Popular Hits

The Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course: Popular Hits series answers the often expressed need for a variety of supplementary material in many different popular styles. What could be more fun than to play the music that everybody knows and loves? The remarkable part of this series is that soon after beginning piano study, students can play attractive versions of the best-known music of today. This book is correlated page-by-page with Lesson Book 2 of Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course. Pieces should be assigned based on the instructions in the upper-right corner of each title page of Popular Hits. Correlations for Alfred's Basic Adult All-in-One Course are included in parentheses.

Since the melodies and rhythms of popular music do not always lend themselves to precise grading, you may find that these pieces are sometimes a little more difficult than the corresponding pages in the lesson book. The teacher's judgment is the most important factor in deciding when to begin each arrangement.

When the books in the Popular Hits series are assigned in conjunction with the lesson books, these appealing pieces reinforce new concepts as they are introduced. In addition, the motivation the music provides could not be better. The emotional satisfaction students receive from mastering each popular song increases their enthusiasm to begin the next one.

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Sandy Wilhelm and Ester Dean
Arr. Tom Gerou

Moderately

C

\[\text{Do you ever feel like a plastic bag}\]

\[\text{drifting through the wind, wanting to start again?}\]

Am F C

\[\text{Do you know that there's still a chance for you?}\]

\[\text{'Cause there's a spark in you.}\]

Am F C

\[\text{You just gotta ignite the light and let it shine.}\]

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Bring It On Home to Me
(from Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2)

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Moderately

F

Dm

Gm

C7

F

C

F

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Moderate swing tempo*

You'll be back.

Soon you'll see. You'll remember, you belong to me.

You'll be back. Time will tell. You'll remember that I served you well.

Oceans rise, empires fall, we have seen each other through it

*Play the pairs of eighth notes a bit unevenly, long-short.