

Clara held the ladder as Beethoven Bear carefully stood on it to hang the wreath on the front door. Mozart Mouse had wrapped a garland around the banister on the stairs and draped another one on the fireplace mantel.

"All we have left is the holly," he announced. "Where do you want it?" he asked Clara.

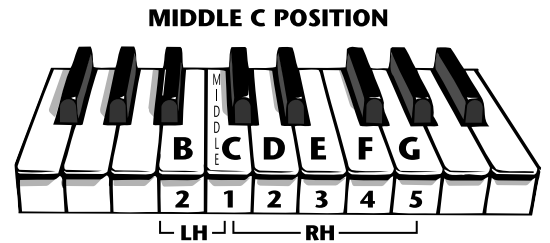
"Let's put it on the mantle," Clara suggested.

"Hmm. . ." thought Mozart Mouse out loud, "this reminds me of one of my favorite Christmas carols."

Clara sat down at the piano and opened her book of carols. "I know just the one you mean," she declared as she began to play and sing *Deck the Halls*.

Mozart Mouse and Beethoven Bear joined in.

- 1 Clap (or tap) *Deck the Halls* and count aloud evenly.
- 2 Point to the notes and count aloud evenly.
- 3 Say the finger numbers aloud while playing them in the air.
- 4 Play and say the finger numbers.
- 5 Play and say the note names.
- 6 Play and sing the words.



Deck the Halls



Student plays one octave higher with duet part.

When they finished singing, Clara Schumann-Cat heard voices outside her door. "I think my guests have arrived," she announced.

"Merry Christmas, Clara!" her friends called as they came into the house. J. S. Bunny, Elgar E. Elephant and the other toys from the playroom each handed her a little gift. "Open them now!" they exclaimed.

"Look!" Clara cried as she held up each shiny gift, "new ornaments for my Musical Christmas Tree! Thank you so much! Will you help me hang them on the tree?"

Clara's Musical Christmas Ornaments

- 1 Color the ornament with a TREBLE CLEF red.
- 2 Color the ornament with a BASS CLEF green.
- 3 Color the ornament with a *forte* sign (*f*) blue.
- 4 Color the ornament with a *piano* sign (*p*) purple.
- 5 Color the ornament with a *mezzo forte* sign (*mf*) yellow.
- 6 Then color the rest of the picture.

