

Preface

I wrote this collection of piano solos especially for students in their early piano studies. The pieces explore a variety of harmonic, melodic and rhythmic resources and include a wide range of dynamics, articulations, moods and technical challenges.

I first published ***Just Kidding!*** in 2011. In 2014, it was published by the Frederick Harris Music Company (FHMC) as ***Days of Summer*** as part of the *Composer Library Series*. In 2018, the publication rights were returned to me. I maintained most of the revisions to the pieces recommended by FHMC but, in order to use the original art for the collection, I restored the original title for the book as well as the titles for a few of the individual pieces. Here is a cross-reference of the piece titles that are different in the two publications:

Days of Summer

Down by the Stream
On My Skateboard
Sunset

Just Kidding!

Snow
Mixolydian Bounce
A Rainy Day

All other titles are unchanged. I hope you enjoy this collection!

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Many thanks to Myles for painting the cover and drawing the sketches for this collection.

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6

poco rit.

ad lib.

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5

mp

pp

ped. simile

mf

pp

mp



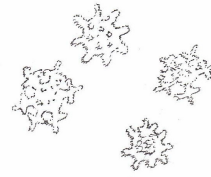
On the Move

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Rhythmically ♩ = 144 - 160

The musical score is written for piano in 7/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The bass staff has a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure, marked with a '3' below. The treble staff has a half note in the first measure, marked with a 'p' (piano). In the second measure, the treble staff has a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note, with a '4' and '2' above. The bass staff has a half note. In the third measure, the treble staff has a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note, with a '2' and '1' above. The bass staff has a half note. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The bass staff has a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure, marked with a '3' below. The treble staff has a half note, marked with a '4' above. In the second measure, the treble staff has a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note, with a '5' and '3' above. The bass staff has a half note. In the third measure, the treble staff has a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note, with a '3' and '1' above. The bass staff has a half note. The score ends with a double bar line and a '1' and '3' below.

Snow



Gently ♩ = 160 - 176

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pp

1 1 2 1 3 2 4

5 4 3 2

Can't Catch Me!

Quickly ♩. = 132 - 144

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The image displays a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It is written for a piano and voice. The score is divided into two systems, each containing a vocal line and a piano accompaniment.

System 1:

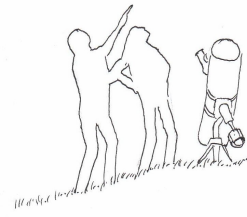
- Vocal Line:** The melody begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 6/8 time signature. The first measure contains a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4) beamed together, followed by a quarter note (C5), a quarter note (Bb4), and a half note (A4). The second measure contains a quarter note (G4), a quarter note (F4), and a half note (E4). The third measure contains a quarter note (D4), a quarter note (C4), and a half note (B3). The fourth measure contains a quarter note (A3), a quarter note (G3), and a half note (F3). The fifth measure contains a quarter note (E3), a quarter note (D3), and a half note (C3). The sixth measure contains a quarter note (B2), a quarter note (A2), and a half note (G2). The seventh measure contains a quarter note (F2), a quarter note (E2), and a half note (D2). The eighth measure contains a quarter note (C2), a quarter note (B1), and a half note (A1). The ninth measure contains a quarter note (G1), a quarter note (F1), and a half note (E1). The tenth measure contains a quarter note (D1), a quarter note (C1), and a half note (B0).
- Piano Accompaniment:** The piano part begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 6/8 time signature. The first measure contains a quarter note (G4), a quarter note (A4), and a half note (Bb4). The second measure contains a quarter note (C5), a quarter note (Bb4), and a half note (A4). The third measure contains a quarter note (G4), a quarter note (F4), and a half note (E4). The fourth measure contains a quarter note (D4), a quarter note (C4), and a half note (B3). The fifth measure contains a quarter note (A3), a quarter note (G3), and a half note (F3). The sixth measure contains a quarter note (E3), a quarter note (D3), and a half note (C3). The seventh measure contains a quarter note (B2), a quarter note (A2), and a half note (G2). The eighth measure contains a quarter note (F2), a quarter note (E2), and a half note (D2). The ninth measure contains a quarter note (C2), a quarter note (B1), and a half note (A1). The tenth measure contains a quarter note (G1), a quarter note (F1), and a half note (E1).

