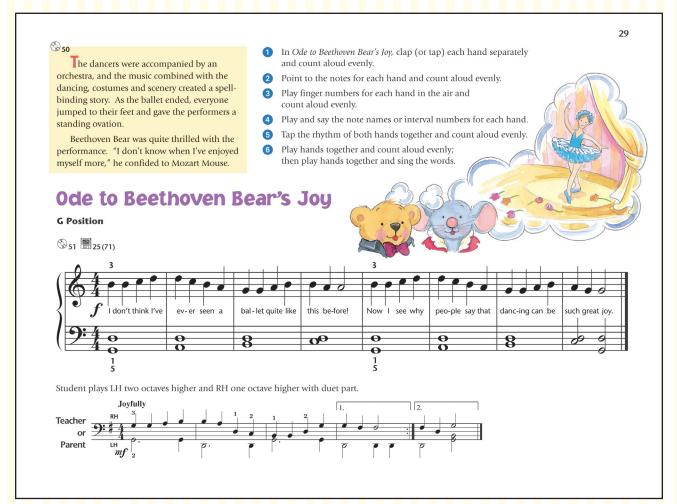


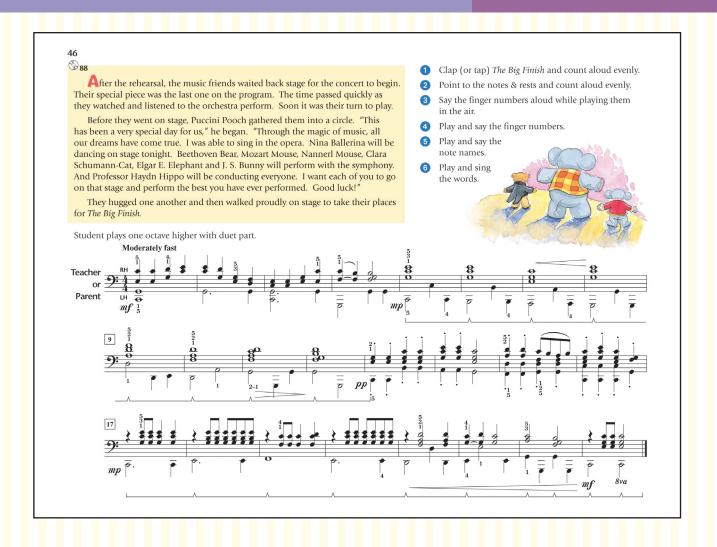
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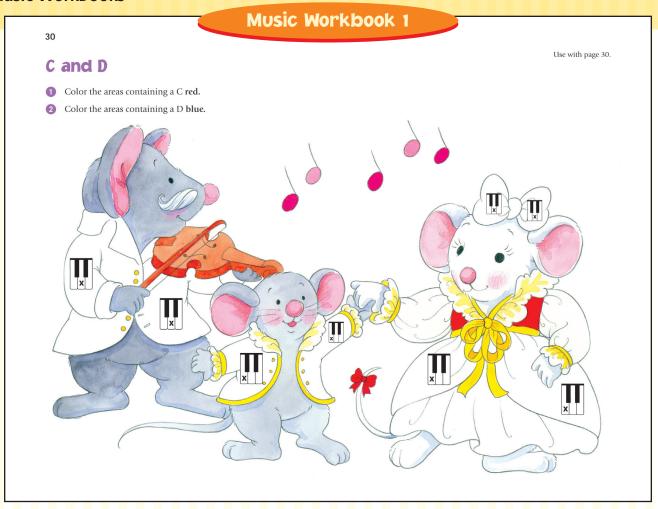


