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# **Instruction Book**

Today there are many types of electronic keyboard instruments available to the person interested in learnins to play. Whichever instrument you've chosen, the Electronic Keyboard Music Instruction Method will help you learn basic music by presenting, as quickly and correctly as possible, the skills necessary to play and enjoy music.

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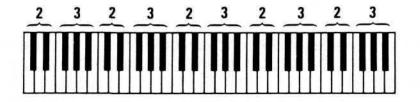


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# Introduction To The Keyboard

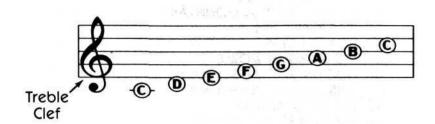
Keyboard instruments have black and white keys. The Black keys are arransed in groups of 2 and 3 notes. The total number of keys vary and depend on the model.



### THE STAFF

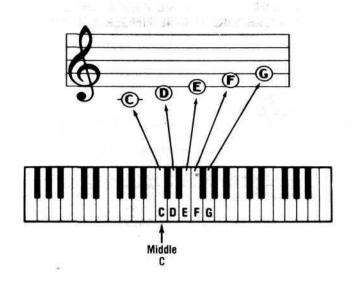
The music STAFF has five lines and four spaces. Notes are written on either a line or space, and are named with the first seven letters of the alphabet.

At the beginning of a staff a CLEF SIGN IS SHOWN. The TREBLE CLEF ( generally plays the "treble" or higher pitched sounds.



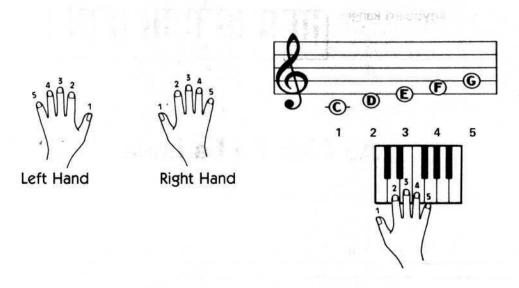
### THE KEYBOARD

Notes on a keyboard correspond to notes on a staff. Generally, notes written in the treble clef are to be played with the right hand. Place the Keyboard Guide (included in this book) on your keyboard as directed. Locate the 5 notes shown in this music example on your keyboard.



### **FINGERING**

The fingers on each hand are numbered. The small numbers which appear on the staff correspond to the finger numbers and suggest which finger to use on each key.

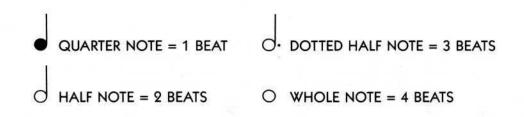


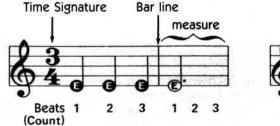
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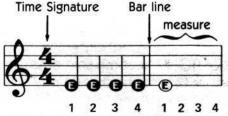
When performing, it is necessary to hold down a key for a specific time value. There are several kinds of note values:

The time values of  $\bigcirc$ ,  $\bigcirc$ , and  $\bigcirc$  can be organized into regular groups of two, three and four beats. These groups of notes are divided by bar lines. The distance between two bar lines is called a **measure**.

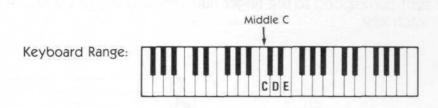
The constant number of beats between two bar lines is written at the beginning of each song and is called a TIME SIGNATURE. The top number tells what number of beats will consistently appear in each measure, and the bottom number explains that the quarter note will equal one count.



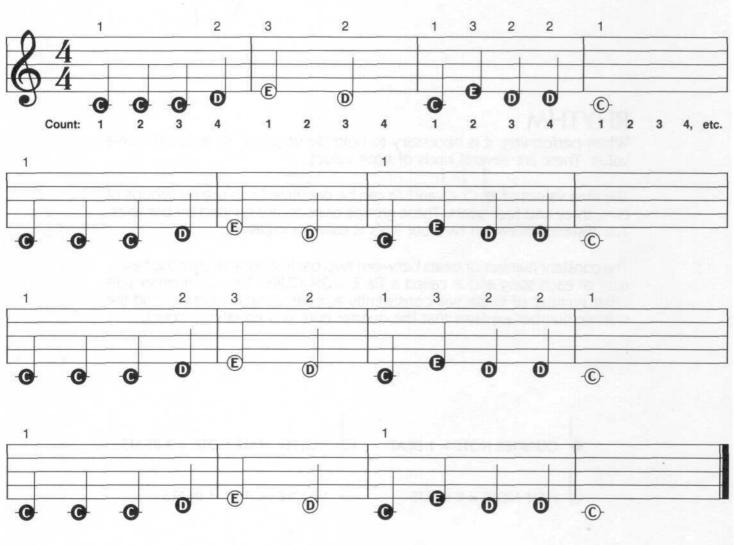




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### Au Clair De La Lune

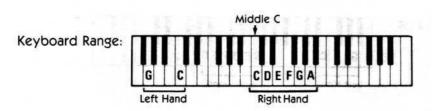


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#### **PREPARATION: Accompaniments**

"Au Clair De La Lune" teaches melody only. The following songs are written with left hand accompaniment that can be played by following the "one-finger" accompaniment chord symbols. See page 48 for more information. Players with previous keyboard experience may elect to play traditional, or "fingered," chords.

