

LAND OF DREAMS
Piano Duets
Book 1 Early Elementary
by Teresa Richert
Red Leaf Pianoworks

"Teresa Richert is well known for her imaginative piano solos from elementary through advanced levels. Now she has written Piano Duets Land of Dreams in two books - Book 1 for Early Elementary (Beginner to Prep) and Book 2 for Elementary (Grades 1 - 3). Book 1 contains six creative pieces for early elementary students who are perhaps playing duets for the first time. All of the pieces are in fixed hand positions. *Lullaby for a Teddy Bear* requires the Primo to move the hand position up by one note. *Polka Dot Pajamas* has a LH over the RH for two notes and *Lullaby for a Teddy Bear* requires playing in the written register as well as an octave and two octaves above. Sharps and flats occur only in *Stormy Night*. Meters are simple, note values are quarter, half and whole allowing for duet playing at the earliest possible opportunity. In spite of the simplicity of these pieces, a variety of moods are evoked from sleepy, expressive and tender to lively, stormy and merry. Melodic interest is divided between both parts and musicality is encouraged through an array of dynamics, articulations, registers and harmonies. A helpful Notes for Teachers page focuses on the salient features of each piece. This looks to be a well-crafted, innovative resource that I will turn to again and again. I encourage you to check it out!"

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