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Dear Student:

Welcome to the STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FIRST PERFORMANCE, a collection of thirteen songs written for beginning or young band. These selections represent a variety of musical styles such as rock, blues, marches, traditional folk songs, and transcriptions from classical music.

Each piece was composed or arranged especially for the first year band student and contains a limited range of musical notes as well as simple rhythms designed to provide beginning instrumentalists a repertoire of varied fun and exciting concert music.

Good luck with your First Performance!

Best wishes,

Bruce Pearson

Barrie Gott

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A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

"O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN"

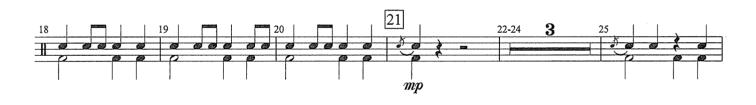
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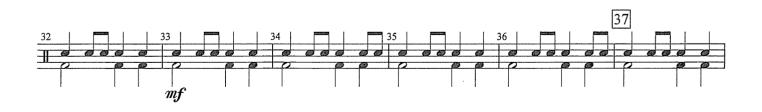












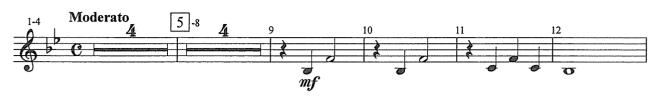


A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

"O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN"

Bells

J.A.P. Schulz/Magill













O Come, Little Children was composed by Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (b.1747 - d.1800). Schulz was the court composer at Rheinsberg, Germany and a choir director for the Royal Court Theater in Copenhagen, Denmark. He was best known for setting poems to simple, folk-like music. The German poet, Christoph von Schmid, wrote the words to this song.

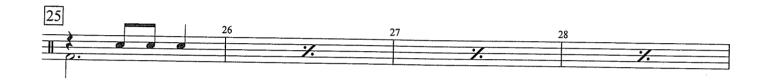
THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

Snare Drum/Bass Drum

Medieval French Melody















THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

Bells

Medieval French Melody



The melody for **The Friendly Beasts** dates back to 12th century medieval France while the words were written at a later date. **The Friendly Beasts** is usually thought of as an old English carol.

RIO BRAVO

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RIO BRAVO

Bells

Bells Tacet

Latin America is made up of South America, Central America, Mexico, and the West Indies. The music of this region is a combination of Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian traditions and has been influenced by the cultures of the native Indians like the Aztec, Incan, and Mayan. It features catchy melodies, infectious rhythms, and a wide use of percussion instruments.

BIG ROCK CANDY MOUNTAIN

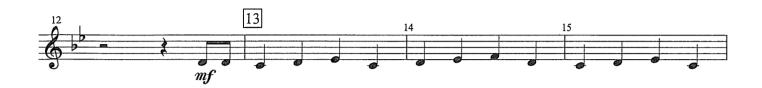


BIG ROCK CANDY MOUNTAIN

Xylophone

Traditional American Folk













Folk songs are passed down from generation to generation through singing and listening. The common folk sing the songs to their children instead of writing them down. The original composers were forgotten as time passed and the words and places changed. These changes left many versions of the same song. **Big Rock Candy Mountain** originated in the late 1800's and was attributed to Harry "Haywire Mac" McClintock. The ballad tells of a hobo's life, riding the trains and traveling the country, in search of the perfect place for a "burly bum" to live.

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ROYAL CROWN MARCH



ROYAL CROWN MARCH

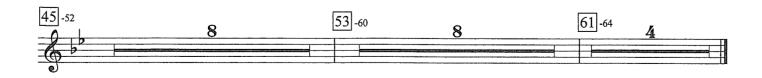
Bells











The history of the march has its beginnings in the military. Marches have a steady beat that is strongly accented. This beat was helpful for soldiers to stay in step. Many marches were written to commemorate a regal occasion such as the crowning of a king. It was with this in mind that **Royal Crown March** was composed.

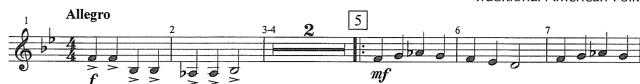
BOOT SCOOTIN' BARN DANCE

Ron Cowherd Snare Drum/Bass Drum Traditional American Folk Hey!

BOOT SCOOTIN' BARN DANCE

Bells

Ron Cowherd Traditional American Folk













A significant part of a country's heritage and culture is found in its folk music. Using the language of the common folk, folk songs describe the lives and times of its people. This piece uses the folk song, **Ol' Joe Clark.** Joe Clark was a veteran from the war of 1812 who lived in the Appalachian Mountains. The numerous verses were made up from incidents in his life and expanded as time passed to include over 90 different verses.

BAG O' BLUES

Snare Drum/Bass Drum



BAG O' BLUES

Xylophone



The blues is a style of music developed from the African-American field hollers, work songs, and spirituals of the late 1800's to early 1900's. It is played at a slow to moderate tempo and usually written in 4/4 time. The third, fifth, and seventh notes of the scale in which the piece is written are lowered one half-step.

