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15-Minute Practice Plan

Divide *Joy of Jazz* into four sections for practice.

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Week 1:	Section 1 (measures 1–8) Section 3 (measures 18–25)
✓ Notice that these sections are exactly the same.	
Week 2:	Section 2 (measures 9–17)
Week 3:	Section 4 (measures 26–30)
✓ Play the glissando with RH finger 1. Start on D.	
Week 4:	Practice the entire piece.
✓ Work to gradually increase the speed of the piece.	



5-Minute Finishing Touches

- ✓ Perform *Joy of Jazz* with energy and drive, playing the eighth notes evenly.
- ✓ If you want to create a different mood, play the eighth notes with a long-short rhythm pattern (known as *swing style*) at a slower tempo.

Joy of Jazz

Melody Bober

Section 1 Cheerfully

Section 1, measures 1–4. The music is in 4/4 time, marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The melody in the treble clef features eighth-note triplets and slurs. The bass line consists of whole notes. Measure numbers 1, 5, and 2 are indicated below the bass staff.

Section 1, measures 5–8. The melody continues with eighth-note triplets and slurs. The bass line continues with whole notes. Measure numbers 1, 5, and 2 are indicated below the bass staff.

Section 2

Section 2, measures 9–12. The music is marked *f* (forte). The melody in the treble clef features eighth-note triplets and slurs. The bass line consists of whole notes. Measure numbers 5, 3, and 1 are indicated below the bass staff.

Section 2, measures 13–16. The music is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The melody in the treble clef features eighth-note triplets and slurs. The bass line consists of whole notes. Measure numbers 5, 3, and 1 are indicated below the bass staff.

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The Easy Winners

Scott Joplin, arr. Melody Bober
(pages 38–39)



1-Minute FYI

- ✓ Scott Joplin is an African-American composer who was born in Texarkana, Texas.
- ✓ *The Easy Winners*, written in 1901, was the first piece that the composer published himself. It is subtitled “A Ragtime Two Step.”
- ✓ This piece is one of the most popular rags used in the 1974 movie *The Sting*.



5-Minute Warm-Up

These exercises will help you learn the rhythm.

Tap and count aloud each example 3 times a day.

1. 
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

2. 
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

3. 
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

4. 
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

Caribbean Carnival

Secondo

Section 1

Melody Bober

Relaxed, but with energy

Section 1, measures 1-4. The music is in 4/4 time. The right hand (treble clef) features a melody with eighth notes and a triplet of eighth notes in measure 1, followed by a half note in measure 2, and a half note in measure 3. A slur covers measures 3 and 4, with a fermata over the final note. The left hand (bass clef) provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. Dynamics include *f* (forte) in measure 1 and a crescendo hairpin in measure 4.

Section 1, measures 5-8. Measure 5 is marked with a box containing the number 5. The right hand continues the melody with a triplet of eighth notes in measure 5, followed by a half note in measure 6, and a half note in measure 7. A slur covers measures 7 and 8, with a fermata over the final note. The left hand continues the harmonic accompaniment. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) in measure 5 and *mf* (mezzo-forte) in measure 7.

Section 1, measures 9-12. Measure 9 is marked with a box containing the number 9. The right hand continues the melody with a triplet of eighth notes in measure 9, followed by a half note in measure 10, and a half note in measure 11. A slur covers measures 11 and 12, with a fermata over the final note. The left hand continues the harmonic accompaniment. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) in measure 9 and *mf* (mezzo-forte) in measure 11.

Section 2

Section 2, measures 13-16. Measure 13 is marked with a box containing the number 13. The right hand features a melody with eighth notes and a triplet of eighth notes in measure 13, followed by a half note in measure 14, and a half note in measure 15. A slur covers measures 15 and 16, with a fermata over the final note. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) in measure 13.

Caribbean Carnival

Primo

Section 1

Relaxed, but with energy

Melody Bober

RH 8va throughout

Measures 1-4 of Section 1. The music is in 4/4 time. The right hand (RH) plays a melody with a slur over measures 3 and 4, starting on a whole note G4 and moving to a half note F#4. The left hand (LH) plays a bass line with a slur over measures 3 and 4, starting on a whole note G3 and moving to a half note F#3. The dynamic is *f*. Fingering: RH 3, 1; LH 2, 4.

Measures 5-8 of Section 1. The music is in 4/4 time. The right hand (RH) plays a melody with a slur over measures 5 and 6, starting on a whole note G4 and moving to a half note F#4. The left hand (LH) plays a bass line with a slur over measures 5 and 6, starting on a whole note G3 and moving to a half note F#3. The dynamic is *mf*. Fingering: RH 3; LH 3.

Measures 9-12 of Section 1. The music is in 4/4 time. The right hand (RH) plays a melody with a slur over measures 9 and 10, starting on a whole note G4 and moving to a half note F#4. The left hand (LH) plays a bass line with a slur over measures 9 and 10, starting on a whole note G3 and moving to a half note F#3. The dynamic is *mf*. Fingering: RH 3; LH 3.

Section 2

Measures 13-16 of Section 2. The music is in 4/4 time. The right hand (RH) plays a melody with a slur over measures 13 and 14, starting on a whole note G4 and moving to a half note F#4. The left hand (LH) plays a bass line with a slur over measures 13 and 14, starting on a whole note G3 and moving to a half note F#3. The dynamic is *mf*. Fingering: RH 5, 3; LH 1, 3.