

Off to Camp!

One of my favorite activities as a child and one I still enjoy to this day is camping in the woods. Hiking through trails and observing all that nature has to offer during the day and gazing at the moon or the stars at night by the campfire are experiences I will cherish forever. I hope you enjoy this nature-inspired collection.

Art by Myles Mathis

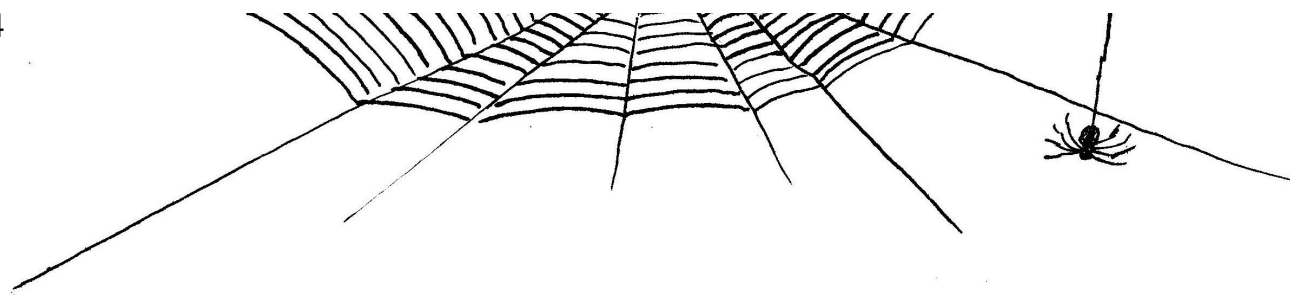
Myles Mathis is a self-taught artist who lives in Mission, B.C. Although he has worked in various mediums since childhood, he has focused mainly on watercolours since 1996. His watercolours, which have been exhibited in numerous art shows throughout the Fraser Valley, feature a wide scope of subject material including landscapes, seascapes, animals, and human interest. He has received several awards for his art including B.C. Wildlife Artist of the Year for 2009. He is currently a member of the Mission Arts Council and has been a member of the Mission Arts Association and the Fraser Valley Watermedia Society in Abbotsford.

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

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Spider Webs

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Lively

mf 3

As the lead - er on the trail, I'm the first to see.

2

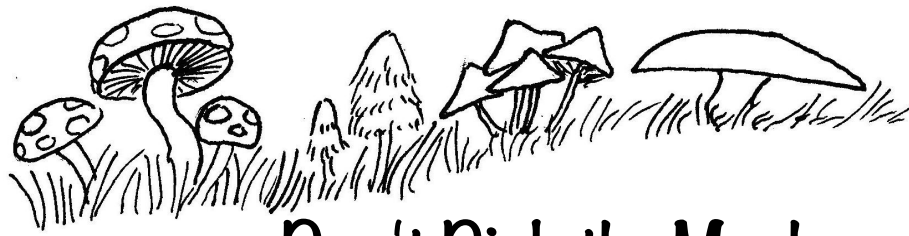
Teacher Duet (Student plays an octave higher than written)

Lively

R.H.

L.H. 2

p



Don't Pick the Mushrooms!

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Moderately

5

p White, pink and red ones, yel - low and blue,

5

black ones, or - ange ones but *mf* not for you!

1

Bull Frog

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Happily

5 *mp* What's that mov-ing on the ground? Now it's still. ** tip toe in* What have I found?

2

6

mf Get - ting clos - er, I can see. *f* It's a gi - ant bull frog!

10

p

* knock or tap lightly on the piano

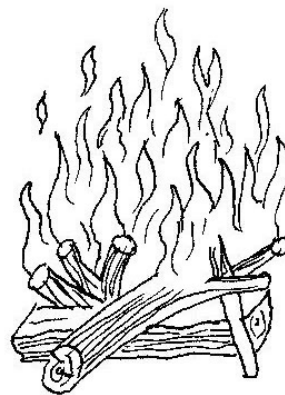
Teacher Duet (Play an octave lower. Student plays as written)

Happily

R.H. *mp*

L.H. *p*

8 *pp*



Campfire Stories

Mysteriously

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3

mp Late at night, 'round the fire, I can feel my heart - beat.
Watch the flames, they all dance, ev - en af - ter mid - night.

3

Teacher Duet (Student plays an octave higher)

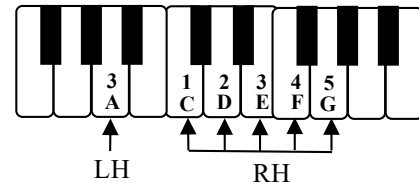
Mysteriously

pp

p

Middle Part for Campfire Stories

Compose a melody using these keys and the rhythm below to create a middle part for Campfire Stories. Add your own dynamics.