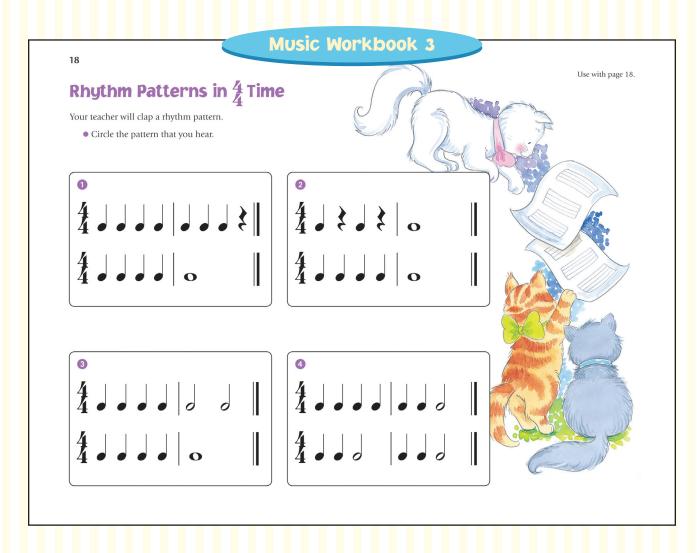




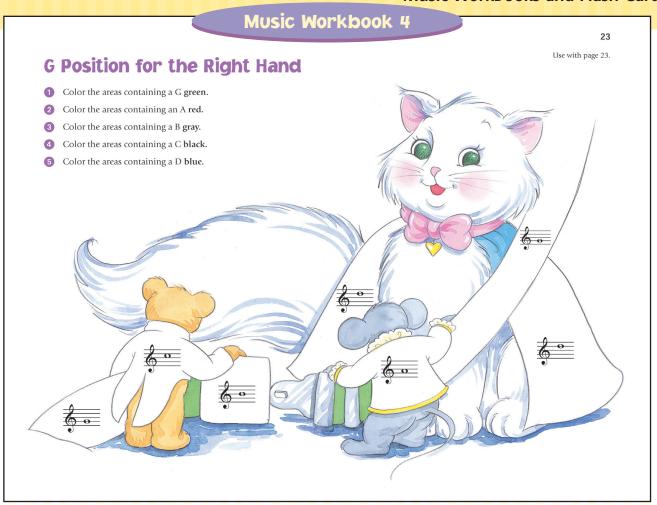


Music Workbooks

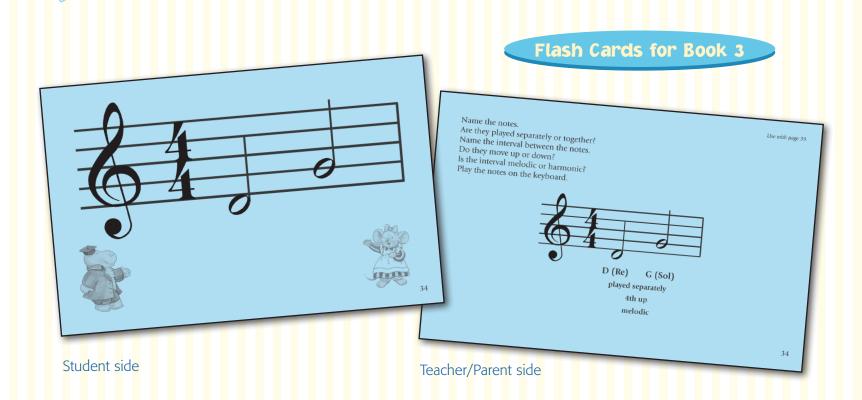


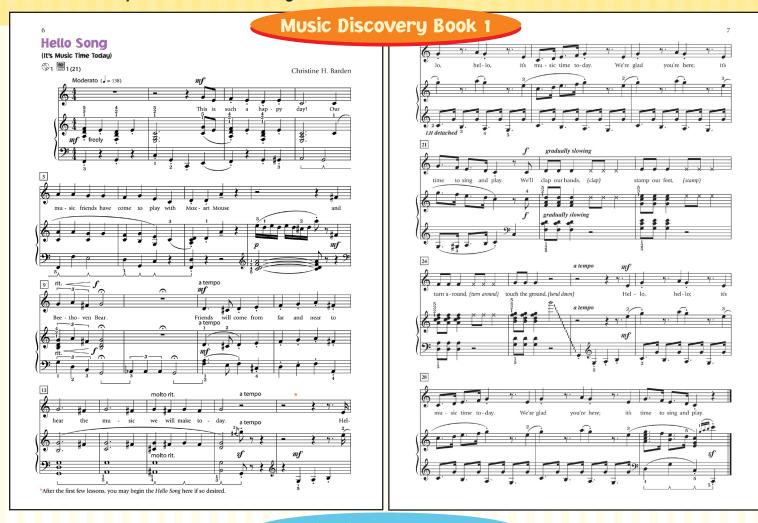


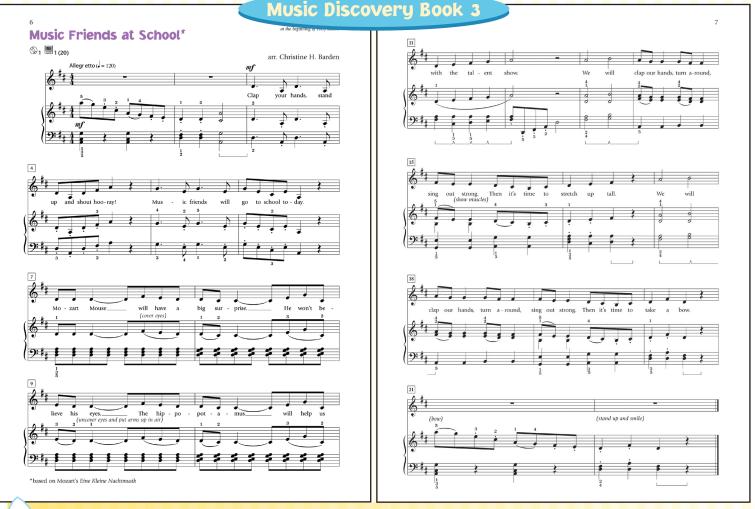
Music Workbooks and Flash Cards



Flash Cards



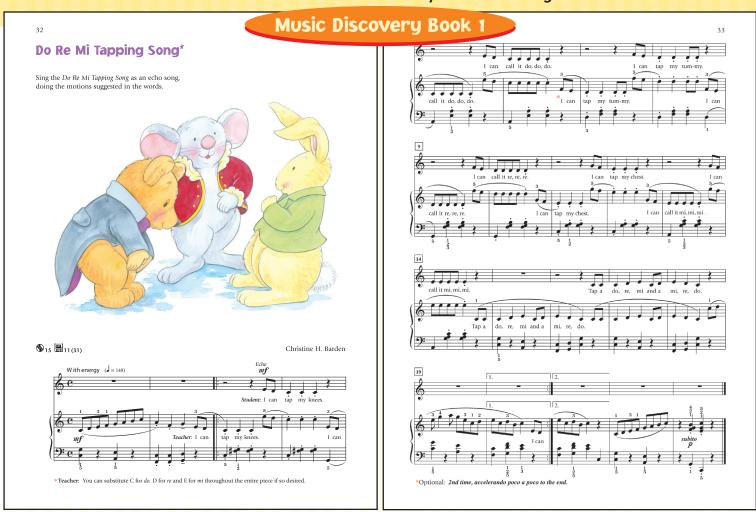


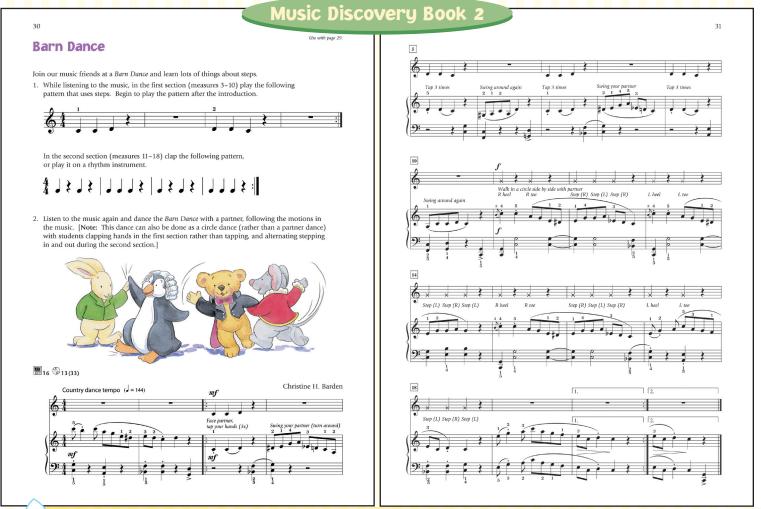


In each level, a "Hello Song" can be used at the beginning of every lesson. Each song is based on a famous "classical" theme, and the words introduce new characters and set the stage for the story.

