Indian Princess

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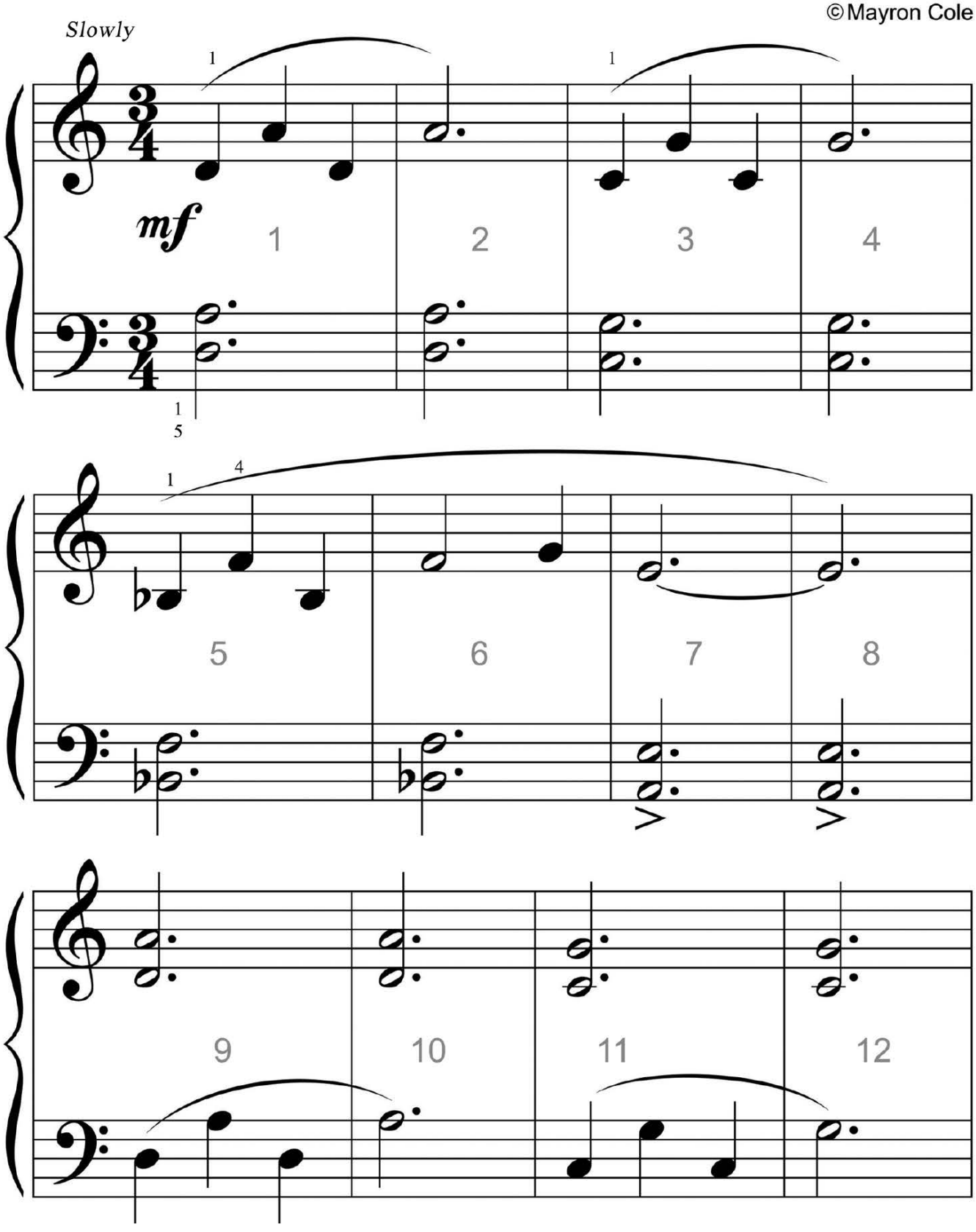