System 2:

- Vocal Line:** The vocal line continues with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 6/8 time signature. The first measure contains a quarter note (G4), a quarter note (A4), and a half note (Bb4). The second measure contains a quarter note (C5), a quarter note (Bb4), and a half note (A4). The third measure contains a quarter note (G4), a quarter note (F4), and a half note (E4). The fourth measure contains a quarter note (D4), a quarter note (C4), and a half note (B3). The fifth measure contains a quarter note (A3), a quarter note (G3), and a half note (F3). The sixth measure contains a quarter note (E3), a quarter note (D3), and a half note (C3). The seventh measure contains a quarter note (B2), a quarter note (A2), and a half note (G2). The eighth measure contains a quarter note (F2), a quarter note (E2), and a half note (D2). The ninth measure contains a quarter note (C2), a quarter note (B1), and a half note (A1). The tenth measure contains a quarter note (G1), a quarter note (F1), and a half note (E1).
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Far Away



Dreamily ♩ = 80 - 92

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1 5 1 5

mp *pp* *mp* *pp* *mp* *pp*

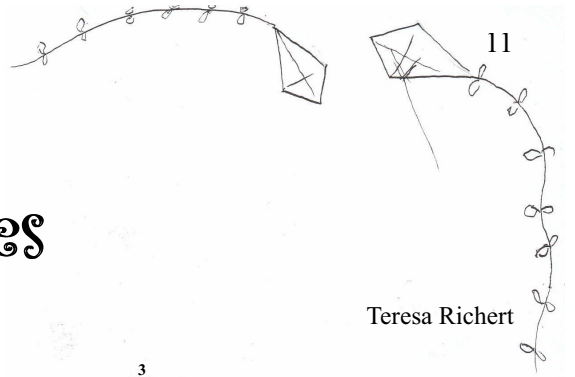
rit. *a tempo*

legato

8^{va} 8^{va} 8^{va} 8^{va}

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The musical score is for a piece in 2/2 time, consisting of two systems of four measures each. The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The melody in the right hand features a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure, followed by a quarter note and a half note. The bass line starts with a quarter note, followed by a half note and a quarter rest. The second system begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The melody continues with a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter rest. The bass line features a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter rest. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, time signatures, dynamics, and fingerings.



Flying Kites

Gently ♩ = 84 - 92

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The first system of musical notation is for a piano piece in 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has four measures. The first measure has a half note chord (F4, A4) with a dynamic of *mp*. The second measure has a half note chord (F4, A4) with a dynamic of *p*. The third measure has a half note chord (F4, A4) with a dynamic of *p*. The fourth measure has a half note chord (F4, A4) with a dynamic of *p*. The bass staff has four measures, each with a whole rest. Above the first measure, there are fingerings: 4 2, 4 2, and an 8va mark. Above the second measure, there is an 8va mark. Above the third measure, there are fingerings: 5 3, 3 1, 5 3. Above the fourth measure, there are fingerings: 3 1, 1.

ped. simile

The second system of musical notation is for a piano piece in 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has five measures. The first measure has a half note chord (F4, A4) with a dynamic of *mp*. The second measure has a half note chord (F4, A4) with a dynamic of *mf*. The third measure has a half note chord (F4, A4) with a dynamic of *mf*. The fourth measure has a half note chord (F4, A4) with a dynamic of *mf*. The fifth measure has a half note chord (F4, A4) with a dynamic of *dim.*. The bass staff has five measures, each with a whole rest. Above the first measure, there are fingerings: 5 3, 3 1, 5 3. Above the second measure, there are fingerings: 3 1, 1. Above the third measure, there are fingerings: 3 1, 5 3. Above the fourth measure, there are fingerings: 3 1, 5 3. Above the fifth measure, there are fingerings: 3 1, 5 3, 3 2.