Hello Songs

Music Discovery Books • Songs with Words and Motions



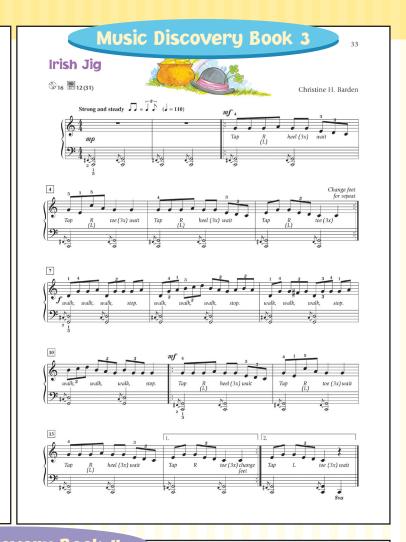


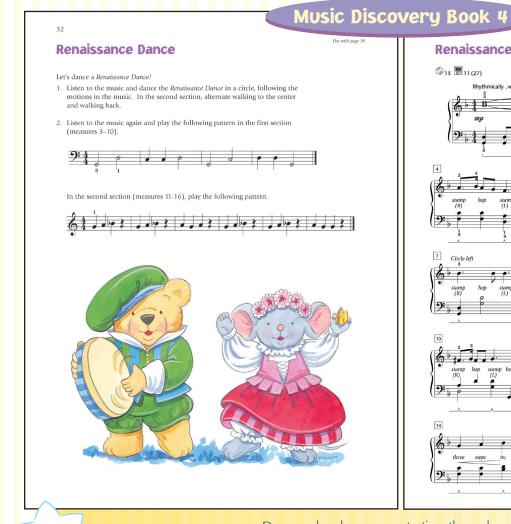
Songs with Words and Motions

Songs with words and motions help students develop large motor coordination skills by moving to the beat of the music.

Music Discovery Books • Structured Dances

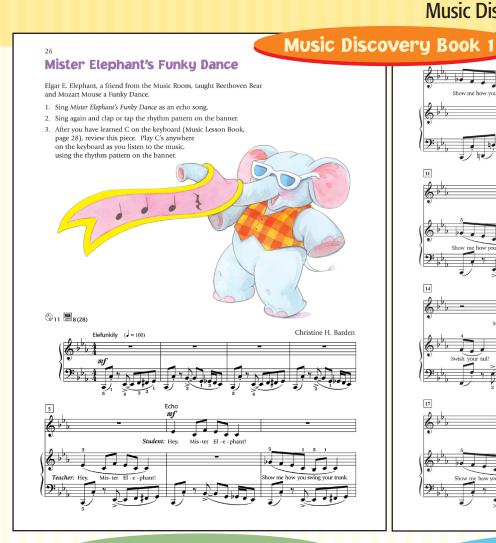








Structured Dances Dances develop concentration through memorizing structured dance steps. They also create an instinctive feeling for phrasing and musical form.





