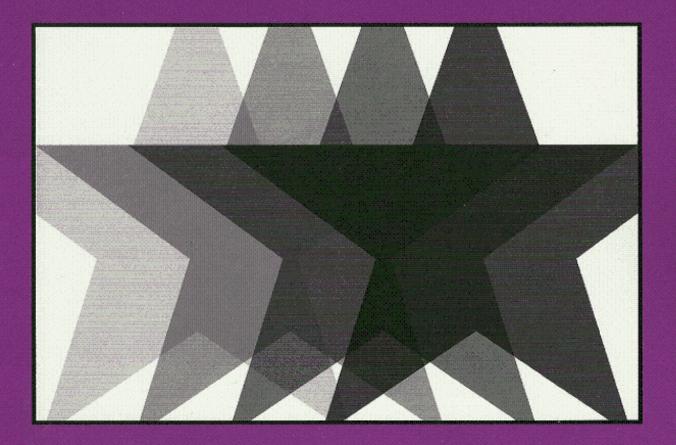
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How To Use This Book

The purpose of the *Four Star* series is to provide daily exercises in sight reading and ear training for students to practice at home, as well as tests to be given by the teacher at the lesson. Best results will be obtained through daily student practice, and consistent monitoring and testing at the lesson by the teacher.

SIGHT READING AND RHYTHM

The daily sight-reading and rhythm exercises are intended for students to do by themselves. There are five exercises per week, each including two sight-reading exercises, a short piece to play, and a rhythm to clap. To indicate a rest while clapping, the student should separate their hands and turn their palms upward.

A reference section on Musical Elements and Patterns in This Volume can be found on pp. 4–6. It is useful for teachers to review these at the lesson.

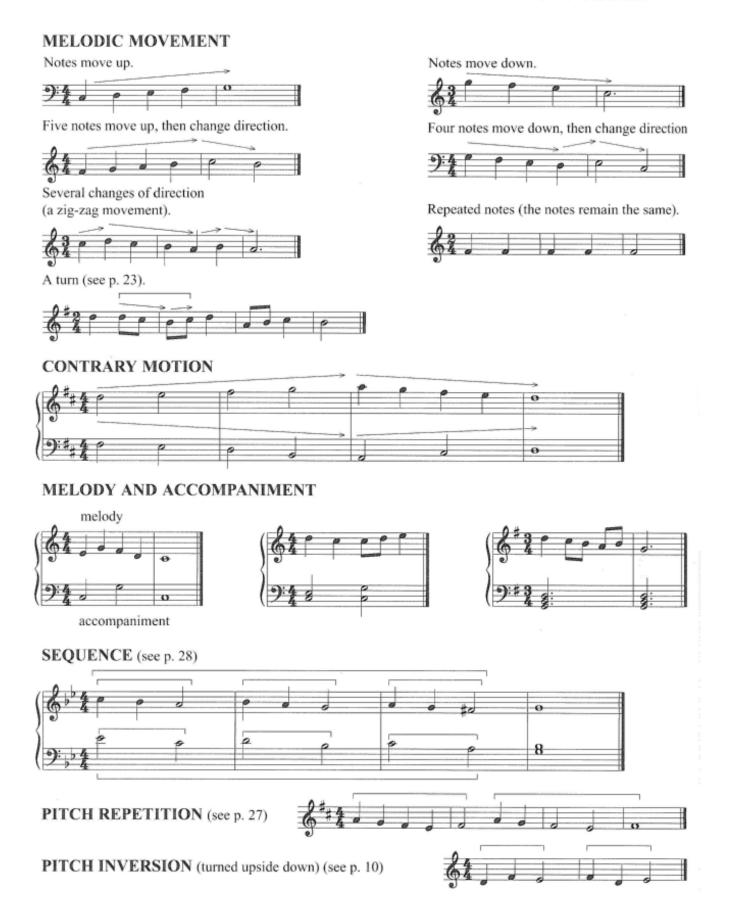
EAR TRAINING

Ear-training exercises can be found following the sight-reading and rhythm drills. These, too, are designed to be practiced by the student alone, as assigned by the teacher.

TESTS

Tests are found beginning on p. 37. These are designed to be given by the teacher at the lesson at the conclusion of the corresponding week's work. Supplementary material may be found in the series *Melody Playback/Singback* and *Rhythm Clapback/Singback* by Boris Berlin and Andrew Markow.

Musical Elements and Patterns in This Volume

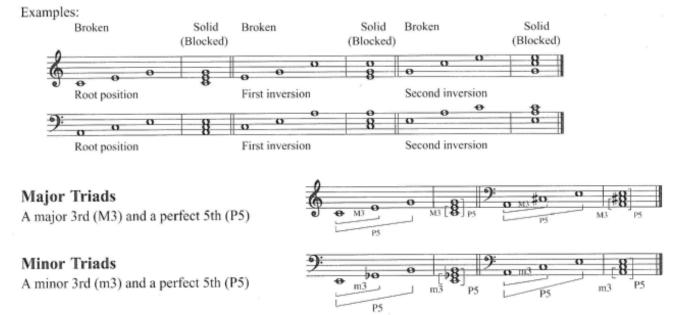


INTERVALS

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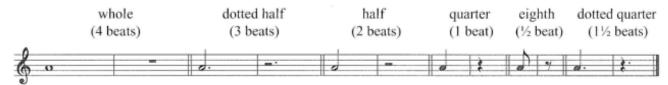
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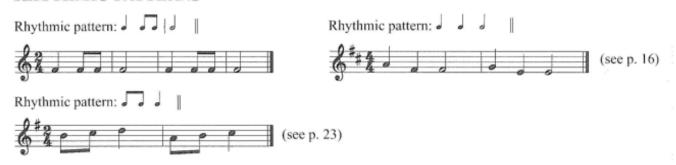