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Camp - fire stor - ies, lis - ten if you dare!

3

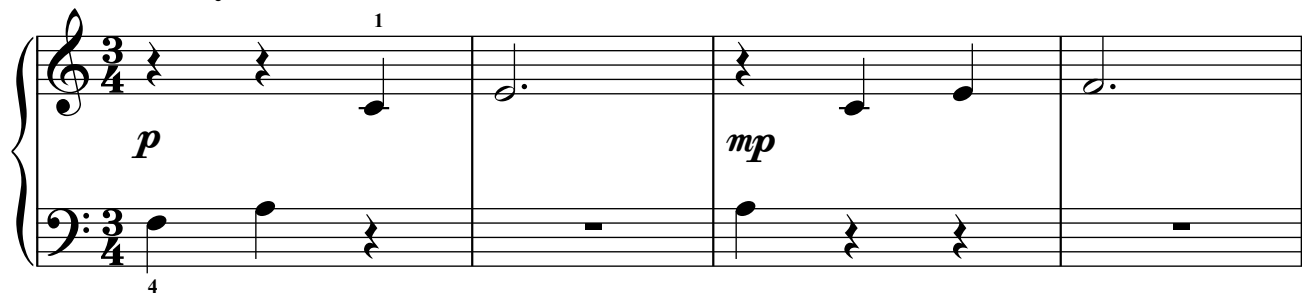


Play an octave higher than written, 2 octaves higher on repeat

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Dreamy

1



4

p *mp*

The first system of music is in 3/4 time. The right hand (treble clef) starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. The left hand (bass clef) starts with a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note B2. The first measure is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The second measure is marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The third measure is marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The fourth measure is marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

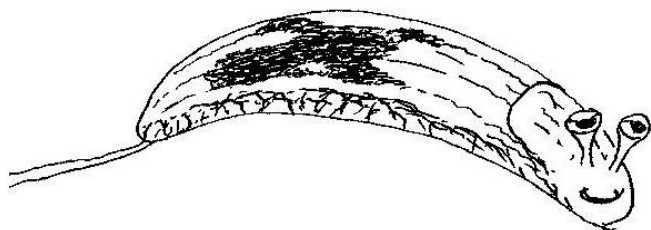
optional: hold the right pedal down throughout

5



p

The second system of music is in 3/4 time. The right hand (treble clef) starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The left hand (bass clef) starts with a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note B2. The first measure is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The second measure is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The third measure is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The fourth measure is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic.



Banana Slugs

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Smoothly

2

p Yel - low slugs are not de - li - cious. Don't be - lieve their name.

3

Teacher Duet (Play an octave higher. Student plays as written.)

pp L.H.

Hopping Rocks

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Happily

Measures 1-4 of the piece. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The music is written for piano. Measure 1 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The melody in the right hand begins on measure 2 with a dotted quarter note, followed by eighth notes. The bass line consists of quarter notes and rests. A finger number '1' is written below the first bass note.

Measures 5-8. The melody continues in the right hand with eighth notes and a half note. The bass line has quarter notes and rests. A mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic is indicated at the start of measure 5. A finger number '5' is written above the first note of the melody in measure 5.

Measures 9-12. The melody in the right hand is mostly whole rests, with a final measure containing two beamed eighth notes. The bass line continues with quarter notes and rests. A piano (*p*) dynamic is indicated at the start of measure 9.

Teacher Duet (Student plays an octave higher)

Teacher Duet section. The right hand (R.H.) part is written on a single staff, and the left hand (L.H.) part is written on a single staff. The key signature is one flat, and the time signature is 4/4. The R.H. part starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The L.H. part starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a *legato* marking. The piece concludes with a pianissimo (*pp*) dynamic. Fingerings are indicated with numbers 1-4.



Sword Ferns

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Brightly

1

mf You're a hear - ty - ev - er - green.