Music Discovery Book

Johann Pachelbel's Canon in D

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Johann Pachelbel's most famous piece is the Canon in D. The canon was written for three violins and basso continuo (often played on a harpsichord or a low string instrument). Today it is played by many different groups of instruments.

The harpsichord is shaped much like a grand piano, but its strings are plucked, giving it a different sound than the piano. On some harpsichords, the keys that are white on a piano are dark colored, and the keys that are black on a piano are white.

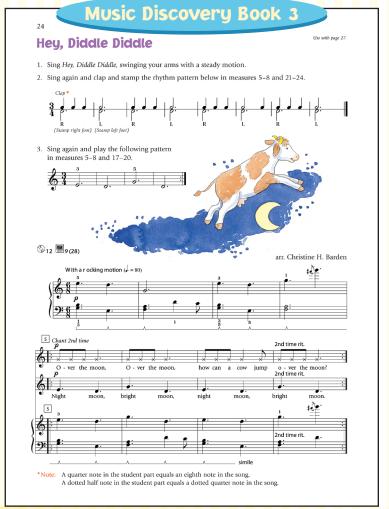
1. Listen to Canon in D. Choose any of the following rhythm patterns



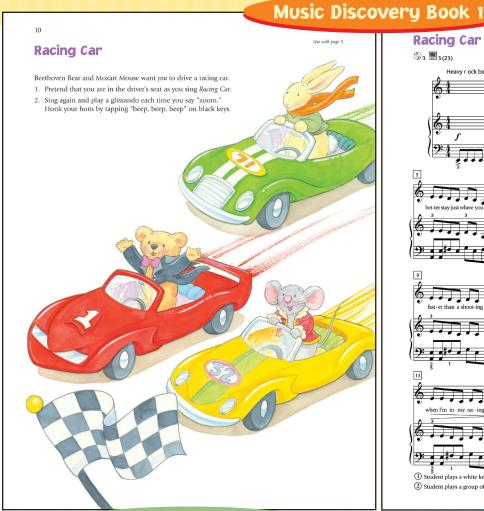
2. Listen to the music again. Take turns walking with giant steps to feel the half notes (\checkmark) and with regular steps to feel the quarter notes (\checkmark

3. Listen again and finish coloring the picture on page 47.



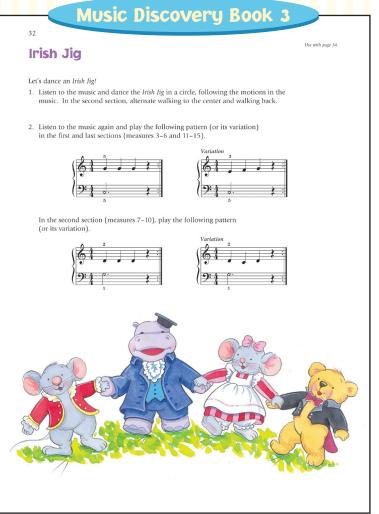


Rhythm Ostinatos Rhythm ostinato figures help students to internalize patterns by providing a forum for practicing these patterns many times while still maintaining musical interest.





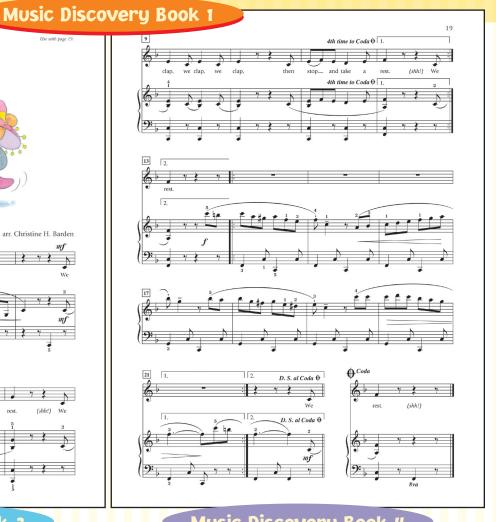




Melodic Ostinatos

Melodic ostinatos played on the keyboard reinforce the technique necessary to perform patterns such as intervals and five-finger patterns.

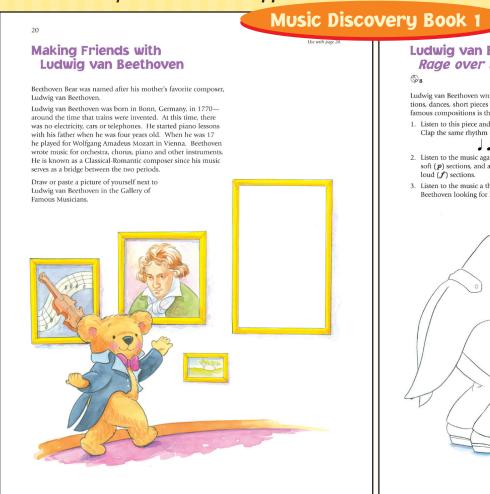






Familiar Folk Songs

Students enjoy singing familiar folk songs with words they already know. Clever alternate words are provided for many of the folk songs to reinforce musical concepts.