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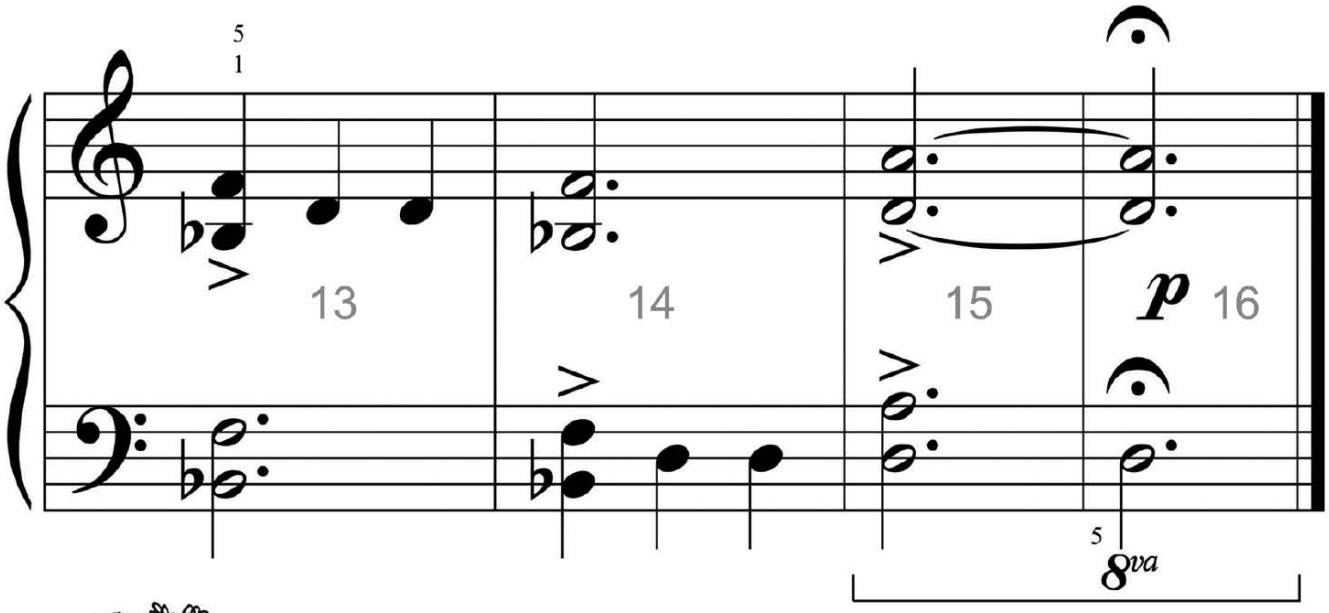



Rhythm Taps

TRY YOUR RHYTHM COUNTING SKILLS!

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Right Hand: Tap on a G key Left Hand: Tap on a C key.

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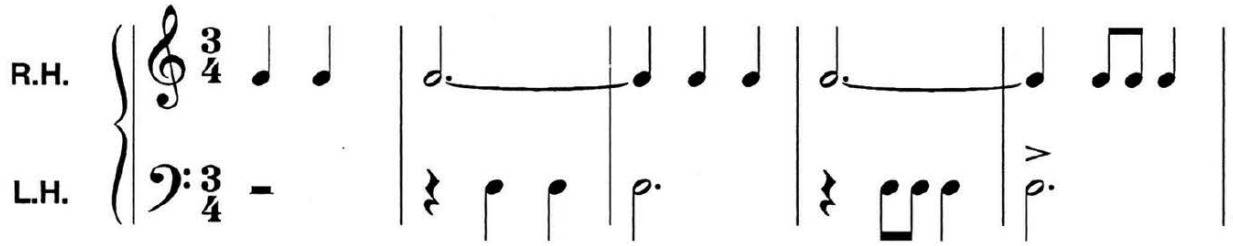
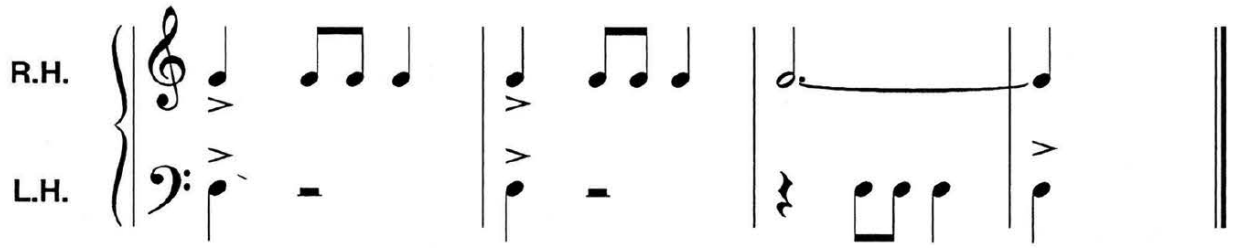
RAINDROP LEVEL:

How well did you do? _____





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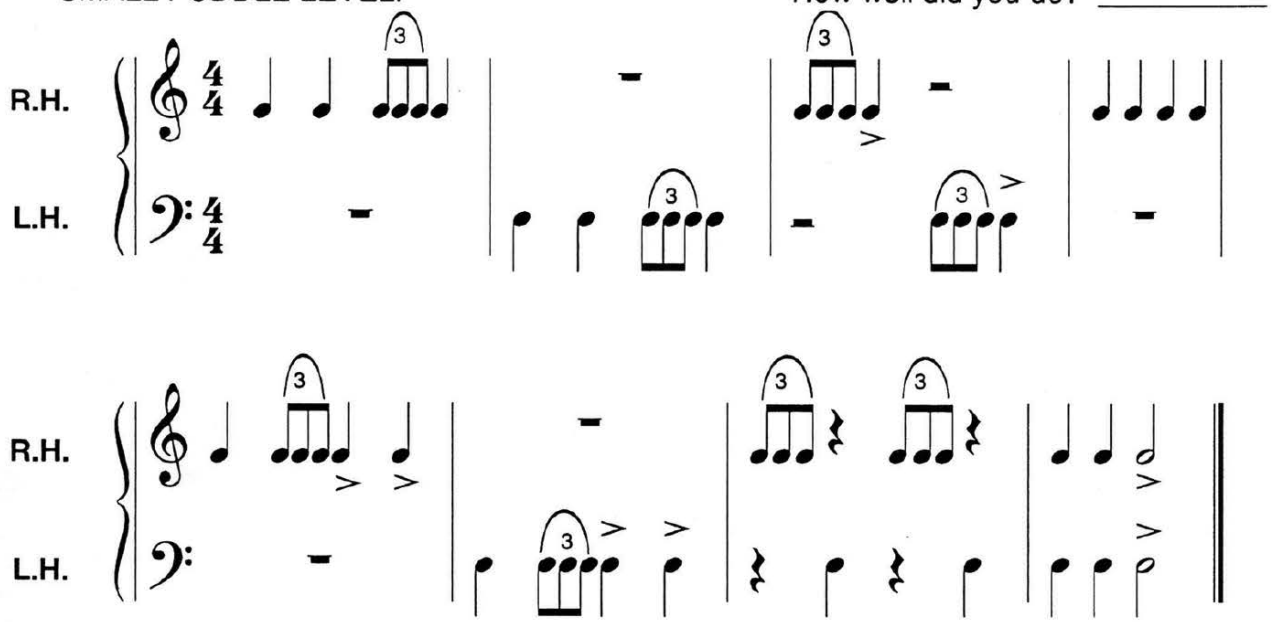
SMALL PUDDLE LEVEL:

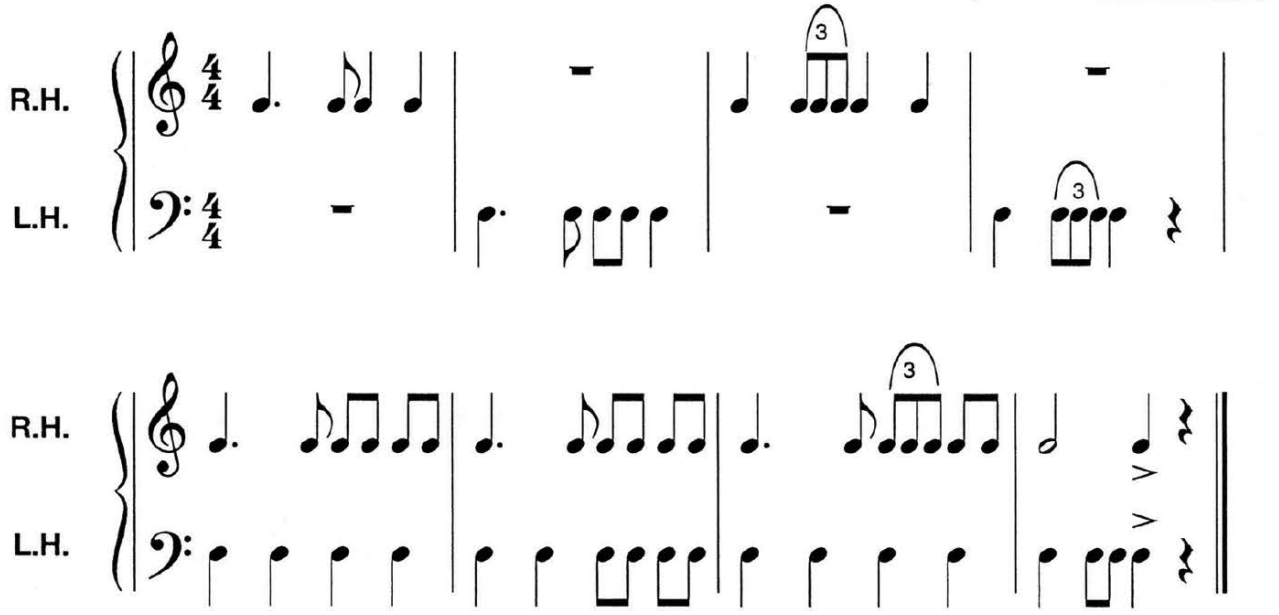
How well did you do? _____





LAKE MICHIGAN LEVEL:

How well did you do? _____



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The
MAYRON COLE PIANO METHOD

THE FAMOUS STEM RULES!

RULE # 1 Stems on notes may go **UP** or **DOWN.** How do you decide which is correct? **LOOK AT THE NOTEHEAD!** If it is **below** the middle line of the staff, the stem will go **UP!**

If the notehead is **above** the middle line of the staff, the stem will go **DOWN.**

(This famous rule is necessary in order to keep most of the stem **INSIDE** the staff. If the stem pokes out of the staff, it may run into other notes!)



RULE # 2 If the stem goes **UP**, it goes up on the **RIGHT SIDE** of the notehead.

If the stem goes **DOWN**, it goes down on the **LEFT SIDE** of the notehead.

(Say: "Up-right! Down-left!")

RULE # 3 If the notehead is on the **MIDDLE LINE,** the stem may go either **UP** or **DOWN**; but, the general rule is to consider the majority of the other notes in the measure. If most of the stems go **UP**, draw the middle line note's stem **UP**—and vice versa!

RULE # 4 Stems should be about an **OCTAVE LONG.**

RULE # 5 If more than ONE NOTE shares a notestem, the **NOTEHEAD FARTHEST FROM THE MIDDLE LINE** decides the direction the stem will go!

RULE # 6 Flags always fly to the **RIGHT**, no matter which way you draw the stem.