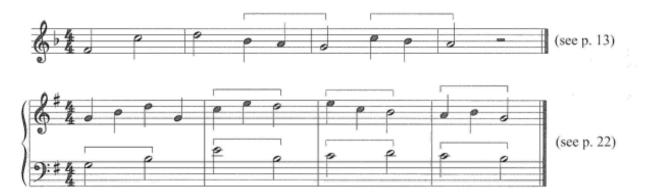
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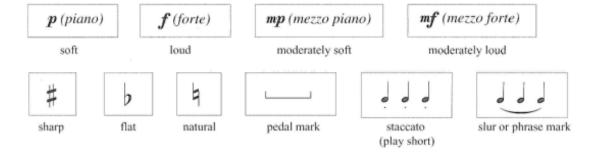
RHYTHMIC PATTERNS



RHYTHMIC IMITATION



MARKS OF EXPRESSION AND OTHER MUSICAL SIGNS



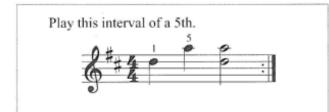
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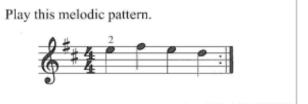
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Play these notes. What (Answer: Which inversion? (Answer) Now play the triad in s) swer:)	Play these notes. What triad do they form? (Answer:) Which inversion? (Answer:) Now play the triad in solid (blocked) form.		
Name the LH notes as you	play.			
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2	SECOND DAY	(date)		
Play this melodic patte	ern.	Play this interval o	f a 4th.	
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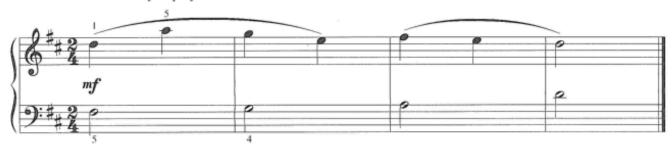


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Name the LH notes as you play.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



FOURTH DAY

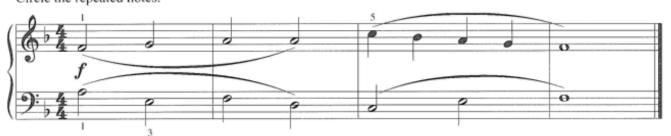
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Play this melodic pattern with intervals of a 3rd.

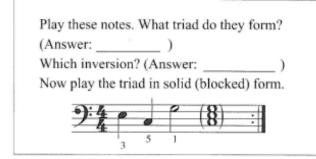


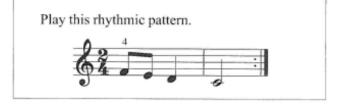
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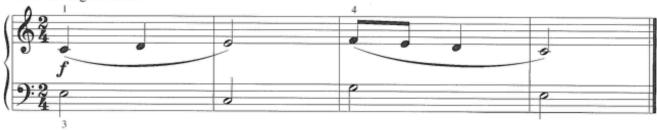


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Circle the eighth notes.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



Daily Ear-Training Exercises No. 1

Directions to the student: Complete these ear-training exercises at home.

RHYTHM

Sing, clap, or tap the rhythm of these short melodies: (a) by looking at the music and (b) from memory.





INTERVALS

Play the first note of each interval, then sing or hum the second. Identify the interval and write its name underneath.





MELODY PLAYBACK





Directions to the student: Complete one set of sight-reading exercises at each practice session.



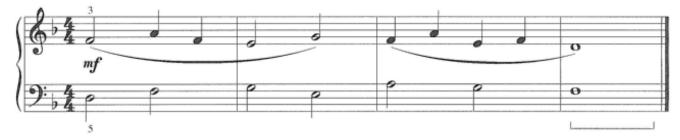
Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern.



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THIRD DAY (date) Play these notes. What triad do they form? Play this pattern. (Answer: _____) Which inversion? (Answer: _____) Now play the triad in solid (blocked) form. Name the RH notes as you play. mpClap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats. FOURTH DAY (date) Play these notes. What triad do they form? Play these notes. What triad do they form? (Answer: _____) (Answer: _____) Which inversion? (Answer: _____) Which inversion? (Answer: _____) Now play the triad in solid (blocked) form. Now play the triad in solid (blocked) form.



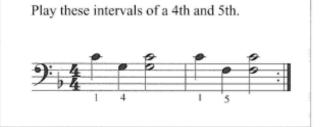




The notes below form the first five notes of a major scale.

Name the scale. (Answer:





Name the LH notes as you play.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



Daily Ear-Training Exercises No. 2

Directions to the student: Complete these ear-training exercises at home.

RHYTHM

Sing, clap, or tap the rhythm of these short melodies: (a) by looking at the music and (b) from memory.

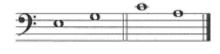




INTERVALS

Play the first note of each interval, then sing or hum the second. Repeat the process in reverse. Identify the interval and write its name underneath.





MELODY PLAYBACK

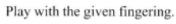




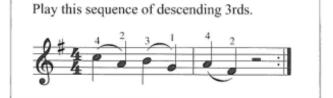
Directions to the student: Complete one set of sight-reading exercises at each practice session.











Circle all the intervals of a 3rd.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



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FOURTH DAY _____ (date)

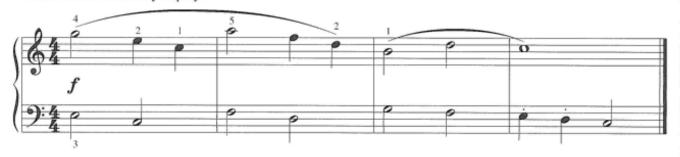
Play this C major broken triad followed by an interval of a 6th.



Play these descending 3rds followed by an interval of a 7th.