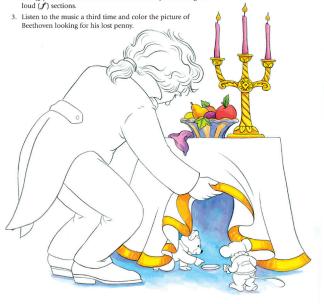


Ludwig van Beethoven's Rage over the Lost Penny

Ludwig van Beethoven wrote many compositions for piano including variations, dances, short pieces and 32 longer works called sonatas. One of his most famous compositions is the Rage over the Lost Penny.

 Listen to this piece and tap the rhythm below during the soft (p) sections. Clap the same rhythm during the loud (f) sections

2. Listen to the music again using bells for the rhythm during the soft (p) sections, and a tambourine for the rhythm during the

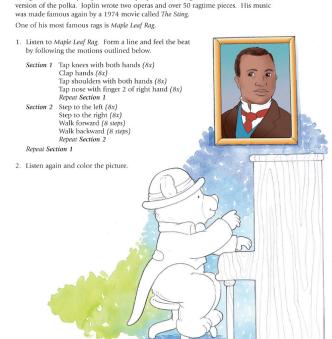


Music Discovery Book 3

Scott Joplin's Maple Leaf Rag \$20

Scott Joplin is one of the most famous composers of *ragtime* music. Joplin was an African-American composer and pianist born in Texas in 1868. His father played violin and his mother played banjo. He began to play piano when he was seven and often made up songs. By age 14, he was playing the piano in minstrel shows and dance halls.

Ragtime is usually played on the piano and is lighthearted and happy. The rhythm used in ragtime is called syncopation. Some people think of ragtime as an African-American



Book 1

Beethoven—Rage over the Lost Penny

Mozart—Variations on Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Sousa—Stars and Stripes Forever

Mozart—Minuet in F Major

Beethoven—Symphony No. 5 in C Minor

Book 2

Schumann—The Wild Rider

J. Strauss—The Blue Danube Waltz

J. S. Bach—Toccata and Fugue in D Minor

J. S. Bach—Musette in D Major

Saint-Saëns—Carnival of the Animals

Pachelbel—Canon in D

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Rimsky-Korsakov—The Flight of the Bumblebee

Ravel—Mother Goose Suite

Haydn—Symphony in C Major, Op. 94 (Surprise)

Tchaikovsky—The Nutcracker

Haydn—German Dance in G Major

Joplin—Maple Leaf Rag

Brahms—Waltz in A-flat Major, Op. 39, No. 15

Verdi—Rigoletto

Tchaikovsky—Swan Lake

Chopin—Polonaise in A Major, Op. 40, No. 1

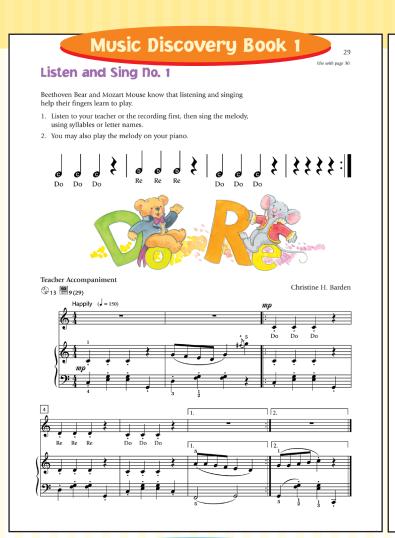
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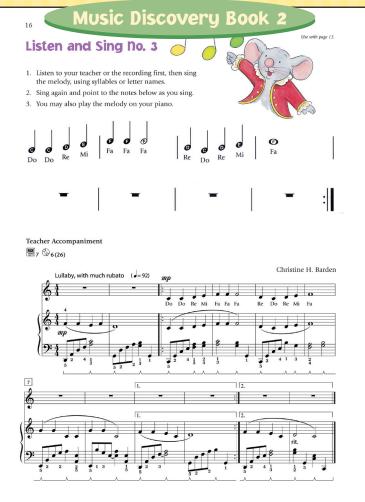
Elgar—Pomp and Circumstance No. 1

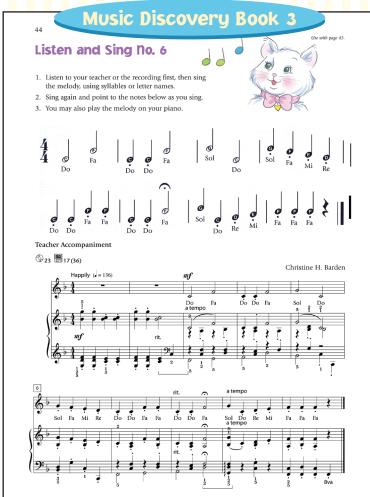


Students are introduced to 22 appealing compositions by 17 composers, and to the families of instruments, symphony orchestra, opera, piano recitals and fine art.