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Swinging in a Hammock

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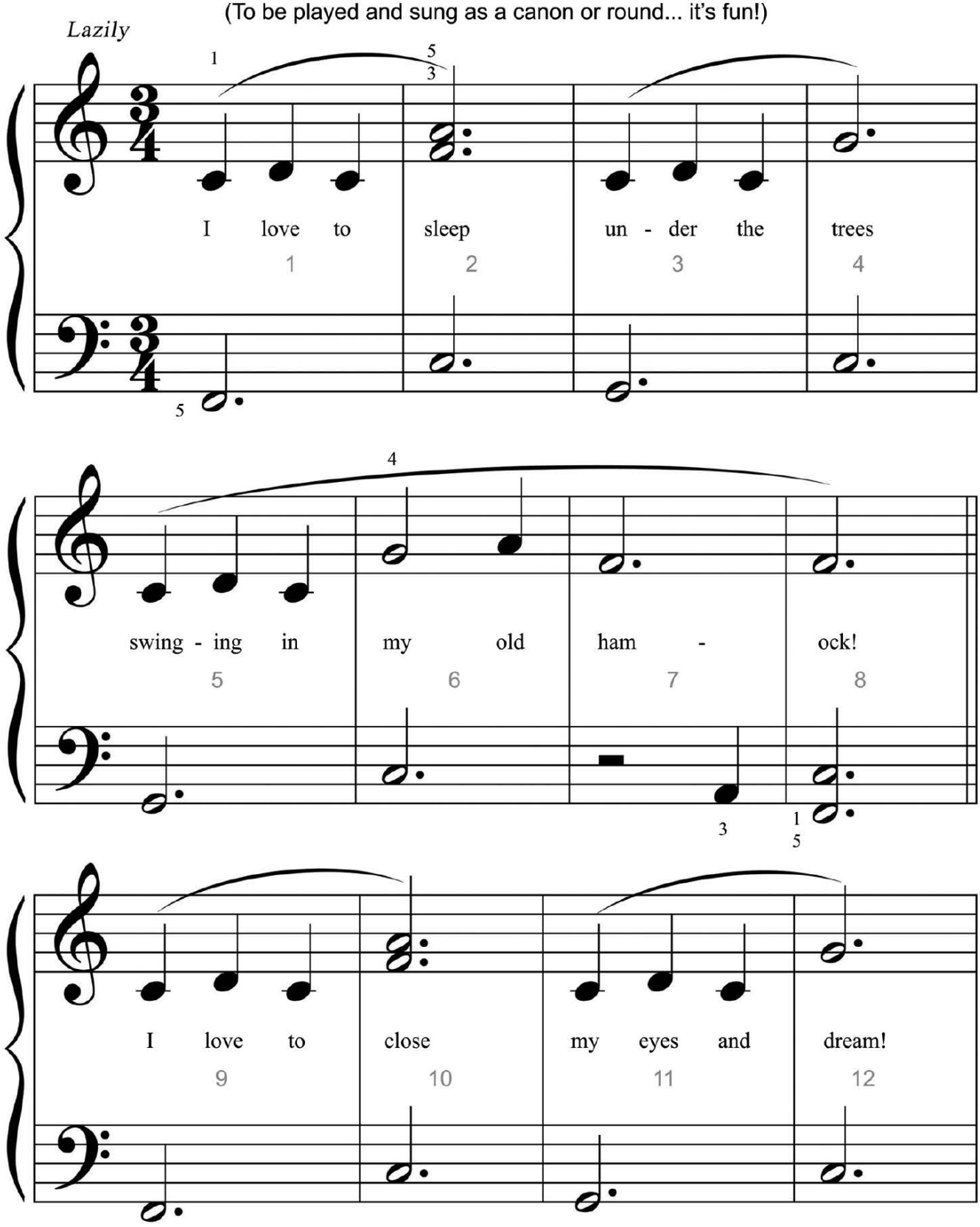
(To be played and sung as a canon or round... it's fun!)



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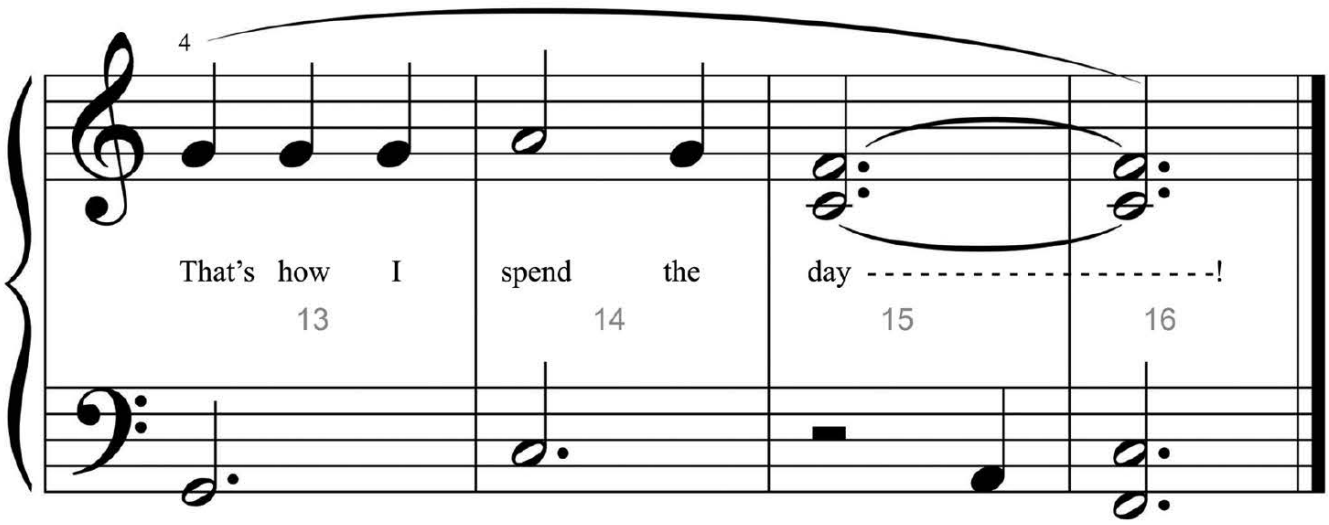

What is a CANON or ROUND?