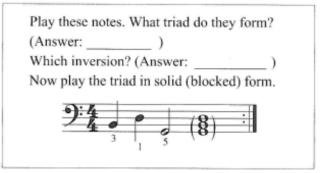
Name the RH notes as you play.











Play, counting the beats.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



Daily Ear-Training Exercises No. 3

Directions to the student: Complete these ear-training exercises at home.

RHYTHM

Sing, clap, or tap the rhythm of these short melodies: (a) by looking at the music and (b) from memory.



INTERVALS

Play the first note of each interval, then sing or hum the second. Identify the interval and write its name underneath.





MELODY PLAYBACK





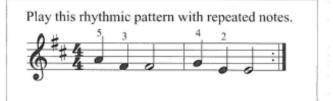
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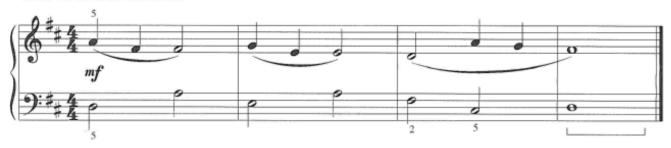
FIRST DAY _____ (date)

Play these intervals of a 5th and a 4th.





Circle the melodic imitation.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.

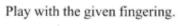


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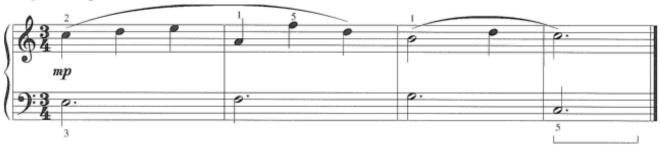
Play these intervals of a 5th and a 6th.







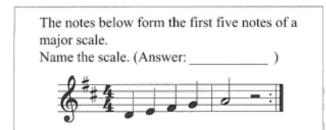
Play, counting the beats.







THIRD DAY _____ (date)





Circle the notes that form the first five notes of the ascending D major scale in the RH.

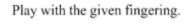


Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.





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Circle the notes in the RH which form the A minor broken triad.



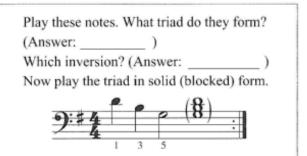


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Play with the given fingering.





Circle the broken C major triad in the RH, then play, counting the beats.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



Daily Ear-Training Exercises No. 4

Directions to the student: Complete these ear-training exercises at home.

RHYTHM

Sing, clap, or tap the rhythm of these short melodies: (a) by looking at the music and (b) from memory.





INTERVALS

Play the first note of each interval, then sing or hum the second. Repeat the process in reverse. Identify the interval and write its name underneath.





MELODY PLAYBACK

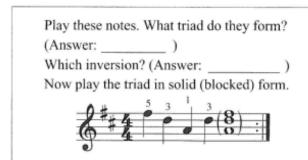


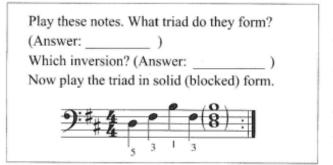


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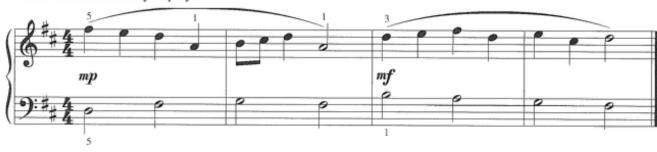








Name the LH notes as you play.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



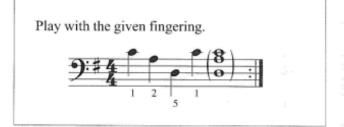


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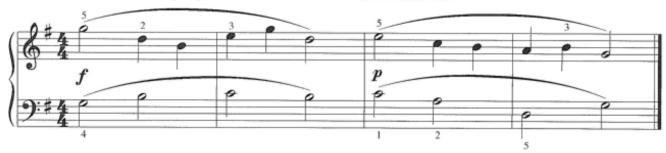
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Play with the given fingering.





Circle the intervals of a 3rd, 5th, and 4th in the last two measures of the LH.

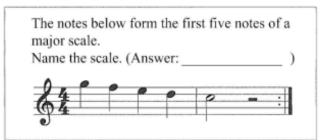






Play with the given fingering.





Circle the two measures in which the fingering is repeated in the LH.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



Daily Ear-Training Exercises No. 5

Directions to the student: Complete these ear-training exercises at home.

RHYTHM

Sing, clap, or tap the rhythm of these short melodies: (a) by looking at the music and (b) from memory.



INTERVALS

Play the first note of each interval, then sing or hum the second. Identify the interval and write its name underneath.





MELODY PLAYBACK



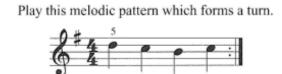


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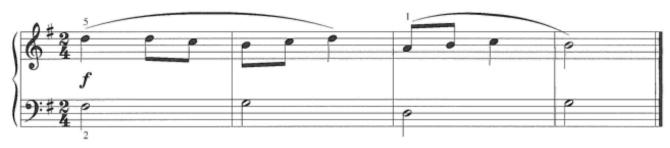








Play, counting the beats.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.

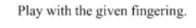




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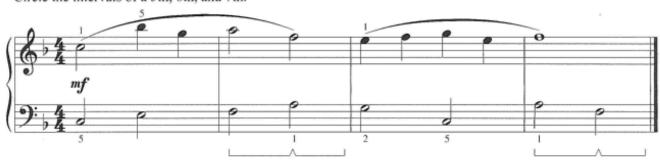








Circle the intervals of a 5th, 6th, and 7th.

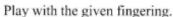








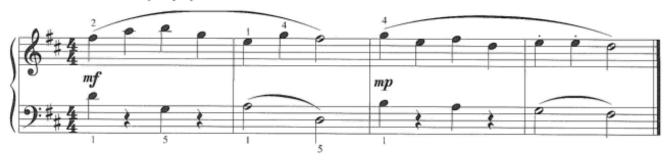








Name the LH notes as you play.



