Supplementary Musicianship Exercises for Chapter 4

Sight Singing Melodies in Staff Notation

- 1. Determine the time signature.
- 2. Silently read each example with rhythm syllables while tapping the beat.
- 3. Silently read each example with rhythm syllables while conducting.
- 4. Clap the rhythm and say the rhythm syllables.5. Clap the rhythm and count using numbers.
- 6. Sing the tonic note and the scale the piece of music is built on.
- 7. Silently read with solfège syllables.
- 8. Be certain to select an appropriate tempo and dynamics for each example.
- 9. Sing in the example several times.



Aunt Rhody



Old Woman



Developing Musical Memory

Developing Musical Memory Exercise 1

1. Sing each melody from this chapter (*Hungarian Canon No. 1, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Rocky Mountain*) with (1) rhythm syllables while conducting and (2) solfège syllables from memory.

Developing Musical Memory Exercise 2

Memorizing from Staff Notation

This procedure may be applied to any piece of music.

- 1. Analyze the rhythmic form.
- 2. Memorize the rhythm of each phrase.
- 3. After you memorize the rhythm of each phrase clap the rhythm from memory.
- 4. Sing Little John with solfège syllables.
- 5. Once you have memorized the song, write it on the staff from memory in another key area.

Little John German Folk Song



Improvisation and Composition

Improvisation and Composition Exercise 1

This Exercise will engage you in combining the rhythms you learned in the previous chapter with the scales you've learned in this chapter. The result will be your own composition.

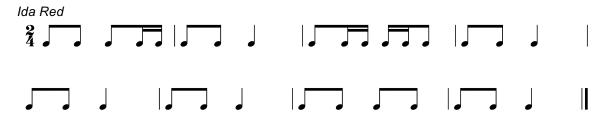


Above is the rhythm of *Dinah*. Create a sixteen-beat composition using the rhythm of *Dinah* and the five pitches of the pentachord scale. Write your composition in G major pentachord. Make certain that your composition ends on the tonic note G. Try and work with a melodic motive that you can repeat or vary slightly. Sing Happy Birthday and hear how the beginning motif is varied several times; let this model help you generate motives ideas for your own.



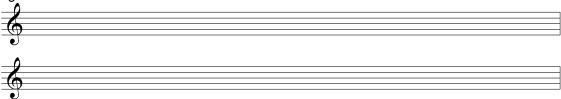


Improvisation and Composition Exercise 2



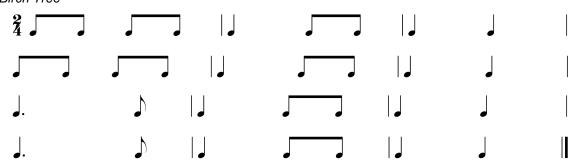
Above is the rhythm of *Ida Red*. Create a sixteen-beat composition using the rhythm of *Ida Red* and the five pitches of the pentachord scale. Write your composition in B flat major pentachord. Make certain that your composition ends on the tonic note B flat.

Figure treble clef



Improvisation and Composition Exercise 3

Birch Tree



Above is the rhythm of *Birch Tree*. Create a sixteen-beat composition using the rhythm of *Birch Tree* and the six pitches of the hexachord scale. Write your composition in D major hexachord. Make certain that your composition ends on the tonic note D.



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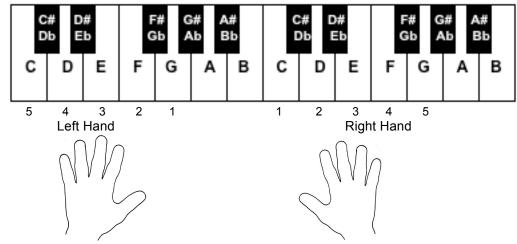
Improvisation and Composition Exercise 5
Compose a rhythmic accompaniment to the *Hungarian Canon No. 1.*Hungarian Canon No. 1



Keyboard Performance

Keyboard Performance Exercise 1

Play the *Hungarian Canon No. 1* beginning on C in the right and left hands using the following fingering.