A LITTLE BIT OF LATIN

Snare Drum/Bass Drum



A LITTLE BIT OF LATIN

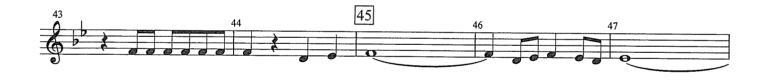
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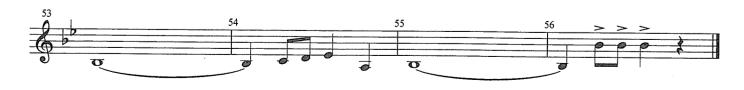












The music of Latin America, influenced by the many cultures and traditions of its people, uses lively rhythms for dances like the habanera, rumba, cha-cha, and tango. The music uses many percussion instruments such as the claves, maracas, and cowbell to keep the rhythm.

A CLASSICAL CANON

Snare Drum/Bass Drum

Franz Joseph Haydn/Magill



A CLASSICAL CANON

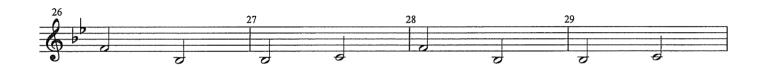
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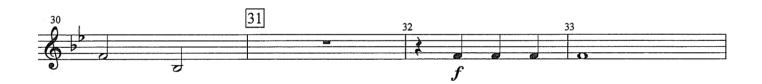
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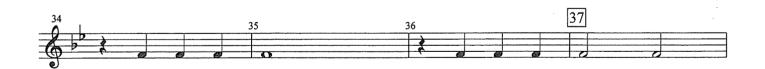














Franz Joseph Haydn (b.1732 - d.1809) was an Austrian composer who worked as the court composer for the royal Esterhazy family for over thirty years. "Papa Haydn," best known for his numerous symphonies and string quartets, also trained and conducted the other court musicians. A Classical Canon was originally called the *Nightingale Canon*. Words were added later describing children's anticipation to stay up on Christmas Eve while the parent sang for the children to go to bed. The title then became commonly known as the *Christmas Eve Canon*.

Mon

Dr. Rock

Snare Drum/Bass Drum

Chuck Elledge



Dr. Rock

Low Tom-Tom

Chuck Elledge/arr. Pearson



Rock music evolved into a distinctive style of music with songs like *Rock Around the Clock* and *You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog.* During the 1960's, a British band called the Beatles became very popular. In the 1970's and 1980's, electronic instruments and advanced recording techniques were developed to enhance the music.

FANFARE AND MINUET FROM "THE ROYAL FIREWORKS"

Snare Drum/Bass Drum

George Frideric Handel



FANFARE AND MINUET FROM "THE ROYAL FIREWORKS"

Bells

George Frideric Handel















George Frideric Handel (b.1685 - d.1759) was a popular German composer who traveled widely throughout his life and settled in England. The English royalty paid him well for his many compositions. The **Music for the Royal Fireworks**, written in 1749, originally called for a huge ensemble of brass, woodwinds, timpani, and a cannon. Handel wrote the piece to accompany a fireworks celebration for the King of England. Just as the music began, the fireworks exploded accidentally. In spite of the accident, Handel's piece was a great success.

BOOGIE BLUES

Snare Drum/Bass Drum



BOOGIE BLUES

Bells

Bells Tacet

Blues music evolved throughout the early 20th century. "Boogie-woogie," a popular style developed during this time, was normally played at a fast tempo, had a repeated melodic pattern in the bass (called a "walking bass"), swinging eighth notes, and a series of improvised variations in the upper melody.

MINOR ROCK

Snare Drum/Bass Drum

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MINOR ROCK

Xylophone



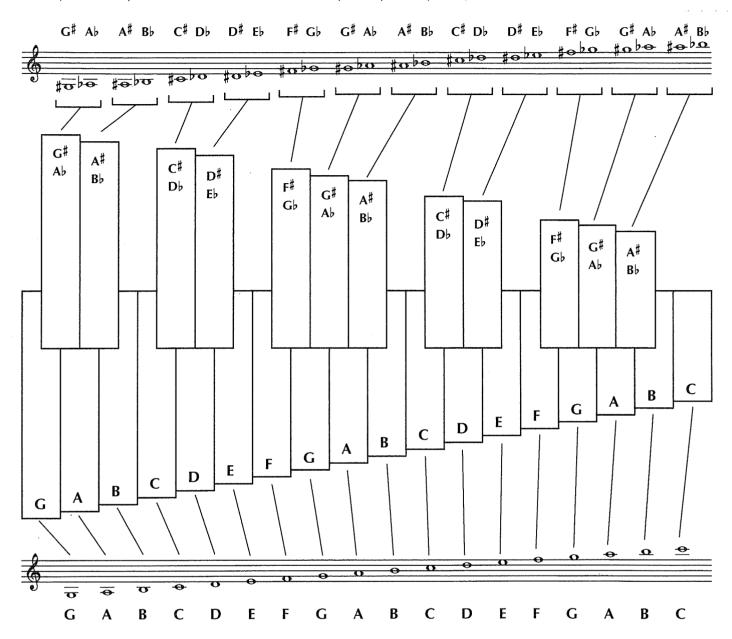
"Rock and Roll" was a phrase used by disk jockey, Allan Freed, in the early 1950's. He wanted to attract teenagers to his Rhythm and Blues concerts. The name caught on and rock and roll replaced American "pop" music. Rock music has a heavy dance beat with strong accents on beats 2 and 4 and lyrics that relate well to young people.