These are also discussed on page 48.



Music! Music! Music!



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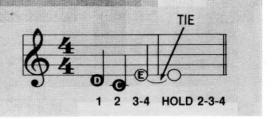
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#### **PREPARATION: Ties**

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A TIE is a curved line that connects two consecutive notes with the same note name and pitch. When a TIE appears in the music, play the first note and then continue to hold the note down through the full value of the second note.

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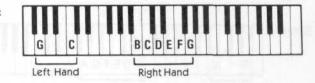


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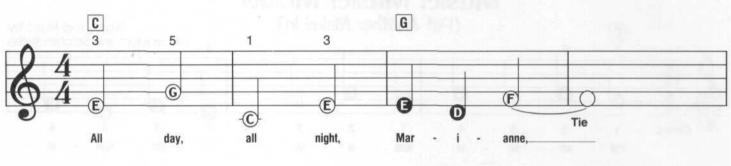
Regi-Sound Program: Trombone or Trumpet

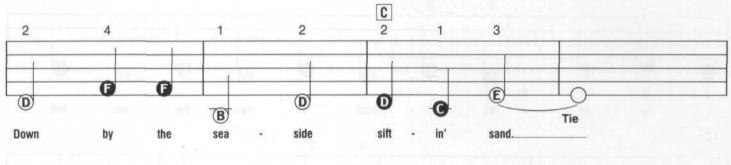
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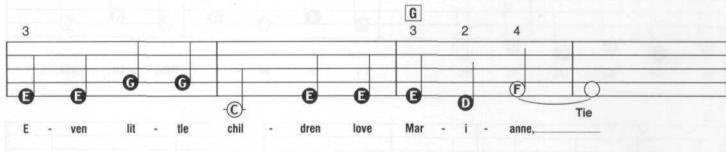
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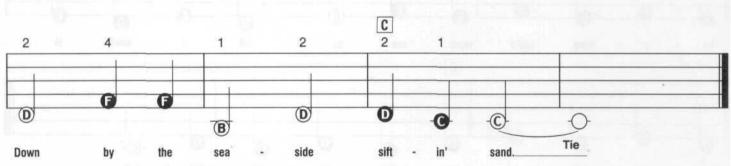


### Marianne





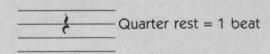




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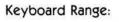
#### **PREPARATION: Rests**

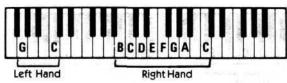
Many times a composer desires silence in the music. To achieve this, a musical symbol called a REST is used. When one appears, do not play anything.



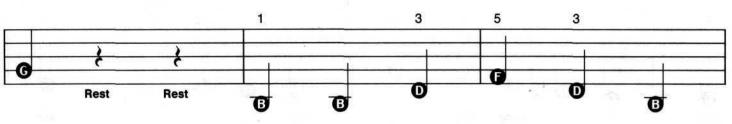
Regi-Sound Program: Guitar

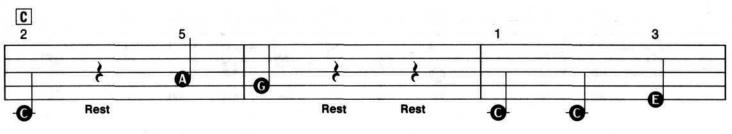
Optional Waltz Rhythm and One-Finger Accompaniment

