Patriotic music holds a special place in the hearts and minds of all Americans. In times of peace, the music is sung at schools and major public events. In times of stress and war, the music gives us courage and hope while it calms our fears. Both the music and the lyrics can be uplifting—a reminder of battles won and troubles overcome throughout our nation’s history.

Students of all ages enjoy performing patriotic music. By using this book, young piano students will be able to enjoy performing the stirring music that continues to reflect and shape our national heritage.

The pieces have been carefully arranged so that the beginning student will understand the musical concepts needed to play them:

• Each piece centers around Middle C Position. Notes that move out of the position are highlighted on the keyboard chart.

• Some rhythms have been simplified so that beginning students can easily read them. Once students learn the music, rhythms can be altered by ear, to more closely match the original music.

• For a clean, uncluttered appearance, rests have not been used.

• Each piece in this book has a duet part for the teacher or parent. Students will enjoy the rich harmonies of these accompaniments and develop rhythmic security while playing with them. Both the solo and duet parts contain measure numbers for easy reference.

This book can be used with Lesson Book 1A of Alfred’s Basic Piano Library, or with the primer or first book of any method. The pieces may be played in any order, but are placed in approximate order of difficulty.

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Yankee Doodle Boy

Words and Music by George M. Cohan
Arr. by Kowalchyk/Lancaster

LH 1 also plays C#.

With spirit

I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy,

Yankee Doodle, do or die;

DUET PART (Student plays 1 octave higher.)

With spirit
Battle Hymn of the Republic

Words by Julia Ward Howe
Music by William Steffe
Arr. by Kowalchyk/Lancaster

Majestic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the

DUET PART (Student plays 1 octave higher.)

Majestic

with pedal

with pedal