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Daily Ear-Training Exercises No. 6

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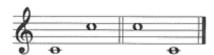
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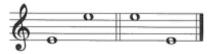
Sing, clap, or tap the rhythm of these short melodies: (a) by looking at the music and (b) from memory.



INTERVALS

Play the first note of each interval, then sing or hum the second. Identify the interval and write its name underneath.





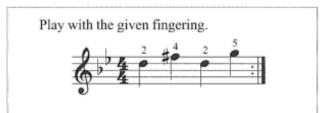
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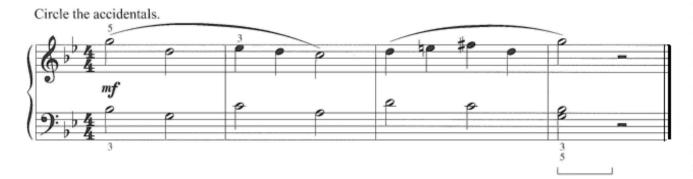


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Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



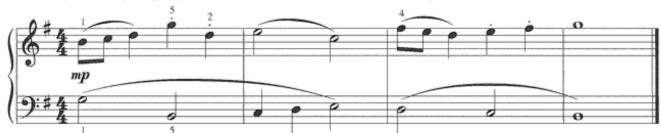


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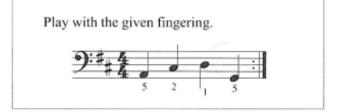
Bracket () the groups of notes in the RH which move in contrary motion with the LH.



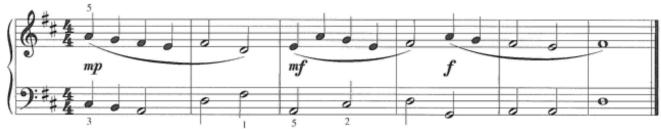








Bracket the five-note melodic imitations in the RH.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



Daily Ear-Training Exercises No. 7

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RHYTHM

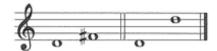
Sing, clap, or tap the rhythm of these short melodies: (a) by looking at the music and (b) from memory.





INTERVALS

Play the first note of each interval, then sing or hum the second. Repeat the process in reverse. Identify the interval and write its name underneath.





MELODY PLAYBACK





Directions to the student: Complete one set of sight-reading exercises at each practice session.



Play these notes. What triad do they form?

(Answer: ______)

Which inversion? (Answer: _____)

Now play the triad in solid (blocked) form.



How many measures does the sequence in this piece last? (Answer: _____) Place an "X" in these measures.

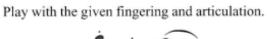


Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



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SECOND DAY _____ (date)







Circle all the staccato notes.

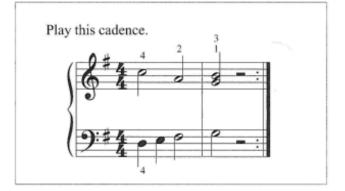






Play these intervals of a 6th and 4th.





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How many broken triads are there in the RH? (Answer: ___) Name them. (Answer: ___)



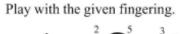
Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



FOURTH DAY _____ (date)

Play with the given fingering.







Circle the ascending broken melodic 3rds in the RH. How many are there? (Answer: _____)





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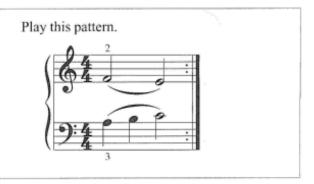
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Play these notes. What triad do they form?

(Answer: ______)

Which inversion? (Answer: ______)

Now play the triad in solid (blocked) form.



Circle the notes in the RH that form a C major triad in first inversion.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



Daily Ear-Training Exercises No. 8

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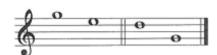
RHYTHM

Sing, clap, or tap the rhythm of these short melodies: (a) by looking at the music and (b) from memory.



INTERVALS

Play the first note of each interval, then sing or hum the second. Repeat the process in reverse. Identify the interval and write its name underneath.





MELODY PLAYBACK





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Circle the RH notes which form the G minor triad in second inversion, and the E flat major triad in second inversion.

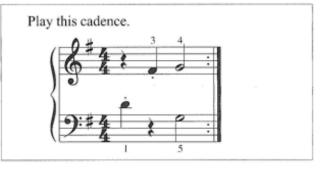


Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.









Circle the quarter rests, then play, counting the beats.









Circle the intervals of a 5th, 4th, and 3rd.

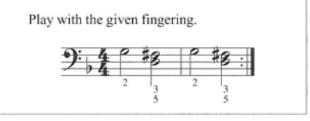


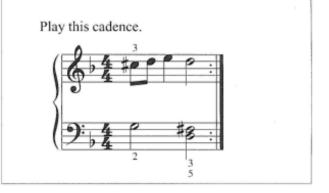
Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



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FOURTH DAY _____ (date)



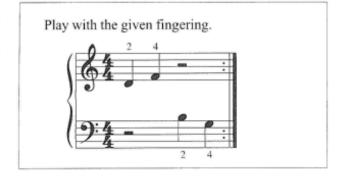


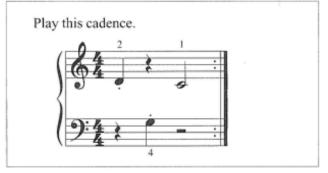
Circle the repeated notes.











Circle the rests, and then play, counting the beats.



Clap or tap the rhythmic pattern while counting the beats.



Daily Ear-Training Exercises No. 9

Directions to the student: Complete these ear-training exercises at home.

RHYTHM

Sing, clap, or tap the rhythm of these short melodies: (a) by looking at the music and (b) from memory.

