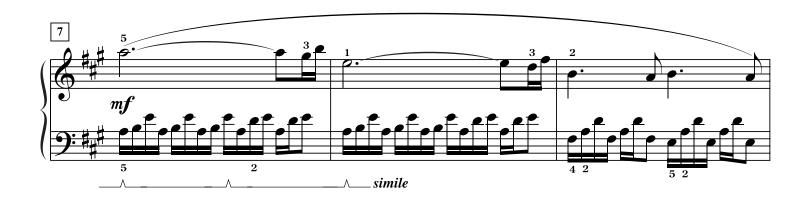
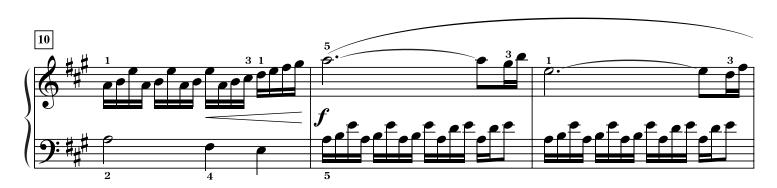
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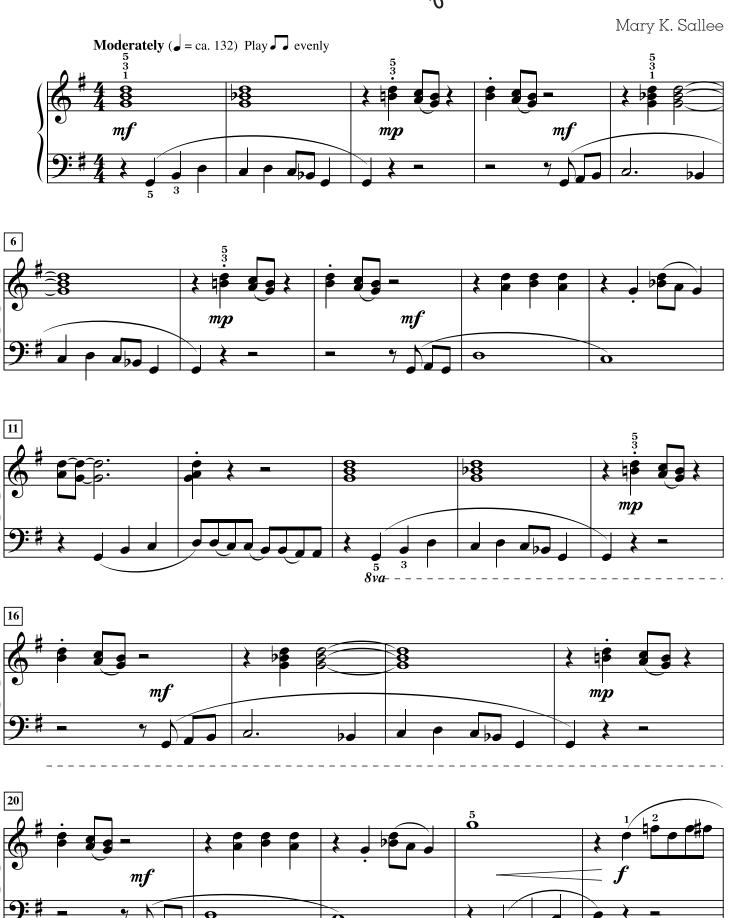








Fun at the Snow Cap Drive-In





Tyou are now entering . . . California

The Colorado River signals the border of sunny California and the beginning of the trek to the Pacific Coast. You enter California at Needles, just across the river. The town takes its name from the group of sharply pointed peaks of the Black Mountains on the Arizona side. From there, the road heads west through the Mojave Desert to Barstow, south to San Bernardino and west to Los Angeles. This last leg of highway is considered the most demanding part of the Route 66 journey. Temperatures in the desert can reach triple digits.

Toff the Beaten Path . . . Pop Culture

Robert William Troup, Jr. of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was one of thousands of soldiers, sailors and airmen who received military training in the warmer climates of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Along with many others, he left his eastern home, traveling along Route 66 to settle in the West. This ex-marine captain and former pianist with the Tommy Dorsey Band penned the words: Get Your Kicks on Route 66, which became a catch phrase for the commute between the eastern cities and the Pacific Coast. The popular recording was released in 1946 by Nat King Cole, one week after Troup arrived in Los Angeles.

With its points of interest and familiar landmarks, Route 66 inspired Americans to rediscover the spirit of adventure. In the 1960s, this spirit was captured in the popular TV show Route 66, starring Martin Milner as Tom Stiles and George Maharis as Buz Murdock. Every Friday from 1960–64, they got into their red Chevrolet Corvette convertible and traveled Route 66 in search of adventure. TV producers commissioned Nelson Riddle to write original music for the television show to avoid paying royalties for the already popular Get Your Kicks on Route 66.





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