Music Discovery Books • Pitch Matching



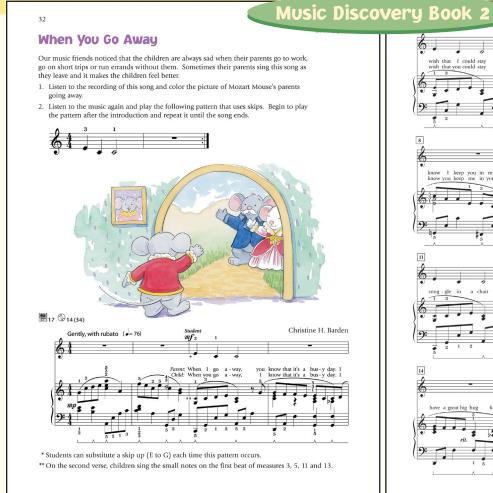






Pitch Matching

"Listen and Sing" pages include melodies for singing (using solfege or letter names) with interesting accompaniments to aid with pitch and interval study.



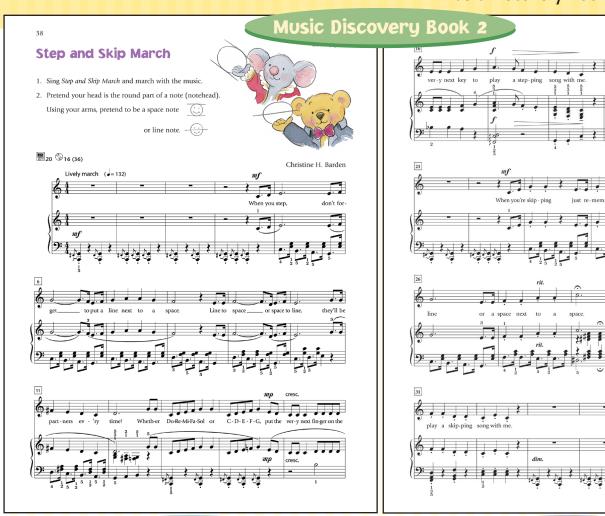






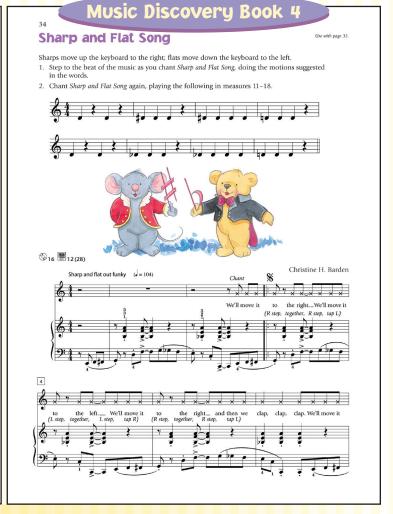
Expressive Singing

Songs for expressive singing show how music can express human emotions. Subject matter for each song was chosen from typical experiences young children might face on a daily basis.



