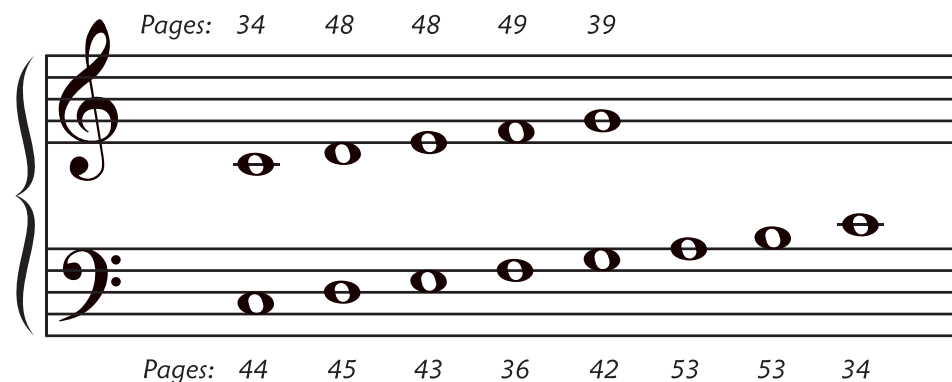


Overview of Materials in Lesson Book 1A

Notes Introduced



Musical Terms and Symbols

p *mf* *f* :||



Technique Principles

- Firm fingertips
- Natural, rounded hand position
- Strong hand arch
- Level wrists
- Good posture
- Finger coordination
- Movement up and down the keyboard

Rhythm Patterns Introduced

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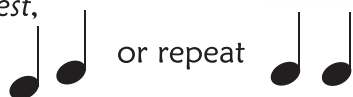


Workout 2 Piano Hands

- Lay your RH flat on the closed keyboard cover.
- Gently slide your fingertips toward your palm until your hand is in a rounded position, like holding a bubble.
- Your wrist should gently be raised so it is level with the back of the hand.
- Repeat with the LH.



In *Treasure Chest*,
notes step up

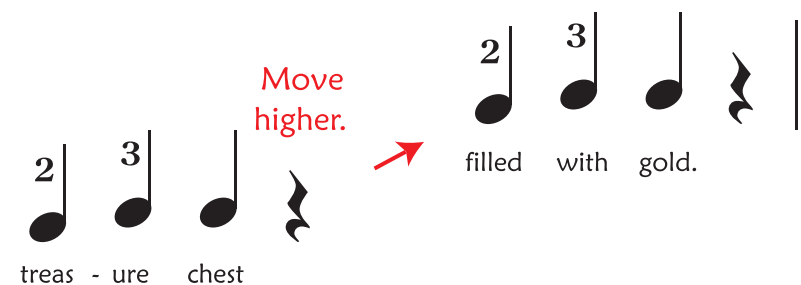
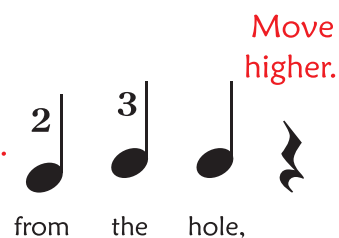


Treasure Chest



Play loud.

Move higher
to next
2-black-key group.



Premier Performer

Play *Treasure Chest* again,
using this pattern:



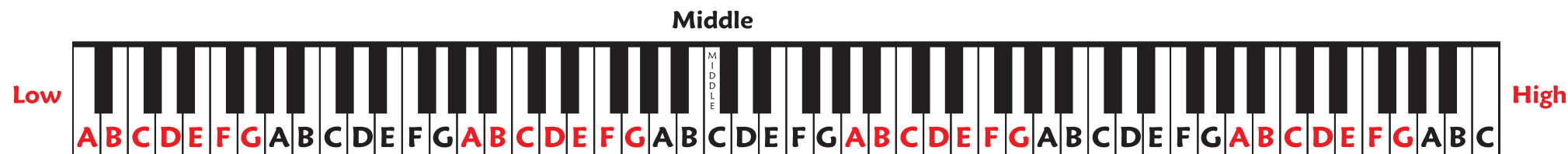
With confidence

Duet
CD 6/7 GM 4

mf

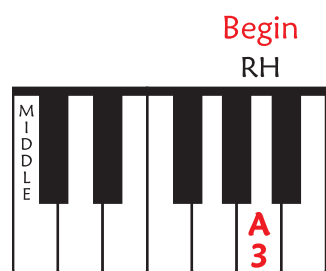
The Music Alphabet

The white keys on the piano are named using the first 7 letters of the alphabet. These names repeat over and over.



Name and play every white key on the keyboard, beginning at the low end and moving up. Use LH 3 for keys below Middle C and use RH 3 for Middle C and above.

Climbing the Music Ladder



Play Climbing the Music Ladder again with LH 3, starting on the lowest note of the keyboard and ending on Middle C.