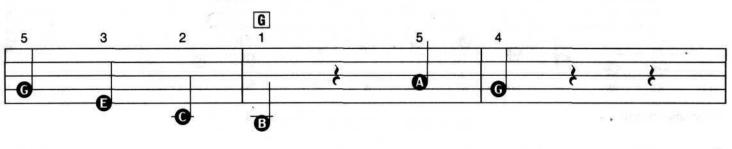


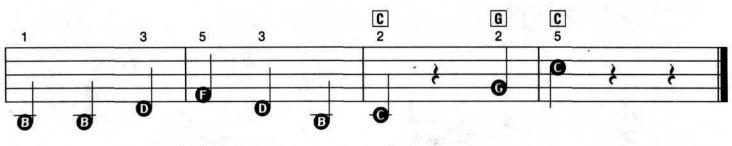












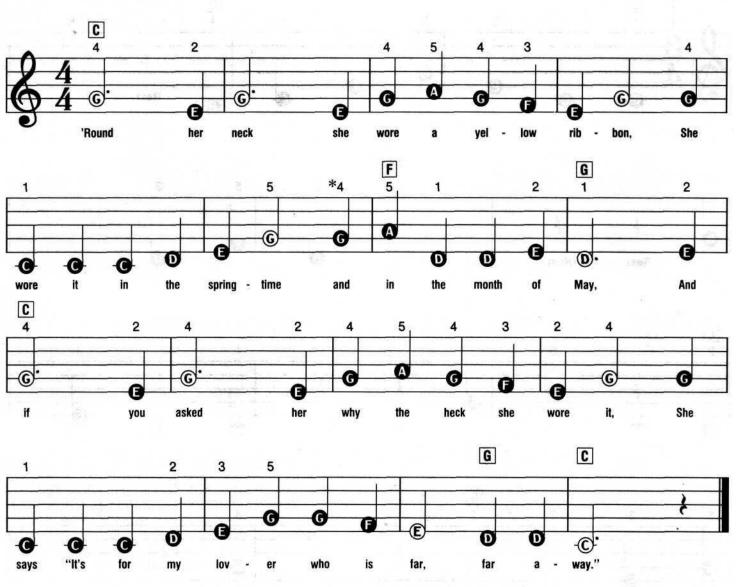
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Optional Ballad Rhythm and One-Finger Accompaniment

Keyboard Range:



### She Wore A Yellow Ribbon

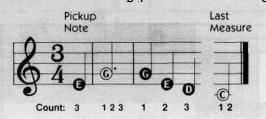


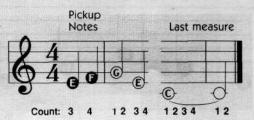
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#### **PREPARATION: Pickup Notes**

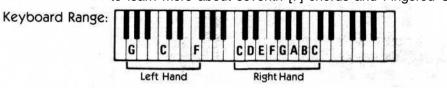
Sometimes the first measure will have an incomplete number of beats. These notes are called PICKUP NOTES. The last measure in the song provides the missing beats.





Resi-Sound Program: Saxophone or Clarinet Accompaniment: Optional Swing Rhythm

One-Finger Accompaniment or Fingered Chords (See page 48 to learn more about seventh [7] chords and Fingered Chords.)





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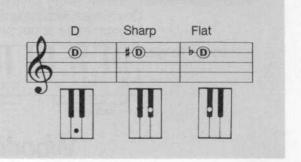
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#### PREPARATION: SHARPS AND FLATS

A SHARP (#) in front of a note raises the pitch of the note a half step, or to the adjacent key to the right

A FLAT (b) in front of a note lowers the pitch of the note a half step, or to the adjacent key to the left.

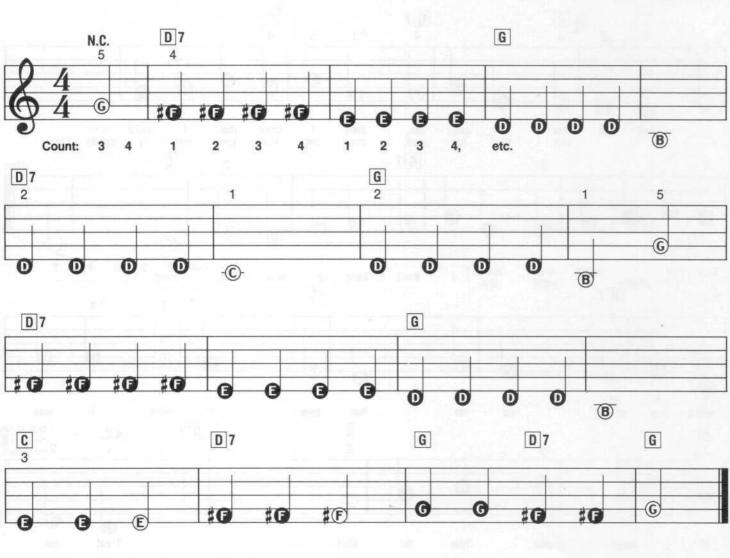


Regi-Sound Program: Clarinet — March or Polka Rhythm Accompaniment: One-Finger Accompaniment or Fingered Chords

Keyboard Range:



# Village Tavern Polka

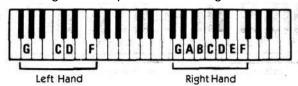


Regi-Sound Program: Trumpet

Accompaniment: Optional Ballad or Swing Rhythm

One-Finger Accompaniment or Fingered Chords

Keyboard Range:



### Love Me Tender

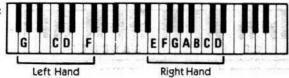


Regi-Sound Program: Vibes or Harp

Jazz Waltz or Waltz, Automatic Rhythm

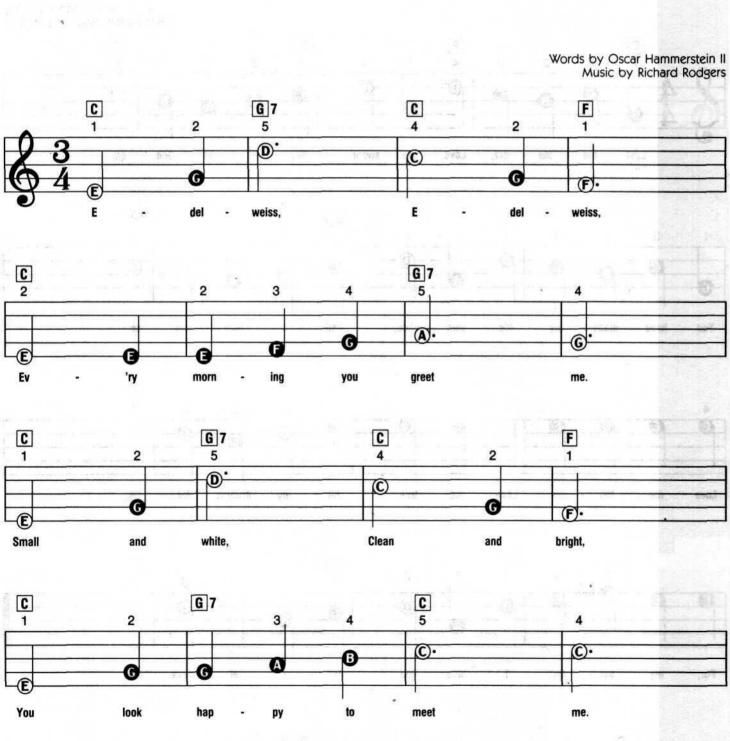
Accompaniment: One-Finger Accompaniment or Fingered Chords

Keyboard Range:



# Edelweiss

(From "THE SOUND OF MUSIC")





### PREPARATION: Repeat Sign

Repeat Signs are used in a sons when a section of the arrangement or the entire song is to be played again (repeated). Generally, Repeat Signs appear in sets of two.



- There will be one repeat sign (A) at the beginning of the section to be repeated.
- Play up to the repeat sign at the end of this section (B).
- Return to the first repeat sign (A) and play the section again.
- If there is no repeat sign (A), return to the beginning of the song.

PREPARATION: 1 st and 2nd Endings

When two different endings appear within or at the end of a song, here's what to do:

- Play the song up through the first (1) ending.
- Repeat to the closest repeat sign, or back to the beginning.
- Play that section again, skip the first ending (1), but play the second ending (2).

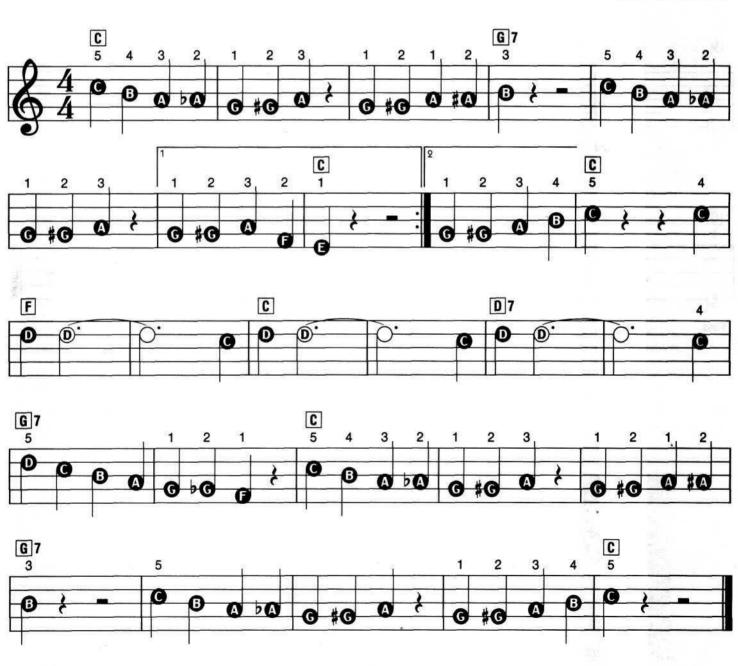
Regi-Sound Program: Piano or "synthesized" sound

Swing Rhythm

Accompaniment: One-Finger Accompaniment or Fingered Chords

### Alley Cat

Music by Frank Bjorn



#### PREPARATION: Eighth notes

An EIGHTH NOTE (or rest) receives half the value of a quarter note (or rest). Two eighth notes equal one quarter note. Two or more eighth notes are sometimes connected by a BEAM.