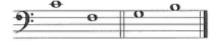




INTERVALS

Play the first note of each interval, then sing or hum the second. Repeat the process in reverse. Identify the interval and write its name underneath.





MELODY PLAYBACK



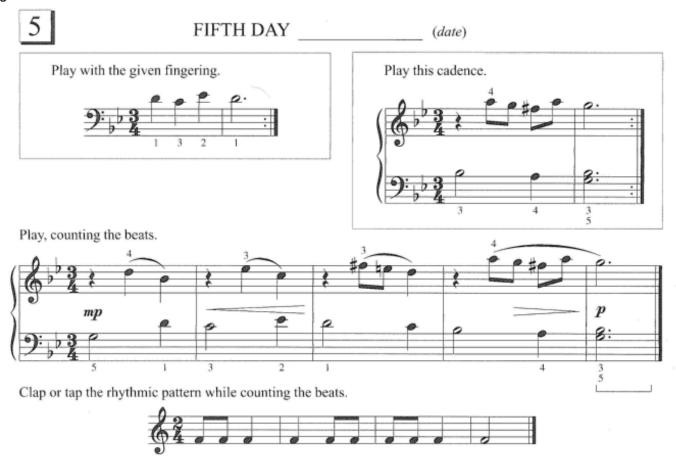


Directions to the student: Complete one set of sight-reading exercises at each practice session.









Daily Ear-Training Exercises No. 10

Directions to the student: Complete these ear-training exercises at home.

RHYTHM

Sing, clap, or tap the rhythm of these short melodies: (a) by looking at the music and (b) from memory.



INTERVALS

Play the first note of each interval, then sing or hum the second. Repeat the process in reverse. Identify the interval and write its name underneath.

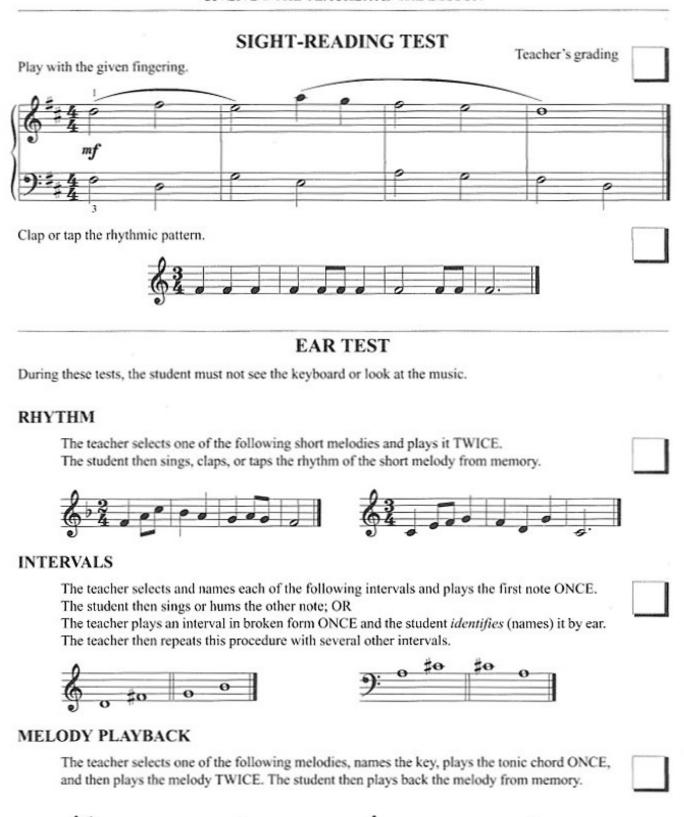




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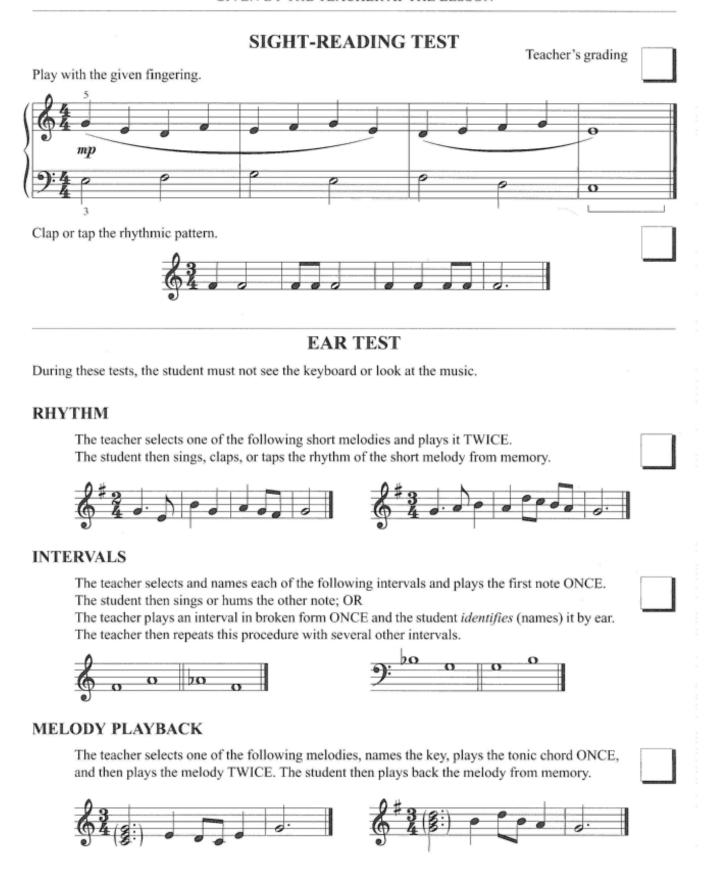