Mixolydian Bounce

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Rhythmically ♩ = 116 - 126

mp - mf

p cresc.

f

p

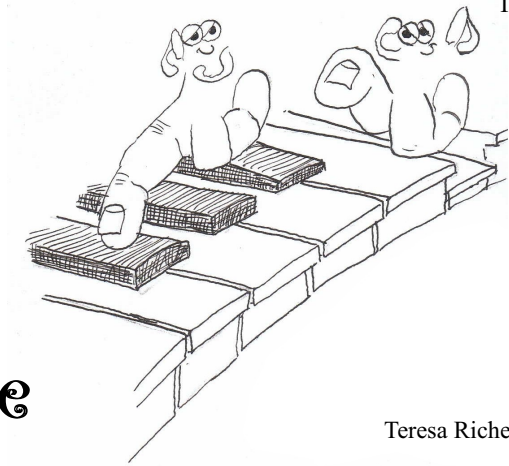


A Rainy Day

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Expressively ♩ = 92 - 100

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time, key of D major (one sharp). It consists of two systems of four measures each. The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The melody in the right hand features a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure, followed by quarter and half notes. The left hand provides a simple accompaniment of dotted half notes. The second system begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The melody continues with quarter and half notes, including a slur over the final two measures. The left hand continues with dotted half notes. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above the notes, and slurs are used to group notes in the right hand across measures.



The Chase

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Presto ♩ = 184 - 208

Handwritten musical score for "The Chase" by Teresa Richert. The score is in 4/4 time and consists of two systems of music.

The first system is marked *p* (piano). It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The music is written in a simple, rhythmic style, with many eighth and sixteenth notes. There are three measures in the first system, each containing a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff and a triplet of eighth notes in the bass staff. The first measure is marked with a "3" above the treble staff and a "3" below the bass staff. The second measure is marked with a "3" above the treble staff and a "3" below the bass staff. The third measure is marked with a "3" above the treble staff and a "3" below the bass staff.

The second system is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). It also features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The music is written in a simple, rhythmic style, with many eighth and sixteenth notes. There are four measures in the second system, each containing a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff and a triplet of eighth notes in the bass staff. The first measure is marked with a "3" above the treble staff and a "3" below the bass staff. The second measure is marked with a "3" above the treble staff and a "3" below the bass staff. The third measure is marked with a "3" above the treble staff and a "3" below the bass staff. The fourth measure is marked with a "3" above the treble staff and a "3" below the bass staff.

Notes for Teachers

Features of the Pieces

Just Kidding! (playful piece) - chromatic scale in similar and contrary motion, parallel 2nds, *ad lib.*, *a tempo*, *fermata*, changing meter, rests, dynamic range *p – f*, *legato*, *staccato*.

Daydreaming (dreamy piece) - cantabile melody switching between hands, balance within the LH, syncopated pedaling, accompaniment split between the hands, tempo change, dotted notes, dynamic range *pp – mf*.

On the Move (jazzy piece) - irregular meter, accents, varied articulation, balance within the RH, parallel 3rds, 4ths, 5ths, and 6ths, dynamic range *p – f*.

Snow (dreamy piece) - irregular meter, syncopated pedaling, hand crossovers, alternating clef signs, balance between and within hands, *rit*, *fermata*. dynamic range *pp – mp* (optional *una corda*).

Can' t Catch Me! (playful piece) - compound meter, grace note, hands moving up the keyboard, treble leger lines above the staff, *8va*, *legato* vs. *staccato*, dynamic range *pp – f*.

Far Away (dreamy piece) - pentatonic scale (black keys), 5ths, slurs, *legato*, syncopated pedaling, rolled chord, *8va*, dynamic range *pp – mp*, echo dynamics, balance between hands, *rit*, *a tempo*.

Into Mischief (playful piece) - grace notes, accents, *staccato*, *legato*, *subito*, hands moving up the keyboard, *8va*, dynamic range *pp – mp*.

Flying Kites (dreamy piece, potential study for LH or RH alone) - whole tone scale, 3rds, treble, bass leger line notes above, syncopated pedaling, *8va*, *fermata*, dynamic range *pp – mf*.

Mixolydian Bounce (jazzy piece) - syncopated rhythm, ostinato, Mixolydian mode, 3rds, balance between hands, dynamic range *pp – ff*.

A Rainy Day (dreamy piece) - cantabile melody, syncopated pedaling possible at teacher' s discretion, dynamic range *pp – mf*, balance between hands and within the RH.

The Chase (speedy piece) - bitonality, parallel 3rds, fast tempo, *accel.*, *rit*, even alternation of LH and RH, pedal for color, dynamic range *pp – ff*.