Regi-Sound Program: Vibes or Trombone Optional Waltz Rhythm

Accompaniment: Optional One-Finger Accompaniment or Fingered Chords

# Brahms' Lullaby



### Gonna Build A Mountain

(From the Musical Production "STOP THE WORLD — I WANT TO GET OFF")



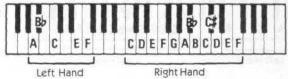
Regi-Sound Program: Saxophone

Slow Rock Rhythm

Accompaniment: One-Finger Accompaniment or Fingered Chords

(See page 48 to learn more about minor [m] chords.)

Keyboard Range:



# Blueberry Hill

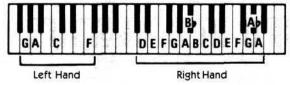
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Regi-Sound Program: String Latin Rhythm

Accompaniment: One-Finger Accompaniment or Fingered Chords

Keyboard Range:



# Spanish Eyes

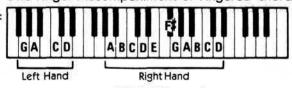
Words by Charles Singleton and Eddie Snyder Music by Bert Kaempfert



Regi-Sound Program: Harpsichord or Music Box

Accompaniment: One-Finger Accompaniment or Fingered Chords

Keyboard Range:



Walt Disney's

### It's A Small World

(Theme From the Disneyland and Walt Disney World Attraction, "IT'S A SMALL WORLD")



Regi-Sound Program: Vibes

Optional Waltz Rhythm

Accompaniment: One-Finger Accompaniment or Fingered Chords

# Goodnight My Someone

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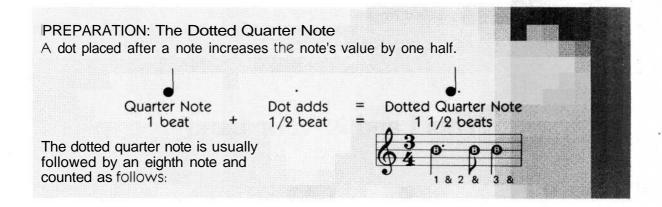


<sup>\*</sup>Fingering change.

Accompaniment: New Chord C7

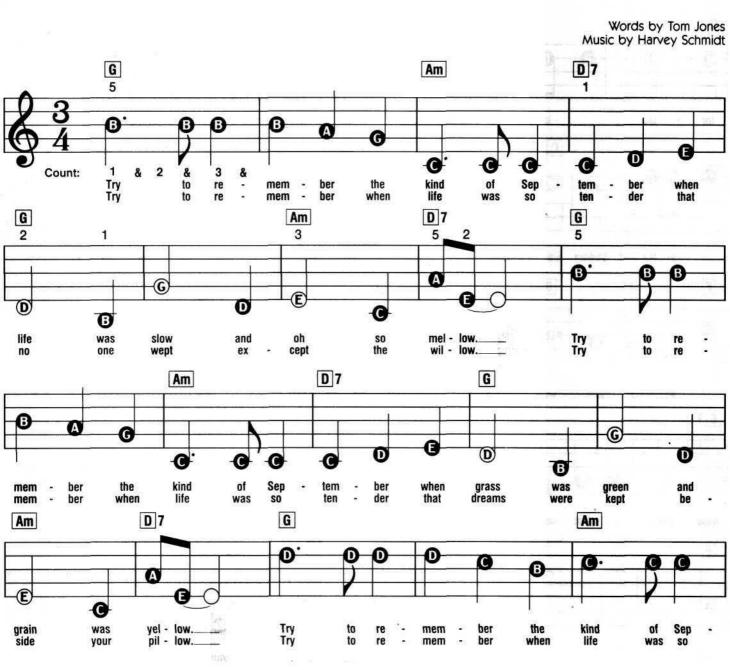
### This Land Is Your Land





Regi-Sound Program: Trombone Optional Waltz Rhythm

## Try To Remember





### PREPARATION: Registration Changes Within A Song

Your electronic keyboard can produce many different sounds. In some respects these sounds can be compared to those of an entire orchestra. One way of creatins variety and interest in orchestral playins is to feature different instruments. The technique of chansing sounds is, of course, also available to you.

Here are a few tips:

- Change sounds when rests occur in the music.
- Play slowly at first to allow enough time to make the change.
- Experiment by changing sounds in songs that are already familiar to you.

PREPARATION: Try changing sounds or registrations in this tune. A suggested change is included, but try your own.

