

FIVE-STAR PATRIOTIC DUETS

8 Colorful Late Elementary Arrangements for One Piano, Four Hands

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Students have always enjoyed playing patriotic pieces. The music and lyrics give us an awareness of love of country, freedom, and the history that has made our great nation what it is today. The eight patriotic selections contained in *Five-Star Patriotic Duets* will be especially appealing to late-elementary students of all ages. These arrangements are appropriate to perform for friends, family, recitals, or church functions. The primo and secondo parts are equal in difficulty, and each player always gets a chance to play the melody. For ease in reading, both primo and secondo are written on the grand staff, with directions given to move up or down to the appropriate octave for duet performance. Have fun and sing while you play. Enjoy these “Five-Star” arrangements that everyone will love to hear!

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AMERICA

SECONDO

Words by Samuel F. Smith

Music by Henry Carey

Arr. by Dennis Alexander

Moderately

Play both hands 1 octave lower than written

Musical notation for measures 1-4. The piece is in 3/4 time. The treble clef part begins with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) marked with a '3' and a '1' below it. The bass clef part starts with a half note G3. The dynamic marking *mp* is present. Measure numbers 1, 3, and 1/2 are indicated below the staff.

Musical notation for measures 5-8. Measure 5 is boxed with the number '5'. The treble clef part has a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) marked with a '4' and a '2' below it. The bass clef part has a half note G3 marked with a '5' below it. The dynamic marking *mf* is present. Lyrics: Land where my fa - thers died!

Musical notation for measures 9-11. Measure 9 is boxed with the number '9'. The treble clef part has a half note G4 marked with a '4' below it. The bass clef part has a half note G3 marked with a '5' below it. The dynamic marking *mp* is present. Lyrics: Land of the Pil - grims' pride!

Musical notation for measures 12-14. Measure 12 is boxed with the number '12'. The treble clef part has a half note G4 marked with a '4' below it. The bass clef part has a half note G3 marked with a '5' below it. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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Play both hands 1 octave higher than written

Musical notation for measures 1-4. Treble clef, 3/4 time signature. The melody is marked *mf*. Fingerings 1 and 3 are indicated above the first and third notes of the first and third measures respectively. Lyrics: *mf* My coun - try 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,

Musical notation for measures 5-8. Treble clef, 3/4 time signature. The melody is marked *mp*. Fingerings 3 and 3 are indicated above the first and third notes of the fifth and seventh measures respectively. Lyrics: Of thee I sing; *mp* Sweet land of lib - er - ty,

Musical notation for measures 9-11. Treble clef, 3/4 time signature. The melody is marked *mf*. Fingerings 2 and 1 are indicated above the first and first notes of the ninth and tenth measures respectively. Lyrics: *mf* From ev - 'ry

Musical notation for measures 12-14. Treble clef, 3/4 time signature. The melody is marked *mf*. Fingerings 5 and 4/2 are indicated above the first and first notes of the twelfth and thirteenth measures respectively. Lyrics: moun - tain - side, Let free - dom ring!

SIMPLE GIFTS

SECONDO

Gently

Play both hands 1 octave lower than written

Traditional Shaker Melody

Arr. by Dennis Alexander

1

4

7

5 4

10

1 3

13

1 2 5

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Traditional Shaker Melody

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4

mf 'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down

4

where we ought to be. And when we find our-selves in the place just right, 'twill

2 2/4

7

be in the val - ley of love and de-light.

mp

2 4 3 1

10

13

mf 'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de-light.

poco rit.

2/4