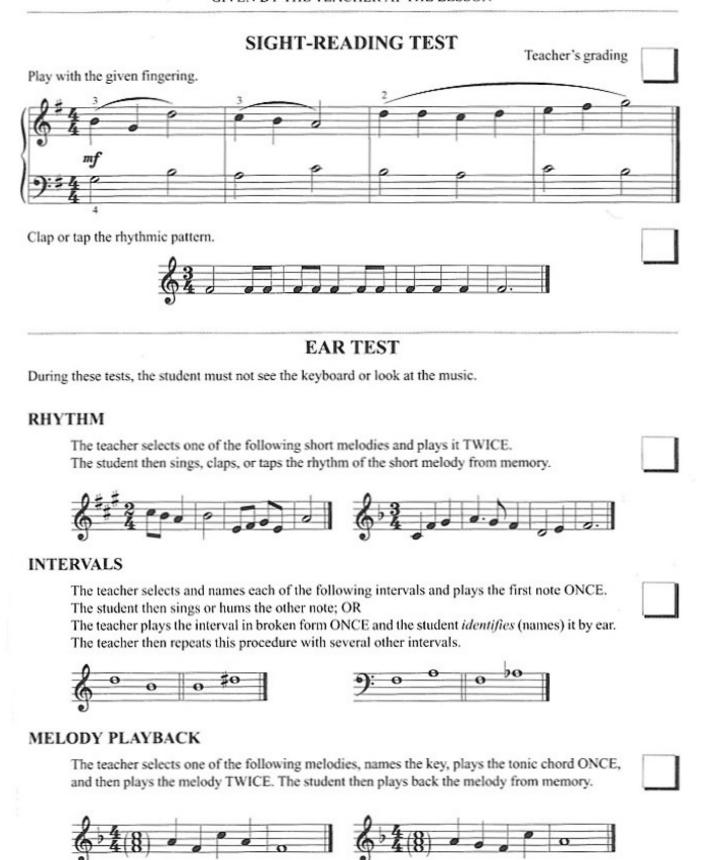




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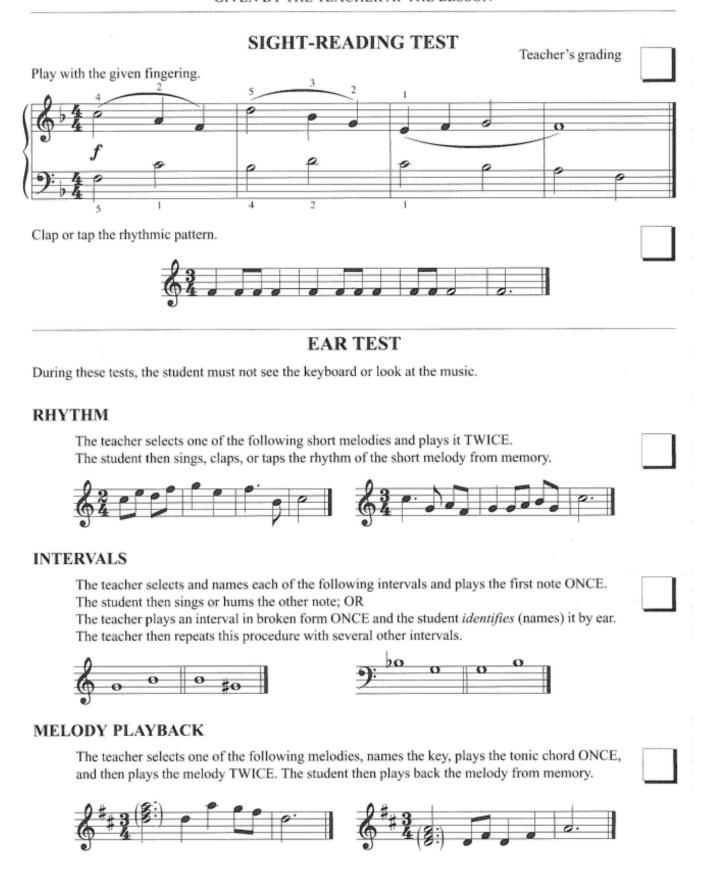
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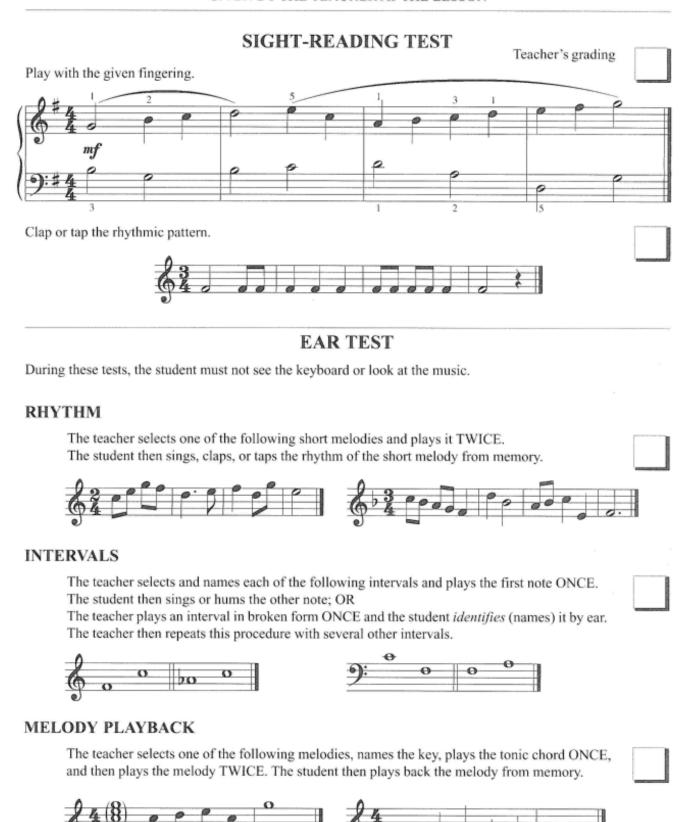
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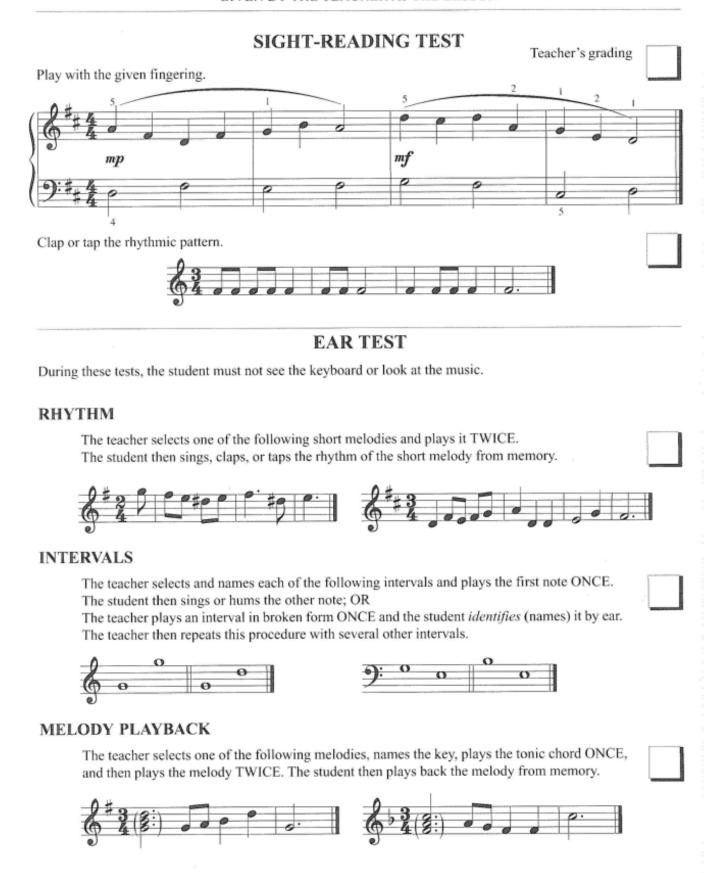