Regi-Sound Program: Saxophone Accompaniment: New Chords Gm and Cm

# Strangers In The Night





Regi-Sound Program: Violin or String

String Celeste

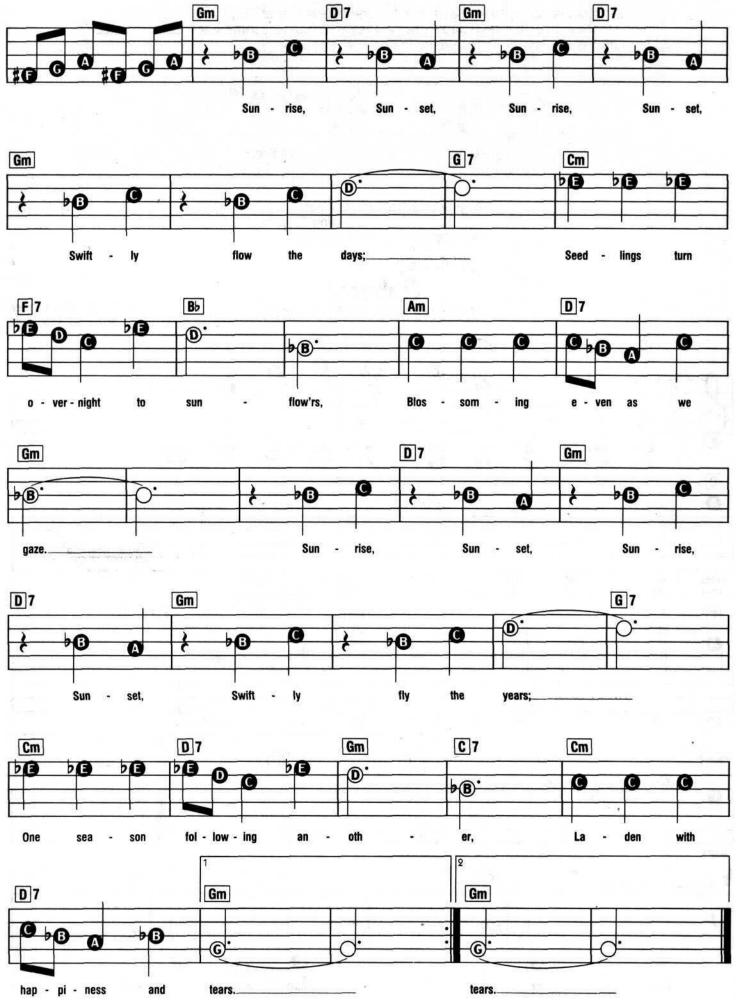
Optional Waltz Rhythm

Accompaniment: New Chords A7 and F7

### Sunrise, Sunset

(From the Musical "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF")



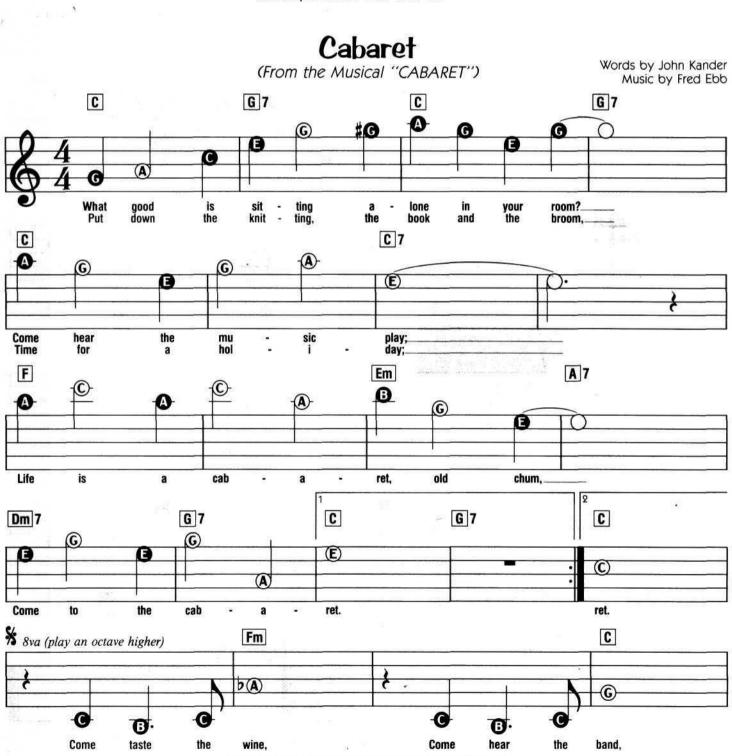


#### PREPARATION: 8va and LOCO

The symbol 8va tells you to play the notes one octave higher. To play an octave higher, move to the right on the keyboard to the next key which has the same letter name. The loco term means to play the notes where they are written.



