

Beautiful Baltimore

Founded in 1729, Baltimore is the largest city in Maryland. It is an "independent city," meaning that it is not part of a county. The city sits beside the Chesapeake Bay and is home to Harborplace, The National Aquarium, Johns Hopkins University, and the Baltimore Orioles. It boasts an internationally renowned orchestra, a regional opera, and a premier theatre company.
Day or night, the Baltimore Inner Harbor is a beautiful place to see.

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Majestically (♩ = 96)

4

7

10

f

mf

8va

Moon Glow on Chesapeake Bay

The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States and is nearly 200 miles long. It is surrounded by the states of Maryland and Virginia. Chesapeake Bay played an important role in the settlement of this country. Explorers first reached the bay in the 1500s, sailed up the river, and in 1607, Jamestown became the first permanent English settlement in North America. The bay is a popular destination for tourists who enjoy fishing, crabbing, swimming, boating, and sailing.

Freely, with expression

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Musical notation for measures 1-4. Treble clef, 4/4 time. Fingerings: 2 1, 3 1, 5 2, 2 1, 2 1, 5 1, 4 2, 5 1, 4, 5 2. Dynamics: mp, p. Includes an 8va marking and a fermata over the final measure.

Musical notation for measures 5-8. Treble clef, 4/4 time. Fingerings: 2 1, 5. Dynamics: mp. Includes an 8va marking and a fermata over the final measure.

Flowing (♩ = 88)

Musical notation for measures 9-12. Treble clef, 4/4 time. Fingerings: 5 2 1, 5 2 1, 1 3 5, 4 2 1. Dynamics: mf.

Musical notation for measures 13-16. Treble clef, 4/4 time. Fingerings: 5 2 1, 2 5, 1 2 5, 1 3 5, 1. Dynamics: mp. Includes a key signature change to one flat.

Blue Crab Rag

The Atlantic Blue Crab is a member of the brachyuran order of crustaceans. Males have blue claws, and the claw tips of the female blue crabs look like they are painted red. Like fish, crabs use their gills to extract oxygen from the water, but crabs can actually survive for long periods of time out of the water if their gills are moist. Their common habitat is muddy shores, bays and estuaries, making the blue crab a well-known symbol of the Chesapeake Bay area.

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A rapid scurry (♩ = 144)

The musical score for "Blue Crab Rag" is presented in four systems, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The first system begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a tempo marking of "A rapid scurry (♩ = 144)". The melody in the treble clef features a sequence of eighth notes with fingerings 2, 4, 1, and a subsequent phrase with fingerings 1, 2, 1, 2, 3. The bass clef accompaniment starts with a whole note chord (5) and a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with fingerings 2, 3, 1. The second system is marked mezzo-forte (*mf*) and includes a box containing the number 4. The treble clef melody has a slur over a group of notes with fingerings 4, 1, 3, 5, 4, 1, 3. The bass clef accompaniment features a series of chords with fingerings 5, 1/3, 5, 1/2. The third system includes a box containing the number 7. The treble clef melody has a slur over notes with fingerings 1, 5, 1. The bass clef accompaniment has a slur over notes with fingerings 5, 3, 4. The fourth system includes a box containing the number 10. The treble clef melody has a slur over notes with fingerings 4, 1. The bass clef accompaniment has a slur over notes with fingering 5.