A canon is a round. That is when one melody begins and another person begins the same melody before the first melody has ended. Confusing? Not really! Have you ever sung "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" with a group? Each person or portion of a group sings at a different place in the song from the others. That is a canon or a round.

Canons have been popular for hundreds of years. They may have many variations such as rhythm changes. Bach used canons often in his writing. The famous "Pachabel's Canon in D" is a round with the melody repeated over and over!

How to play "Swinging in a Hammock" as a canon or round: divide your piano class into two teams. TEAM #1 begins the piece. When TEAM #1 reaches the end of measure 8, TEAM #2 starts playing the piece at measure 1. TEAM #1 continues playing the piece all the way through without stopping. TEAM #2 does likewise.



If you have plenty of time, play the piece through two times without stopping. Have fun!

A little bit more difficult: Try singing your part as you play.

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Sitting in a Boat

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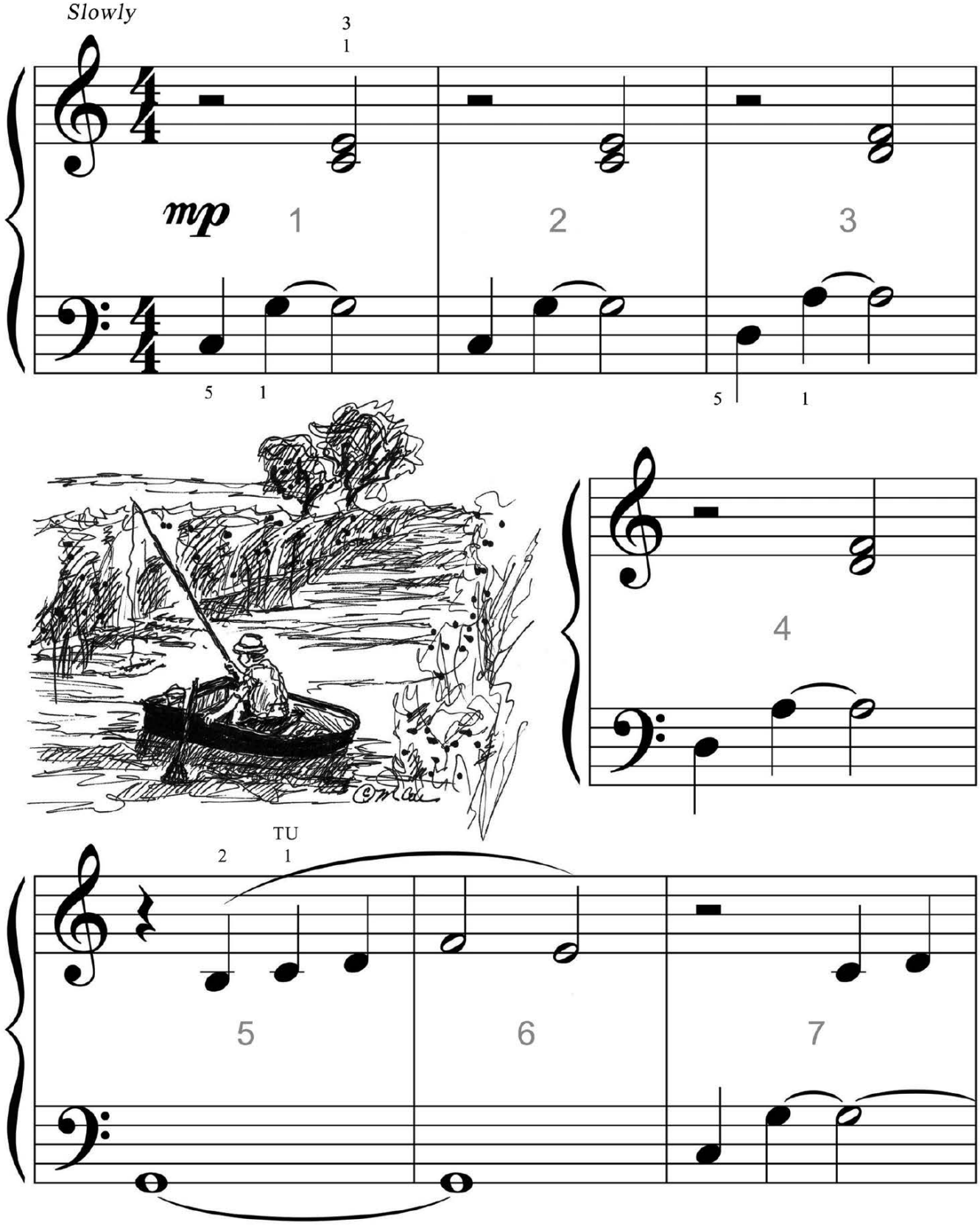
Slowly