Regi-Sound Program: Clarinet Swing Rhythm Accompaniment: Dm7 and Em





### Could I Have This Dance





### PREPARATION: Fermata Sign •

The fermata sign, which appears in "Second Hand Rose" indicates that the notes are to be held longer than their regular time value.

### Second Hand Rose

Words by Grant Clarke





### PREPARATION: Eighth Note Triplets

When three eighth notes are connected and marked with a number "3," the result is an EIGHTH NOTE TRIPLET. It receives one beat.

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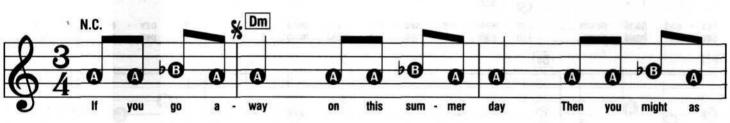
Regi-Sound Program: Piano

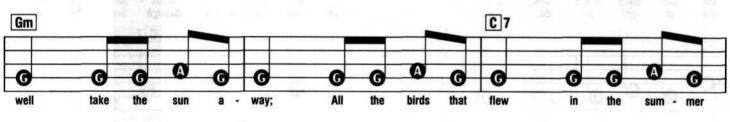
Optional Waltz Rhythm

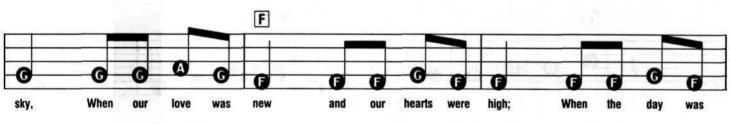
Accompaniment: New Chords Dm And Eb

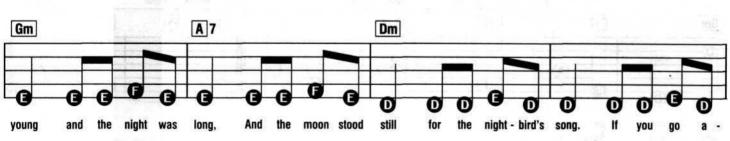
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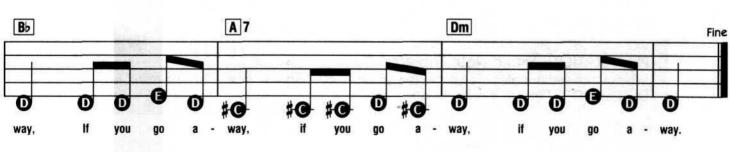
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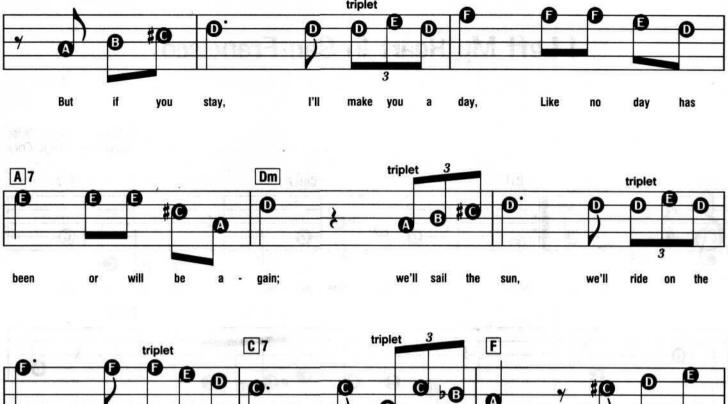


