

Liberty and Independence

Delaware's motto, "Liberty and Independence," reflects the state's unique place in American history. On December 7, 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the United States Constitution, earning the nickname "First Staters" for its citizens.

In the same pioneering tradition, legend has it that Betsy Ross's famous flag, the original "Stars and Stripes," was first unfurled at the Battle of Cooch's Bridge on September 3, 1777, in Newark.

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Boldly (♩ = 116)

Expressively (♩ = 104)

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The Delaware Coast

Delaware's eastern border is formed by three bodies of water: the Delaware River, Delaware Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean. Rehoboth Beach, located in the southeast corner of the state, is Delaware's largest coastal resort town and a popular recreation site. The beach is nicknamed "the Nation's Summer Capital" because so many visitors travel from Washington, D. C. to enjoy the waterfront community and its boardwalk.

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Flowing (♩ = 108)

1 2 5

mp

3

4 LH

1 3 5

2 1 3

simile

5

1 2 5

2 1 3

7

4 1 3 4 1

Peaches and Holly Rag

Delaware adopted the peach blossom as the state's floral emblem in 1895, at a time when the territory's abundant orchards led residents to refer to it as "the peach state." Delaware designated American holly (also known as Christmas or evergreen holly) as the official state tree in 1939. Clippings of the tree's sharp, green leaves and red berries are a common sight in American homes during the holiday season.

Happily ($\text{♩} = 80$)

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The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The right hand (RH) starts with a sequence of notes: G4 (finger 5), F4 (finger 4), E4 (finger 2), and D4 (finger 1), followed by a slur over G4, F4, E4, and D4. The left hand (LH) has a whole rest in the first measure, then a sequence of notes: G3 (finger 1), F3 (finger 2), E3 (finger 3), and D3 (finger 5). A fermata is placed over the first measure of the RH. The system concludes with a double bar line and a 1/2 4/4 time signature change.

The second system begins with a measure rest for 4 measures, indicated by a box containing the number 4. A repeat sign is placed above the first measure. The RH starts with a slur over G4 (finger 2), F4 (finger 4), and E4 (finger 1). The LH has a sequence of notes: G3 (finger 5), F3 (finger 2), E3 (finger 1), and D3 (finger 2). The system ends with a double bar line.

The third system begins with a measure rest for 8 measures, indicated by a box containing the number 8. The RH starts with a slur over G4 (finger 2), F4 (finger 4), and E4 (finger 1). The LH has a sequence of notes: G3 (finger 5), F3 (finger 2), E3 (finger 1), and D3 (finger 2). The system ends with a double bar line.

The fourth system begins with a measure rest for 12 measures, indicated by a box containing the number 12. The RH starts with a slur over G4 (finger 2), F4 (finger 1), E4 (finger 2), and D4 (finger 2). The LH has a sequence of notes: G3 (finger 5), F3 (finger 2), E3 (finger 1), and D3 (finger 2). The system ends with a double bar line.