**TEMPO** is the speed at which a piece is performed. Markings, usually in Italian, have a corresponding number that indicates beats per minute (BPM). For example: J = 100 means the piece will be performed at 100 beats per minute.

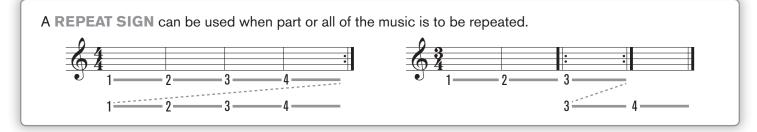
4	Largo		Adagio		Andante		Moderato		Allegro		Vivace		Presto	
	VERY SLOW		ow	SLOW		MEDIUM			FAST		VERY FAST			
	40	54	63	72	80	92	100	116	120	132	144	152	168	176

#### **QUARTER NOTES AND WHOLE NOTES—**Do any of these **measures** contain similar rhythms?

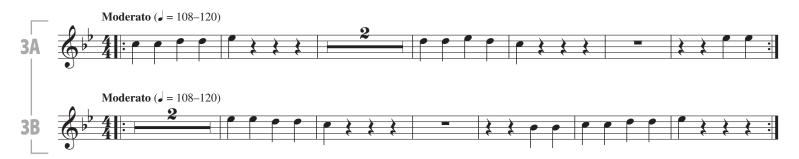


**HIGH OR LOW?**—Do any of the rhythms in this line repeat? How are the rhythms in the first and last measures related?





**MELODIC CONVERSATION**—Although each of the parts (A and B) rest for a time, the parts form a single **melodic line** when combined. In that way, the parts "complement" each other. Count carefully during the rests!



**DYNAMIC CHORALE**—*Dynamics* remain in effect until something new is indicated. What is the dynamic level at measure 4? How about at measure 6?



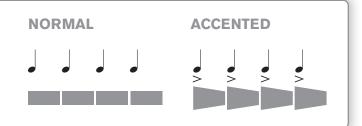
**PATTERN SEARCH**—How are measures 1–2 related to measures 3–4? Is there a pattern? How about measures 5–6?



**RITE OF PASSAGE**—What is the *melodic pattern* used in part A? Practice performing this line at *various tempi*. Listen to others as you play your part, working to maintain *balance* as the harmony becomes more complex.



Composers use an **ACCENT** when they want to give a note emphasis. Woodwind and brass musicians accent notes by using more air at the front of the note and with a firmer articulation. Percussionists accent notes by using a higher stick height (and more force) or a harder mallet choice.

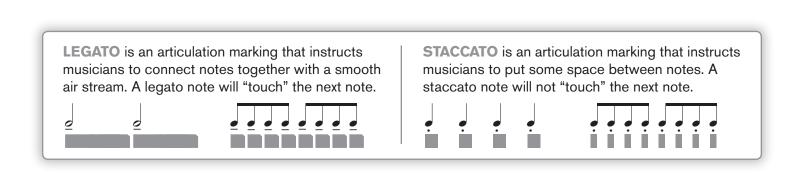


**FOCUS ON ACCENTS**—Play accented notes with extra emphasis. Play at different dynamic levels to practice performing accents at those levels.



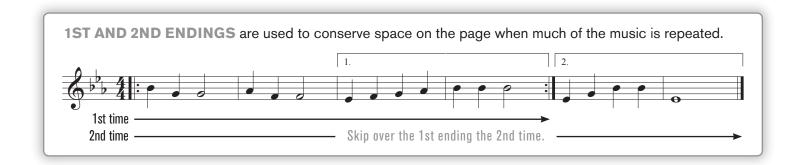
**YOU COMPLETE ME, TOO**—Lines 51 and 52 can be performed together. They "complement" each other. Count carefully during the rests!





SHAPE SHIFTER—Demonstrate your ability to play legato and staccato notes in this line.

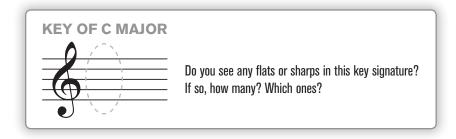




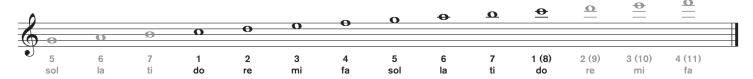
**WALKIN' COOL**—What patterns can you find in this happy tune with its infectious groove?



# Level 4



#### **KEY OF C MAJOR**







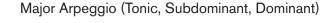




Major Scale in Steps



Major Scale Pattern in Thirds



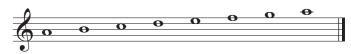




Major Scale in Sequence



### **KEY OF A NATURAL MINOR**



## **KEY OF A HARMONIC MINOR**



Minor Scale Pattern in Thirds

Minor Arpeggio (Tonic, Subdominant, Dominant)



Minor Scale in Sequence



**D.S. AL FINE**—D.S. is an abbreviation for *Dal Segno*, meaning "the sign," and *al Fine* means "to the end." D.S. al Fine means "return to the sign % and continue playing to the Fine."

**JARABE TAPATÍO**—Before performing this beloved Mexican folk song, known to some as the "Mexican Hat Dance," be sure to review challenging rhythms, accidentals, and the formal "roadmap" (e.g., **D.S. al Fine**).