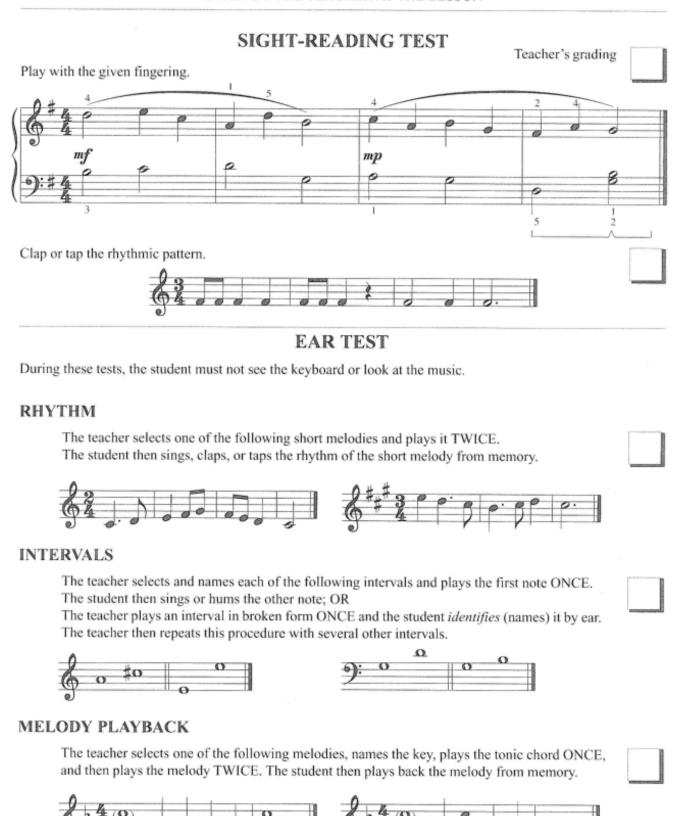
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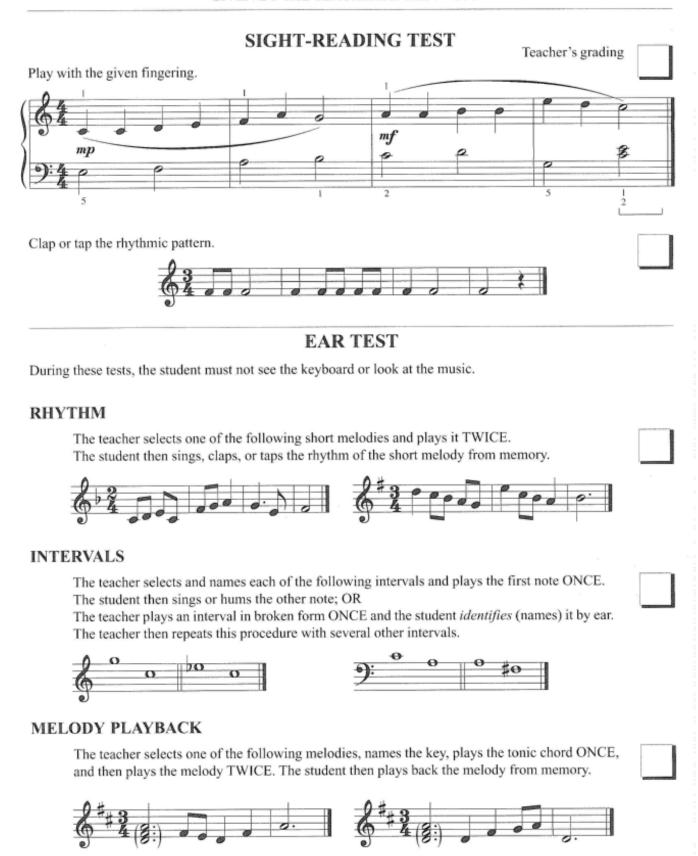
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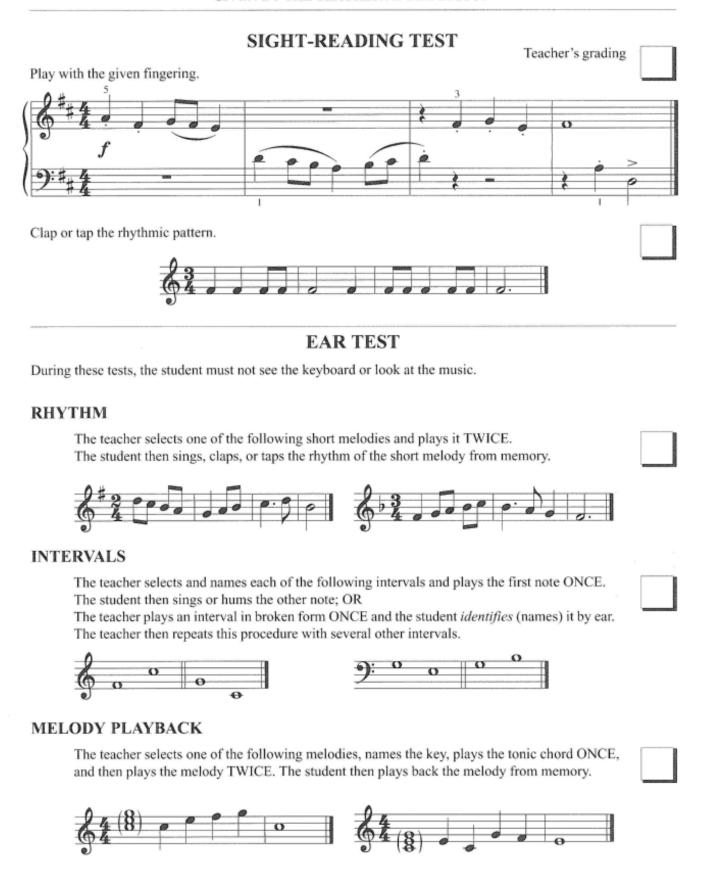