- 1. Sing Hungarian Canon No. 1 in solfège as you play.
- 2. Sing Hungarian Canon No. 1 with degree numbers and conduct as you sing.
- 3. Sing Hungarian Canon No. 1 in letter names as you play.
- 4. Now play hands together.



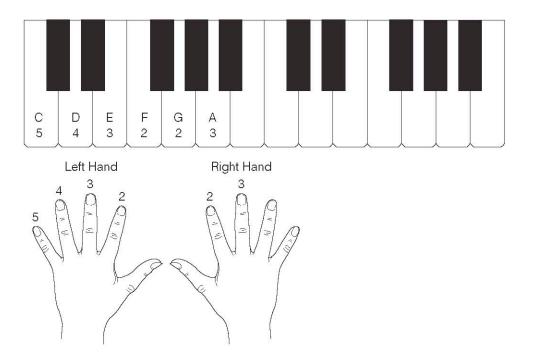
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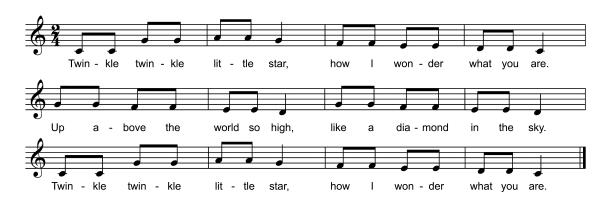
Play the Hungarian Canon No. 1 beginning on the following keys: G, F, D, Bb, A, Eb.

Major Hexachord Patterns and Melodies

Keyboard Performance Exercise 3

Play *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* beginning on C in the right and left hands using the following fingering.





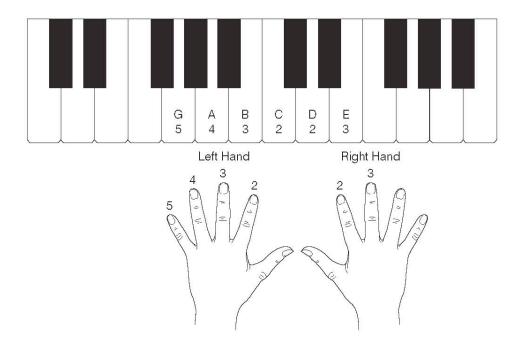
Sing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star in solfège as you play.

Sing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star with numbers and conduct as you sing.

Sing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star in letter names as you play.

Keyboard Performance Exercise 4

Play *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* on the piano beginning on G. The fingering for playing with the left hand and the right hand is provided below.



Keyboard Performance Exercise 5

Play *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* beginning on the following keys: F, D, A and B flat. Be certain to account for the whole step and half step in the major hexachord scale.

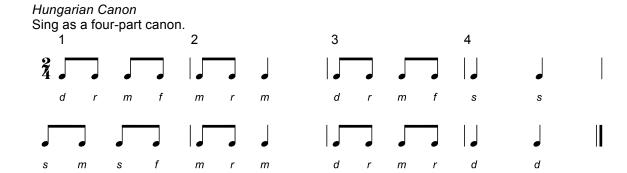
Keyboard Performance Exercise 6

Sing the treble part and play the bass part on the piano.



Ensemble Singing

Ensemble Singing Exercise 1



Ensemble Singing Exercise 2

Sing the following as a two-part canon; the second part enters when the first part begins the second measure. Can you sing them as three- and four-part canons?

Slovak Folk Song



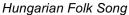
Ensemble Singing Exercise 3

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This is a four-part canon. The entrance is on each measure.



Ensemble Singing Exercise 4





Ensemble Singing Exercise 5

Oh How Lovely Is the Evening

Perform *Oh How Lovely is the Evening* as a three-part canon. The canon entrance is at the beginning of each phrase.



Ensemble Performance Exercise 6

Tap the top line of the score with your right hand while you tape the bottom part of the score with your left hand.