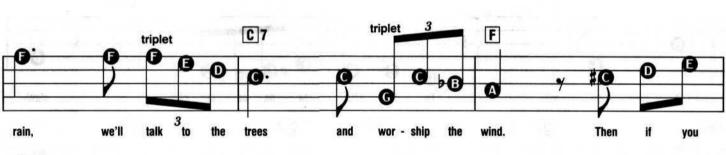


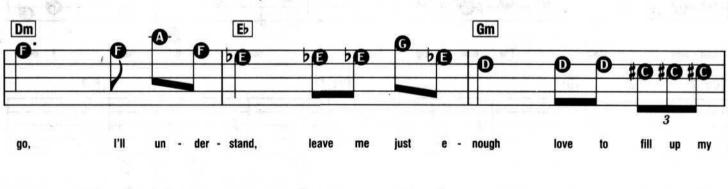


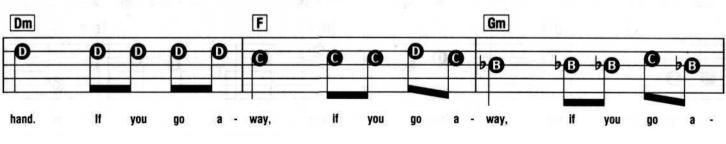














# I Left My Heart In San Francisco



Optional Rock Rhythm

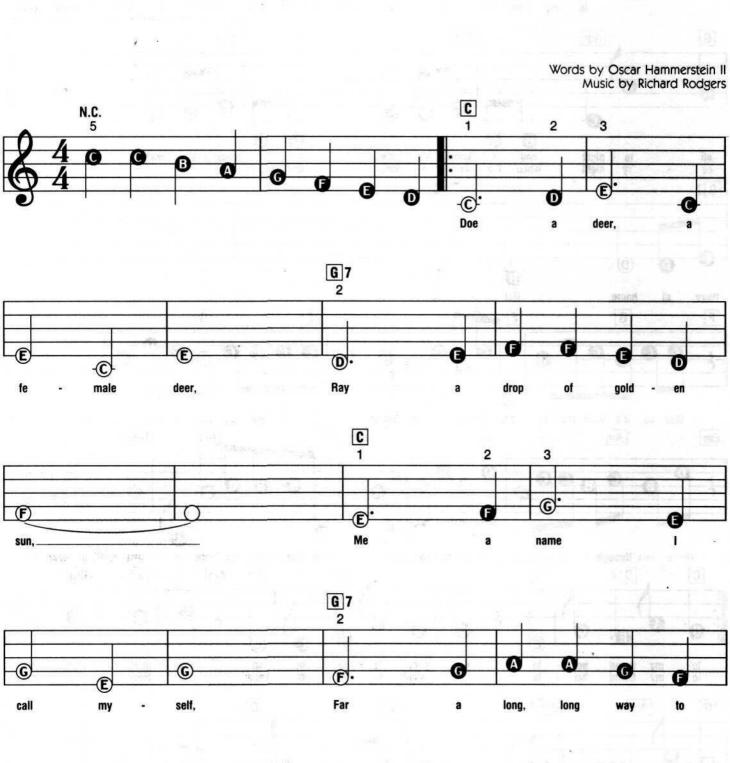
# Hello Again

Words by Neil Diamond
Music by Neil Diamond
and Alan Lindgren



## Do-Re-Mi

(From "THE SOUND OF MUSIC")





#### **PREPARATION: Double Notes**

Two notes played together are called DOUBLE NOTES. The top note is the melody, and the bottom note is the harmony.

Regi-Sound Program: Saxophone

Optional Waltz Rhythm

Accompaniment: New Chord F#

## Wunderbar

(From "KISS ME KATE")





#### PREPARATION: Syncopation

Syncopation is a special rhythmic feel in music that creates the feeling of swing *or jazz*. When music is syncopated some of the notes are played just before or after the "expected" beat. To gain a better understanding, compare these two melodies:





Regi-Sound Program: String or Saxophone Optional Ballad or Jazz Rock Rhythm

Accompaniment: New Chord Am7

# Feelings (¿DIME?)

PREPARATION: The counting for the melodic rhythms has been written out in several areas. Please study it.

English Words and Music by Morris Albert Spanish Lyric by Thomas Fundora

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PREPARATION: Sixteenth Notes A SIXTEENTH NOTE (or rest) receives half the value of an eighth note. Two sixteenth notes equal an eighth note, and four sixteenth notes equal a quarter note.

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= Sixteenth rest = 1/4 Beat = Sixteenth note = 1/4 Beat = 1/2 Beat = 1 Beat

Regi-Sound Program: Harpsichord

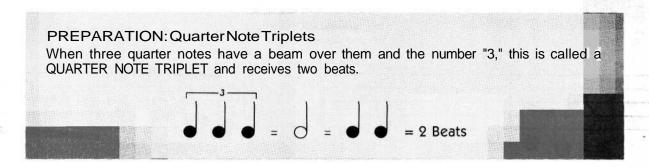
Optional Jazz Rock or Disco Automatic Rhythm

Accompaniment: New Chords D, E and F#m

### Love Theme From Flashdance







Regi-Sound Program: Piccolo or Flute Optional Tango Rhythm

# Don't Cry For Me Argentina (From The Opera "EVITA")

Lyric by Tim Rice





# More About One-Finger Accompaniment

### **SEVENTH (7) CHORDS**

Consult your Owner's Guide to learn how to play One-Finger seventh (7) chords. Should (7) chords not be available on your particular instrument, simply disresard the (7) indication.

#### MINOR (m) CHORDS

Consult your Owner's Guide to learn how to play One Finger minor (m) chords. In most cases, it will be necessary to play the chord-name key along with some other key or function.

# Learning About Fingered Chords

On some Electronic Keyboards it is possible to play more than one accompaniment key at a time. Playing two or more accompaniment keys simultaneously forms what is generally known as full chords, sometimes called "fingered chords."

These keyboard diagrams show the correct keys to play for the fingered chords used in this book.

REMEMBER! Accompaniment may be played with One-Finger chords or Fingered Chords. The choice is left to the discretion of you or your teacher.