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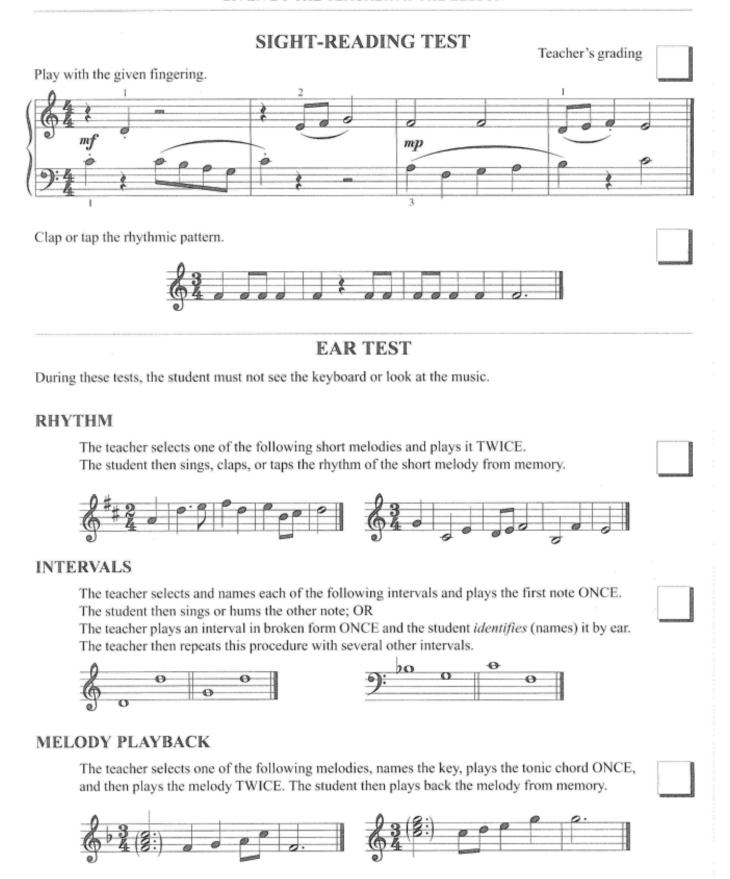








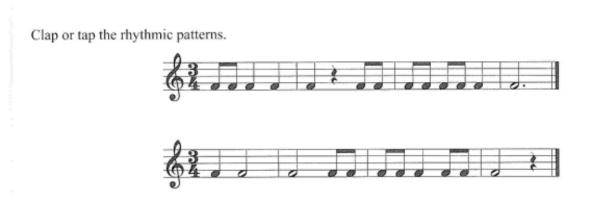
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★ Final Four Star Test ★

This test will be given before filling in and signing the Certificate of Achievement.





EAR TEST

During these tests, the student must not see the keyboard or look at the music.

RHYTHM

The teacher selects one of the following short melodies and plays it TWICE.

The student then sings, claps, or taps the rhythm of the short melody from memory.





INTERVALS

The teacher selects and names each of the following intervals and plays the first note ONCE.

The student then sings or hums the other note; OR

The teacher plays an interval in broken form ONCE and the student identifies (names) it by ear.

The teacher then repeats this procedure with several other intervals.



MELODY PLAYBACK

The teacher selects one of the following melodies, names the key, plays the tonic chord ONCE, and then plays the melody TWICE. The student then plays back the melody from memory.



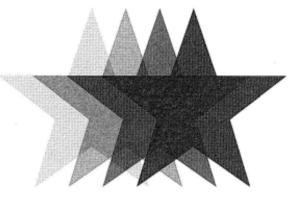
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and is eligible for promotion to

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Level 4

Teacher ______ Date _____