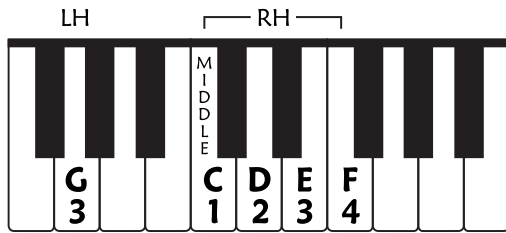
Teacher: Do not play the duet with Premier Performer.

Duet
CD 24/25 GM 13

pp

Flowing

simile



Hush, Little Baby

4/4 *p*

RH

LH

Hush, And lit - tle ba - by, don't say a word;
if that mock - ing bird will not sing,

Pa - pa's gon - na buy you a mock - ing bird.
Pa - pa's gon - na buy you a dia - mond ring.

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RH

LH

Play mf
2nd time



Writing Time

Draw a line through the
noteheads for the RH
of *Hush, Little Baby*.

- For repeated notes, the line is straight (horizontal):

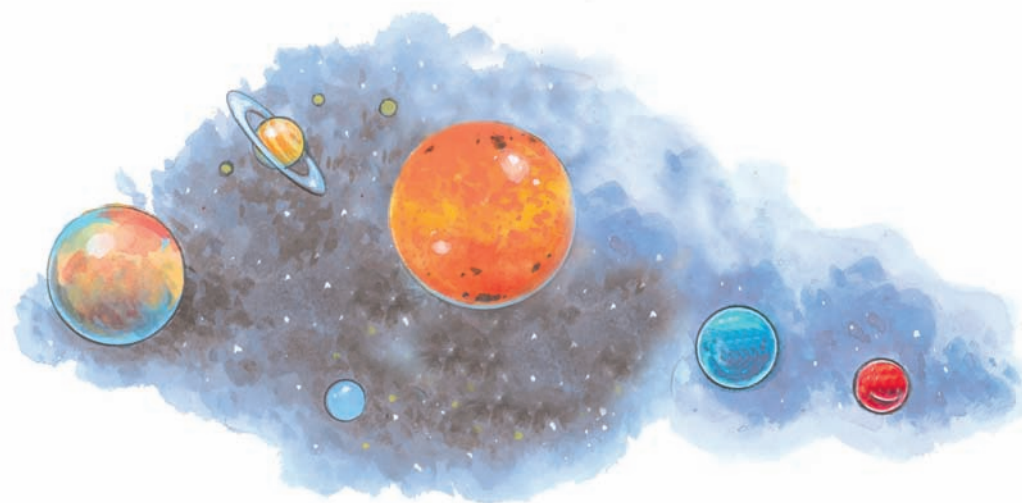
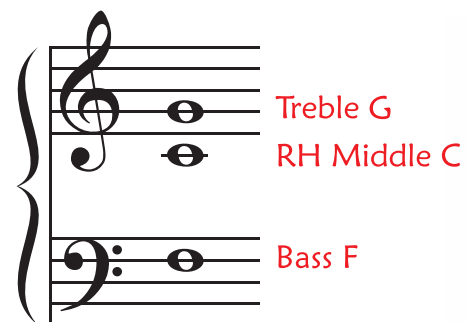


- For notes that step, the line slants slightly up or down:



Landmark Notes

Landmark notes are important guides to learning other notes.



Twinkling Planets

Slowly drifting



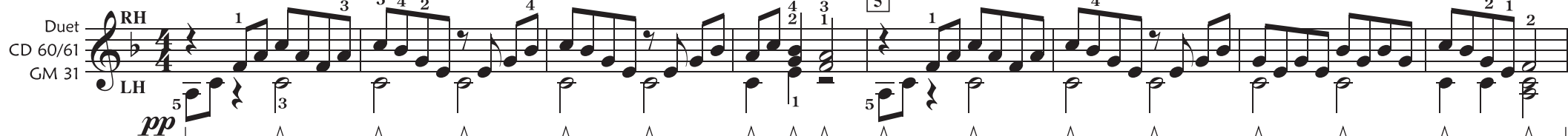
Name
notes.



Premier Performer

Play Twinkling Planets again, without the duet, high on the keyboard. Press the damper pedal and hold throughout the piece.

Slowly drifting
Both hands 8va



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*End here
2nd time*

1

grad - u - ate; my next jour - ney will be great!

p “Ode to Joy” is still my fav - ‘rite;

1

11

*To end the piece,
repeat measures 1–8*

I could play it ev - ‘ry day. *mf* Now it's time to sing and shout, “Hoo - ray!”

gradually *louder*

3

cantabile

11

pp

mp *marcato* *cresc.*

D.C. al Fine

pp *cantabile*

11

mp *marcato* *cresc.*

D.C. al Fine