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## Program Music

During the Romantic era, composers were often inspired by literature or nature. When music depicts something that is real, like the calm beauty of a lake, this is known as **program music**.

The German composer, pianist, and teacher **Heinrich Hofmann** wrote operas that became popular in the late-19th century. His keyboard pieces are his best-known works today.



Heinrich Hofmann

## On the Lake

### Track 3



Heinrich Hofmann (1842–1902)

Op. 77, No. 12

*Allegretto e comodo*

First system of the musical score for 'On the Lake'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The tempo is marked 'Allegretto e comodo'. The first measure is marked with a piano dynamic 'mf'. The melody in the treble staff features a series of eighth and quarter notes with fingerings 1, 3, 5-1, 3, 2, 1, and 5. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with fingerings 5, 2, 1, 2, 5, 2, 1, 5, 3, 2, and 5, 4.

Second system of the musical score, starting at measure 6. The treble staff continues the melody with fingerings 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 4, 2, 1, 5-1, and 3. The bass staff accompaniment has fingerings 5, 3, 5, 3, 4, 3, 5, 2, 5, 2, 1, 2, and 5.

Third system of the musical score, starting at measure 11. The treble staff features a crescendo leading to a forte 'f' dynamic. Fingerings in the treble staff include 2, 1, 5, 3, 5, 1, 2, and 5. The bass staff accompaniment has fingerings 5, 5, 5, 2, 1, 2, 4, 5, 3, 2, and 5, 1, 3.

The term **blue note** refers to **lowering the third and seventh degrees of a scale**, used in blues, jazz, and some rock and roll styles. It is thought to have originated with American slaves' difficulty in adjusting to European scales, being accustomed in Africa to the pentatonic (five-note) scale.



## Three-Quarter Blues

### Track 10



*Andante con moto*

By George Gershwin

(1898–1937)



## Sonatina: Second Movement

The three movements of sonatas or sonatinas usually alternate the tempos: fast—slow—fast.

- Slower second movements typically have an expressive, lyrical melody.
- In **binary** (two-part) form, this second movement is based upon one beautiful four-measure theme.
- This theme is embellished, or made more elaborate with added notes, and is repeated in a new key (F major) before returning to the home key of B-flat major.

With his compositions and successful music publishing company, the Austrian **Anton Diabelli** helped meet the growing demand of amateur musicians, providing music to play in their homes.



Anton Diabelli

## Sonatina

### Track 15



Anton Diabelli (1781–1858)  
Op. 168, No. 1

### Andante cantabile

#### SECTION A

theme a in B-flat major (4 measures)

(a) Play the grace notes quickly before the beat.