5

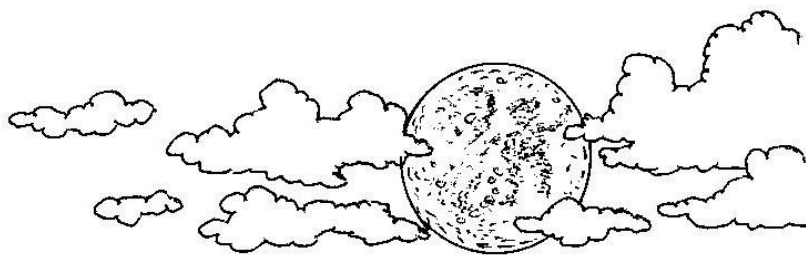
5

f Gran - dest fern I've ev - er seen. *mp* You're

Teacher Duet (Student plays an octave higher)

Brightly

mp *mf* *ped. simile*



Dancing Moon

Glowing

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1

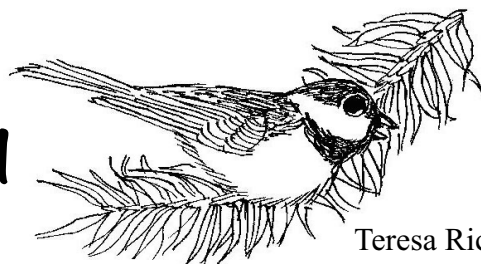
mp

See the moon, shin - ing bright, dan - cing with the clouds to - night.

Teacher Duet (Play an octave higher. Student plays as written.)

p *legato*

Songbird

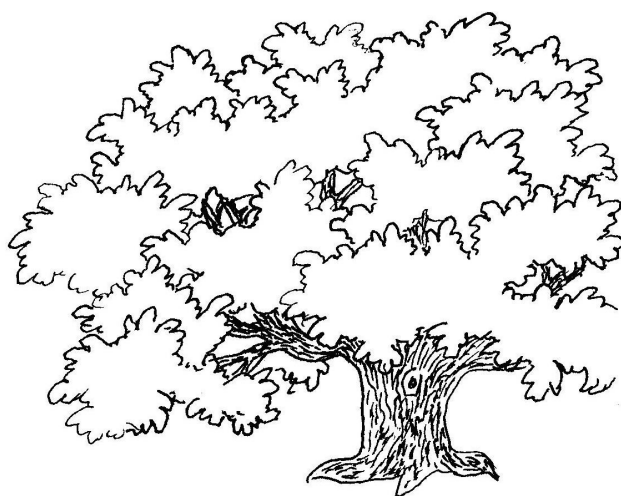


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Both hands play 2 octaves higher than written

Sweetly

The first system of musical notation for the piece 'Songbird'. It is written in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff has a whole rest in the first three measures and a half note in the fourth measure. The bass clef staff has a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F31, G31, A31, B31, C32, D32, E32, F32, G32, 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Enormous Tree

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Grandly 3

mp Look way up to the sky. We could climb up ve - ry high.

4

Teacher Duet (Student plays an octave higher.)

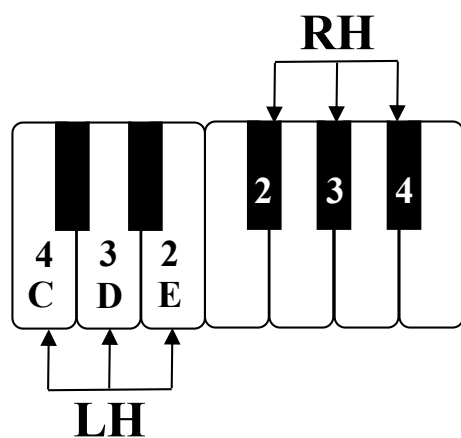
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p 5

ped. simile

Slower

Tall as a Tree

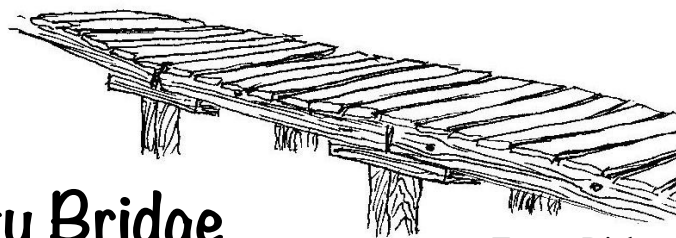


Compose your own piece using these keys and the rhythm below.

Add a second verse if you like.



I wish that I were as tall as a tree. Im—



Rickety Bridge

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Mysteriously

3/4

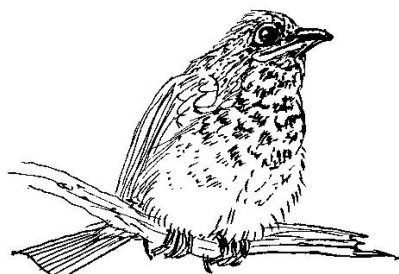
mp Rick - et - y bridge is sca - ry to cross. Most of it's rot - ten and

2

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cov - ered in moss. One day soon it's go - ing to fall.