GLOSSARY

	Accent >		Mezzo Piano mp	medium soft
		louder	Moderato	
	Accidentals #, b, \		Natural \(\dagger \cdot	cancels a flat or sharp
	Allegro	•	One-Measure Repeat 🗷	•
	Andante		Percussion Clef =	indicates that the lines and
	Articulation	or group of notes		spaces on the staff do not designate specific pitches; also
	Bar Line	measures		called neutral clef or no-pitch clef; read by snare drum, bass
	Bass Clef =			drum, cymbals, and most other auxiliary percussion instruments
		bone, baritone, tuba, timpani, and electric bass	Phrase	
	Blues	American genre of popular vocal	Piano <i>p</i>	
		music, developed from African-	Pick-Up Note(s)	
		American field hollers, work		the first full measure of a piece
		songs, and spirituals; characterized by a harmonic structure that is	Popular Music	music of everyday life, it has play-
		made up of a 12-measure phrase	Repeat Sign	ed a role in each historical period
	Breath Mark ,		Repeat Sign	repeat from beginning or repeat the section of music between
	Canon	a style of contrapuntal music, similar to a round	Rhythm and Blues	repeat signs
	Carol	song usually associated with Christmas	Knyumi and blues	American style of popular music often described as an urban style
	Common Time C			of blues; instrumentation included drums, piano, electric guitar and
	Crescendo <			bass, saxophone, brass, and
	Decrescendo >		ni.	vocalists
	Double Bar ====		Rock	style of American popular music that developed in the 1960's
	Dynamics			from rock and roll, with more
	Fermata ດ	hold note or rest longer than its usual value		amplification and distortion of sound and more room for improvisation
	Flat	lowers the pitch of a note by a half step	Rock and Roll	style of American popular music that developed from rhythm and
	Forte f			blues in the 1950's and was
	Fortissimo ff	*		especially popular among young people
	Harmony	result of two or more different notes played or sung at the same	Sharp #	raises the pitch of a note $1/2$ step
		time	Slur	curved line connecting two or
	Improvise	to create music as it is being		more notes of different pitches
	Jazz	performed style of American popular music	Solo/Soli	one person plays/whole section plays
		that emerged at the turn of the	Staccato	dot placed above or below a
		20th century and continued to evolve throughout the 20th		note meaning to play short and detached
		century	Staff	lines and spaces on which music
	Key Signature	sharps or flats stated right after		is written
		the clef; key signatures change certain notes throughout a piece	Swing	style of American popular music that was played by the "big
		of music		bands" of the 1930's and 1940's
1	edger Lines	short lines added above or below	Tempo	speed of music
	•	the staff used to extend the staff to notate pitches that are beyond the range of the staff	Tenuto	line placed above or below a note meaning to sustain for full value
ı	ong Rest 4	rest the number of measures indicated	Tie	curved line that connects two notes on the <u>same</u> line or space
1	Maestoso			top number tells the number of
	Measure			counts in each measure; bottom number tells the type of note that receives one count
1		(also known as Middle Ages,		G Clef; read by flute, oboe, clari-
		history of warfare religious	ŭ	nets, saxophones, trumpet, French
		history of warfare, religious devotion, and royal pageantry		horn, and mallet percussion
1	леlody	organized succession of tones	iwo-Measure Repeat	repeat the two previous measures
	Mezzo Forte mf			

MALLET PERCUSSION KEYBOARD LAYOUT/NOTE CHART

While each mallet instrument has its own special sound, they all have basically the same keyboard layout, like the one shown below. (The same layout is used for the black and white keys on a piano keyboard).



PERCUSSION SURVIVAL KIT

- ☐ 2 soft, clean cloths
- □ extra drum sticks and mallets
- ☐ 2 triangle beaters (different weights)
- ☐ pitch pipe or tuning fork (for tuning timpani)
- ☐ stick/mallet bag
- practice pad
- ☐ drum key

- ☐ petroleum jelly or light grease
- ☐ household machine oil
- ☐ spare batter and snare heads
- ☐ pencil
- ☐ band music
- ☐ method book
- ☐ music stand