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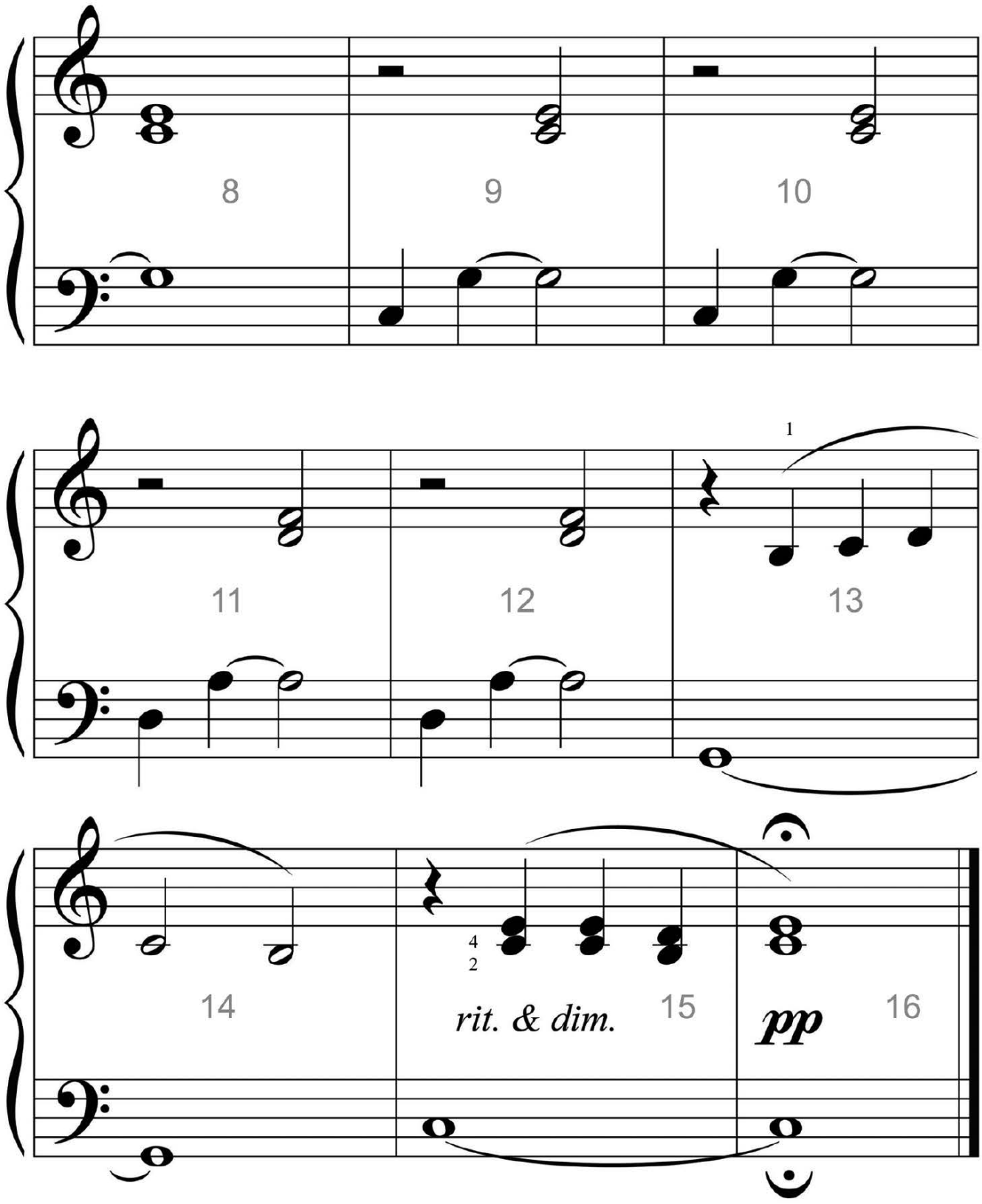

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