Little Robin

Sweetly

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1 2

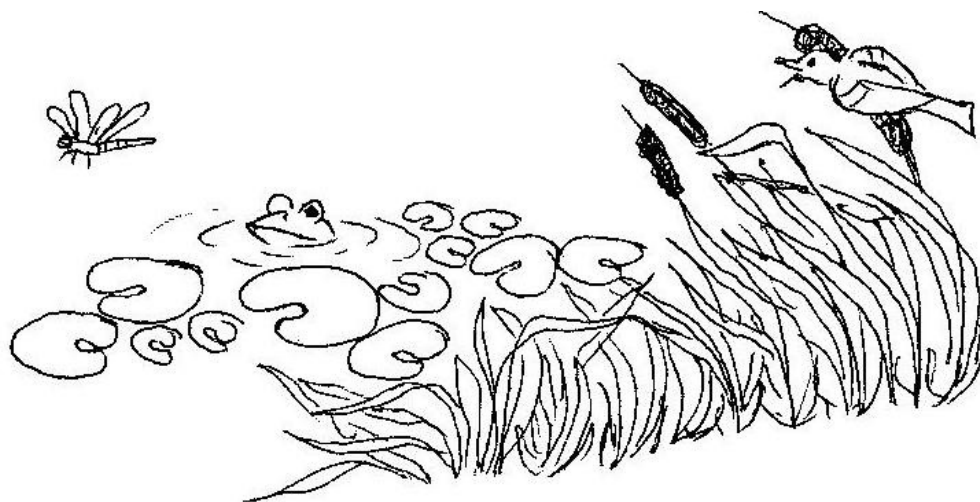
mp

Lit - tle rob - in red - breast lives in a nest.

5

pp *mf*

She has lit - tle chicks to feed. They like bugs the best!



At the Pond

Gracefully

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1

p - mp

2
LH over

5

1

5

1.

2.

2
LH over

3
LH over

Off to Camp! Notes for Teachers – Features of the Pieces

Spider Webs – middle C position with hands together at the end, quadruple meter, marked **Lively**, *fermata*, change of tempo (**Slower**), dynamic range *mf* – *f*, teacher duet.

Don't Pick the Mushrooms! – middle C position with hands together at the end, quadruple meter, marked **Moderately**, cluster, *staccato*, *8vb*, dynamic range *p* – *f*.

Bull Frog – middle C position, quadruple meter, marked **Happily**, *staccato*, slurs, dynamic range *p* – *f*, hand percussion, teacher duet.

Campfire Stories – middle C position with extension to treble A, quadruple meter, marked **Mysteriously**, repeat signs, first and second endings, dynamic range *mp* – *ff*, teacher duet.

Middle Part for Campfire Stories – opportunity to compose a melody to lyrics with a simple rhythm over a single-note LH accompaniment (middle C hand position).

Starry Night – middle C position with hands together at the end, triple meter, marked **Dreamy**, cluster, octave displacements, optional damper pedal, dynamic range *pp* – *mp*.

Banana Slugs – middle C position with extension to treble B, quadruple meter, marked **Smoothly**, *crescendo*, dynamic range *pp* – *f*, teacher duet.

Hopping Rocks – middle C position with extension to treble C (LH crossover), quadruple meter, marked **Happily**, *staccato*, repeat sign, first and second endings, dynamic range *p* – *mf*, teacher duet.

Sword Ferns – middle C position with hands together near the end, triple meter, marked **Brightly**, dynamic range *mp* – *f*, teacher duet.

Dancing Moon – C position, quadruple meter, marked **Glowing**, dynamic range *p* – *mf*, *diminuendo*, teacher duet.

Songbird – middle C and C position, quadruple meter, marked **Sweetly**, *fermata*, dynamic range *pp* to *mf*, optional pedal held throughout, octave displacements, tempo change (**Slower**).

Enormous Tree – middle C and C position, quadruple meter, marked **Grandly**, *crescendo*, tempo change (**Slower**), dynamic range *mp* to *f*, teacher duet.

Tall as a Tree – opportunity to compose a melody to lyrics with a simple rhythm using the whole tone scale, triple meter.

Rickety Bridge – middle C with RH extension to treble B and C position, triple meter, marked **Mysteriously**, *fermata*, damper pedal held, *crescendo*, dynamic range *pp* – *ff*.

Little Robin – C position with extension to treble C, quadruple meter, marked **Sweetly**, *ritardando*, dynamic range *pp* – *f*, *crescendo* and *diminuendo*.

At the Pond – C position with extension to treble C, quadruple meter, marked **Gracefully**, crossovers, cluster, *fermata*, *ritardando*, dynamic range *pp* to *mf*, *crescendo* and *diminuendo*, repeat signs with first and second endings, *8va*, damper pedal.