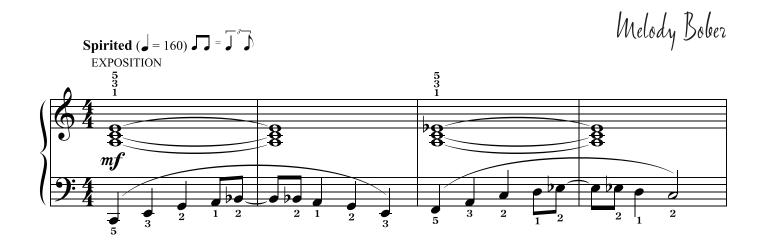
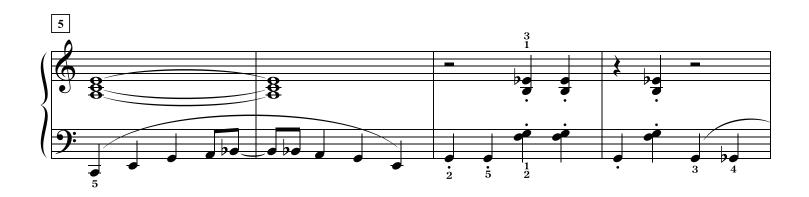
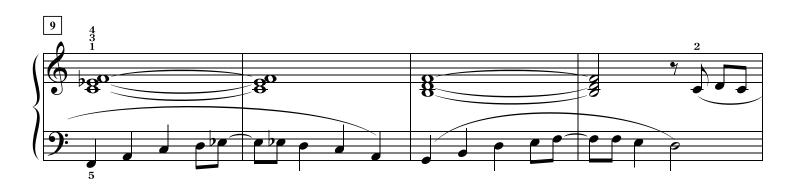
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Longleaf Pine Boogie

The Southern Longleaf Pine is the official state tree of Alabama. Found in the lower two thirds of the state, it is distinguished by needles that occur in bundles of three and are about 12 inches long. The tree can grow to be 150 feet tall and four feet in diameter. Longleaf pines have the largest pinecones of any pine tree in the eastern United States.







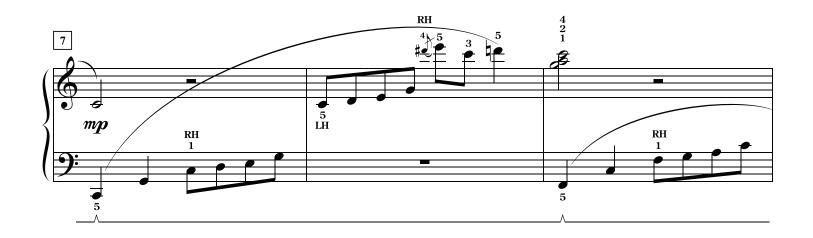
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Moonlight Over Mobile Bay

The city of Mobile, located where the mouth of the Mobile River and Mobile Bay meet, is the only seaport city in Alabama. Mobile Bay, on the northern Gulf of Mexico, has many unique attractions including outdoor adventures, excellent dining, topnotch museums and excursions on the Delta, making it a popular tourist attraction.







Yellowhammer Stomp

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The state bird of Alabama is the yellowhammer. Alabama is sometimes called the Yellowhammer State. This name comes from the Civil War when a company of Alabama's troops paraded in uniforms that were trimmed with bright yellow cloth. People were reminded of the yellowhammer bird that has a patch of yellow feathers under its wing. After that, Yellowhammers became the nickname for Alabama soldiers.



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