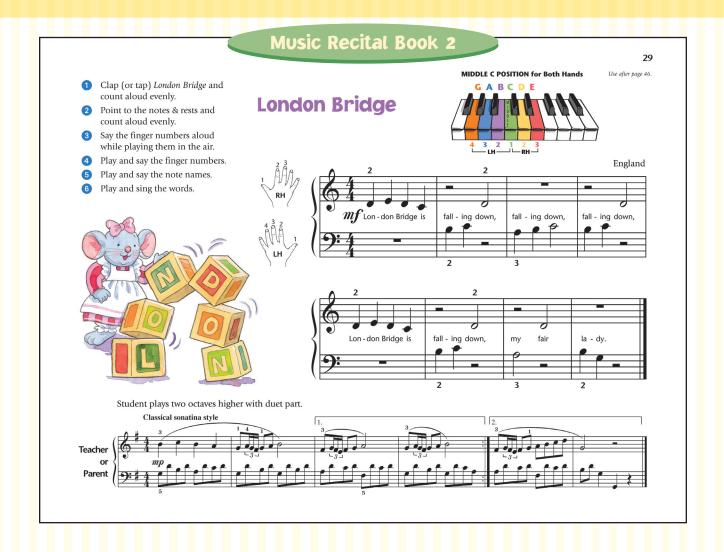


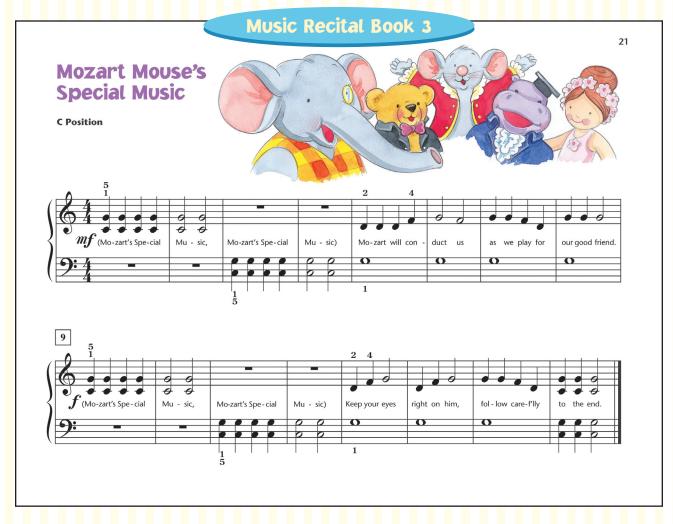


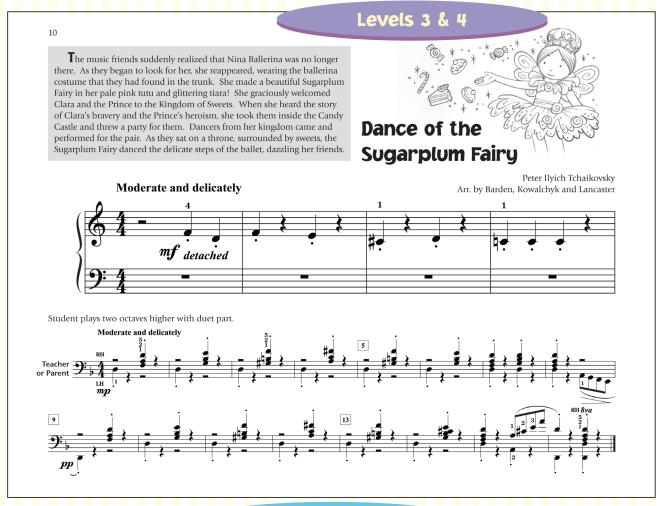


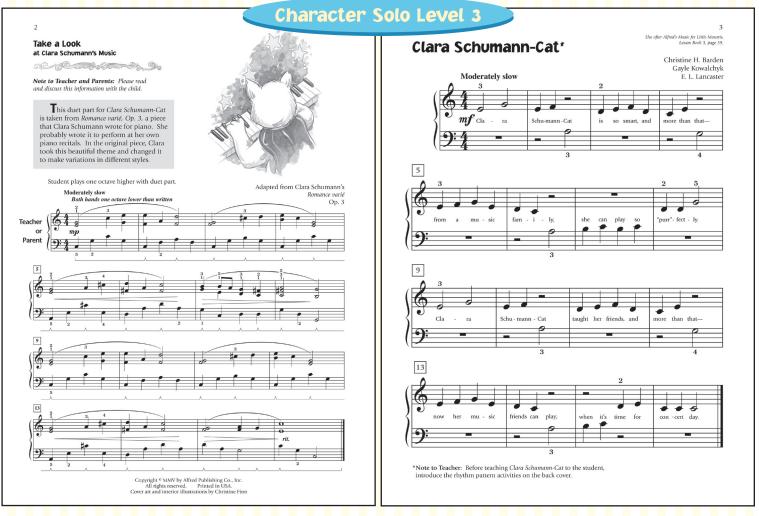
Concept Songs

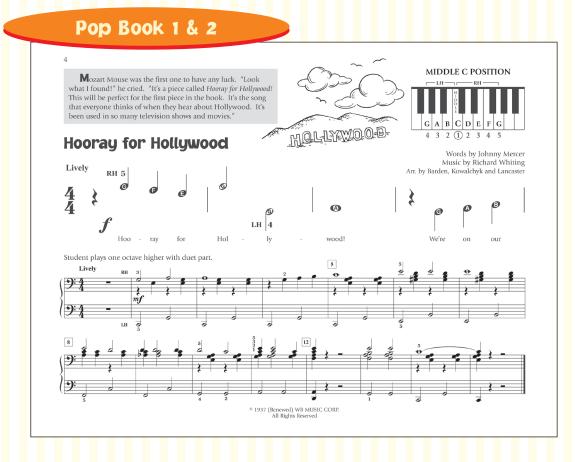
The words to concept songs help students remember important musical concepts such as steps, skips, sharps and flats.











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Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse and the Birthday Surprise

Hooray for Hollywood

Springtime

Winnie the Pooh (from Walt Disney's "The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh")

Mickey Mouse March

This Land is Your Land

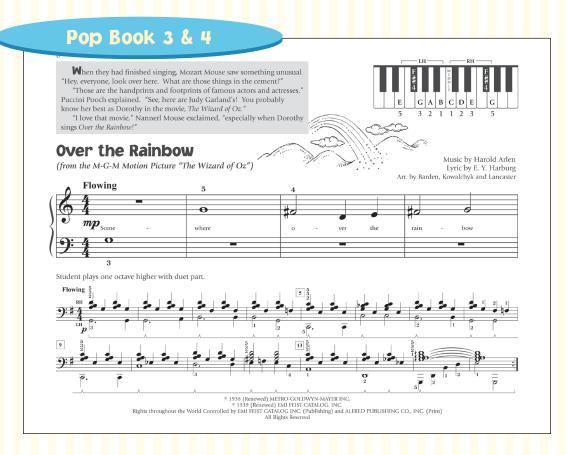
If I Only Had a Brain (from the M-G-M Motion Picture "The Wizard of Oz")

The Lion Sleeps Tonight

Scooby Doo, Where Are You?

