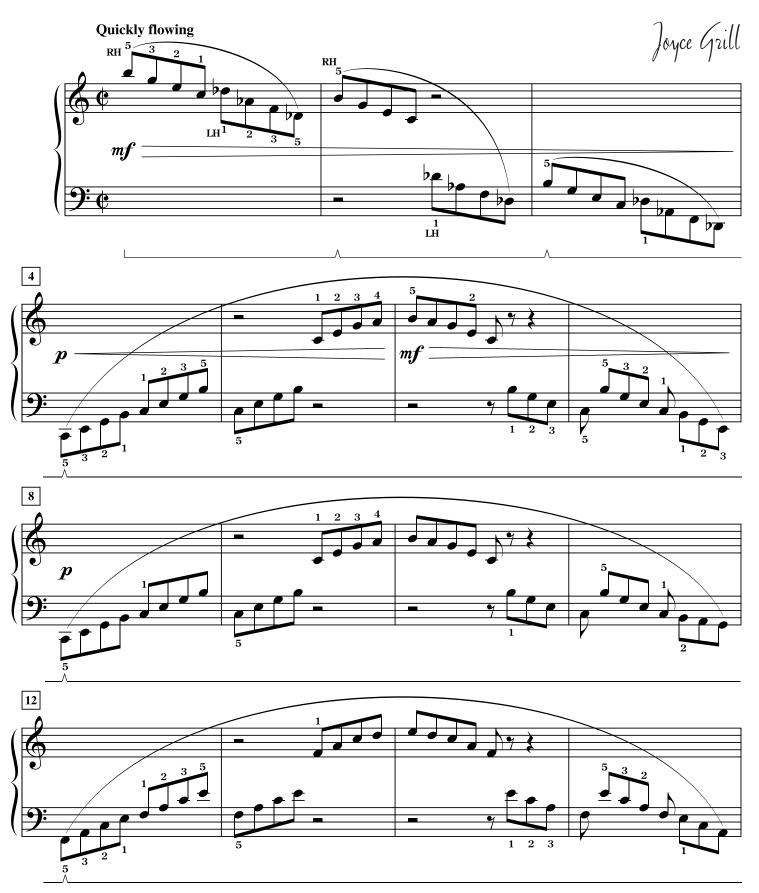
Sparkling Waters

Minnesota is known for its beautiful scenery, fragrant pine forests and sparkling lakes. From Lake Superior and the Boundary Waters Area, to the headwaters of the Mississippi River and the many rivers and streams throughout the state, to the "Land of Many Lakes" (the state nickname), water plays an important role in the commercial and recreational activities of Minnesotans. In fact, the name Minnesota is taken from two words in the Sioux Indian language that mean "sky-tinted waters."



## Parade of Festivals

The long, cold winters in Minnesota make it an ideal setting for winter carnivals and sports festivals. The oldest and largest winter festival held in the United States is St. Paul's Winter Carnival. However, festivals of all kinds are held throughout the year highlighting different areas of the state. These many celebrations include the Mayflower Festival in Duluth (June), the Rochesterfest in Rochester (June), Bloomington's River Rendezvous (September) and the Apple Fest in Bayfield (October).



<sup>\*</sup> Play all dotted quarter notes detached.