(Meet) The Flintstones

Happy Birthday to You



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Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse and Their Big Hollywood Adventure

Puff (the Magic Dragon)

Over the Rainbow (from the M-G-M Motion Picture "The Wizard of Oz")

Imperial March (Darth Vader's Theme)

Star Wars® (Main Title)

SuperCalifragilisticexpialidocious (from Walt Disney's "Mary Poppins")

Theme from "Superman"

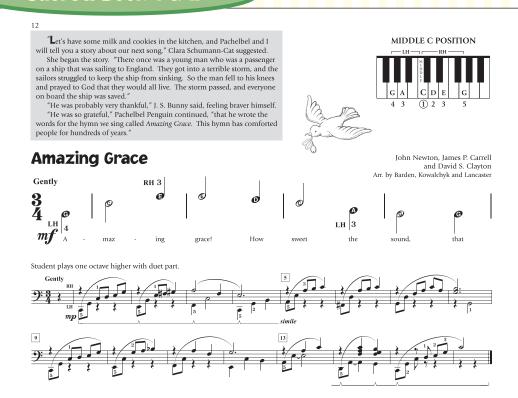
The Pink Panther

The Chicken Dance (Dance Little Bird)

Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini

Yo Ho (A Pirate's Life for Me (from Walt Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean")

Sacred Book 1 & 2



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Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse and the Choir Concert

Jesus Loves Me

For the Beauty of the Earth

This Little Light of Mine

Deep and Wide

Amazing Grace

Rise and Shine

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

Do, Lord

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

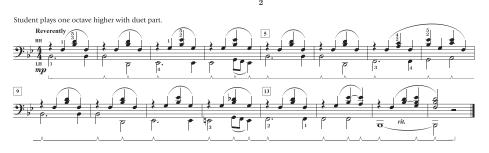
I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy











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Beethoven Bear and Mozart Mouse and Vacation Bible School

The B-I-B-L-E

MIDDLE C POSITION

(with Bb)

God Is So Good

Fairest Lord Jesus

Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

O, How I Love Jesus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Jacob's Ladder

The 12 Disciples

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

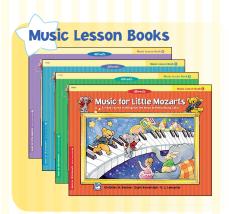
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Components for Music for Little Mozarts

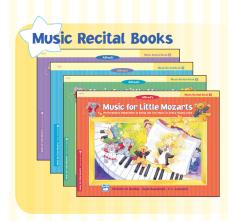
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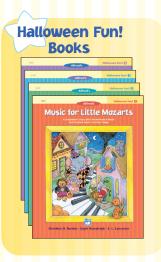






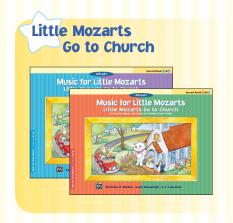














Components for Music for Little Mozarts continued

Compact Disc (2-disc sets)



General MIDI Disk (2-disk sets)



General MIDI **Accompaniments** on USB Flash Drive



Flash Cards



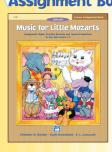
Teacher's Handbooks



Achievement Accessories



Lesson **Assignment Book**



Coloring Books





Meet the Music Friends

5 Introductory Lessons for Ages 4-6

Meet the Music Friends provides an introduction to music and the piano for fourand five-year olds. It consists of a series of five lessons that include singing, listening, movement, rhythm activities and beginning activities at the keyboard. Mozart Mouse, Beethoven Bear, and Clara Schumann-Cat guide the students through the lessons. The program is designed to be taught in a music classroom with one keyboard instrument. The Curriculum Book contains five complete lesson plans for a classroom lesson of 45-60 minutes. After completing the five lessons, students should begin Level 1 of the Music for Little Mozarts piano course.

Marketing Aids



Curriculum Book with CD

The Curriculum Book with CD contains complete lesson plans for a classroom lesson of 45–60 minutes. Each lesson plan consists of three parts:

- 1) a list of teaching materials needed for the lesson;
- 2) a lesson overview—a brief summary of what is included in the lesson:
- 3) a detailed lesson plan, including step-by-step instructions for teaching the curriculum.

Music Workbook

The Music Workbook reinforces each concept presented in the lesson plans through carefully designed pages for children to color, rhythms to clap, and keyboard activities. The pages are designed to be used in the classroom with guidance from the teacher.



Music Friends™ Plush Toys



Beethoven Bear

An inquisitive bear who lives in a big house with two children and their toys, Beethoven Bear begins hopping on the piano keys in Lesson Book 1.

5" tall......\$6.95 **14654**



Nannerl Mouse

A charming toy mouse who plays the piano extremely well, Nannerl Mouse is Mozart Mouse's older sister and is first introduced in Lesson Book 3.

5" tall......\$6.95 **18791**



Mozart Mouse

An adventurous toy mouse who begins exploring the children's Music Room in Lesson Book 1, Mozart Mouse is a quick learner who composes beautiful music and enjoys performing.



Nina Ballerina

A graceful toy ballerina whose parents both danced in the Russian ballet many years ago, Nina Ballerina is first introduced in Lesson Book 3.



Clara Schumann-Cat

An elegant real cat who comes from a musical family where everyone plays the piano, Clara Schumann-Cat is first introduced in Lesson Book 2.

9" long.....\$9.95 **1976**7



Pachelbel Penguin

A walking encyclopedia of musical history with an attractive white wig and quill pen, Pachelbel Penguin is first introduced in Lesson Book 2.

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