Nocturnes

6 Romantic-Style Solos for Piano

DENNIS ALEXANDER

Some of my favorite pieces from the Romantic period are the nocturnes of Frédéric François Chopin (1810–1849). These pieces, referring to night time, are quiet and meditative in style. Chopin knew the nocturnes of John Field (1782–1837), and Field's works in this genre influenced the nocturnes of Chopin. Among the characteristics of nocturnes are vocally inspired melodic lines, beautiful harmonies, and arpeggiated accompaniment patterns in the left hand.

As a teacher, I have always longed for original nocturnes similar in style and form to the Chopin nocturnes, but easier in technical difficulty. I wanted them to sound sophisticated yet be suitable for recitals and competitions. Consequently, when the opportunity to write some collections of nocturnes was presented to me, I immediately accepted the challenge.

I composed 14 nocturnes ranging in levels from early intermediate to late intermediate. Divided into two books, the first book contains eight nocturnes for early intermediate to intermediate pianists. The second book features six nocturnes at the intermediate to late intermediate levels. Each piece has its own unique character and mood. I hope that these nocturnes will inspire students to better understand the beauty, elegance, and magic of the Romantic period and especially the genius that Chopin displayed in his nocturnes.

Dennis Alexander

CONTENTS

Nocturne No. 9 in A Minor **2**
Nocturne No. 10 in F Major **6**
Nocturne No. 11 in D Major **10**
Nocturne No. 12 in D-flat Major **14**
Nocturne No. 13 in G Major **18**
Nocturne No. 14 in F Minor **22**

This collection is dedicated with great pride and joy to Diana Pacini Bauer, my colleague and former student.

Alfred Music
P.O. Box 10003
Van Nuys, CA 91410-0003
alfred.com

Copyright © 2018 Alfred Music
All rights reserved. Printed in USA.

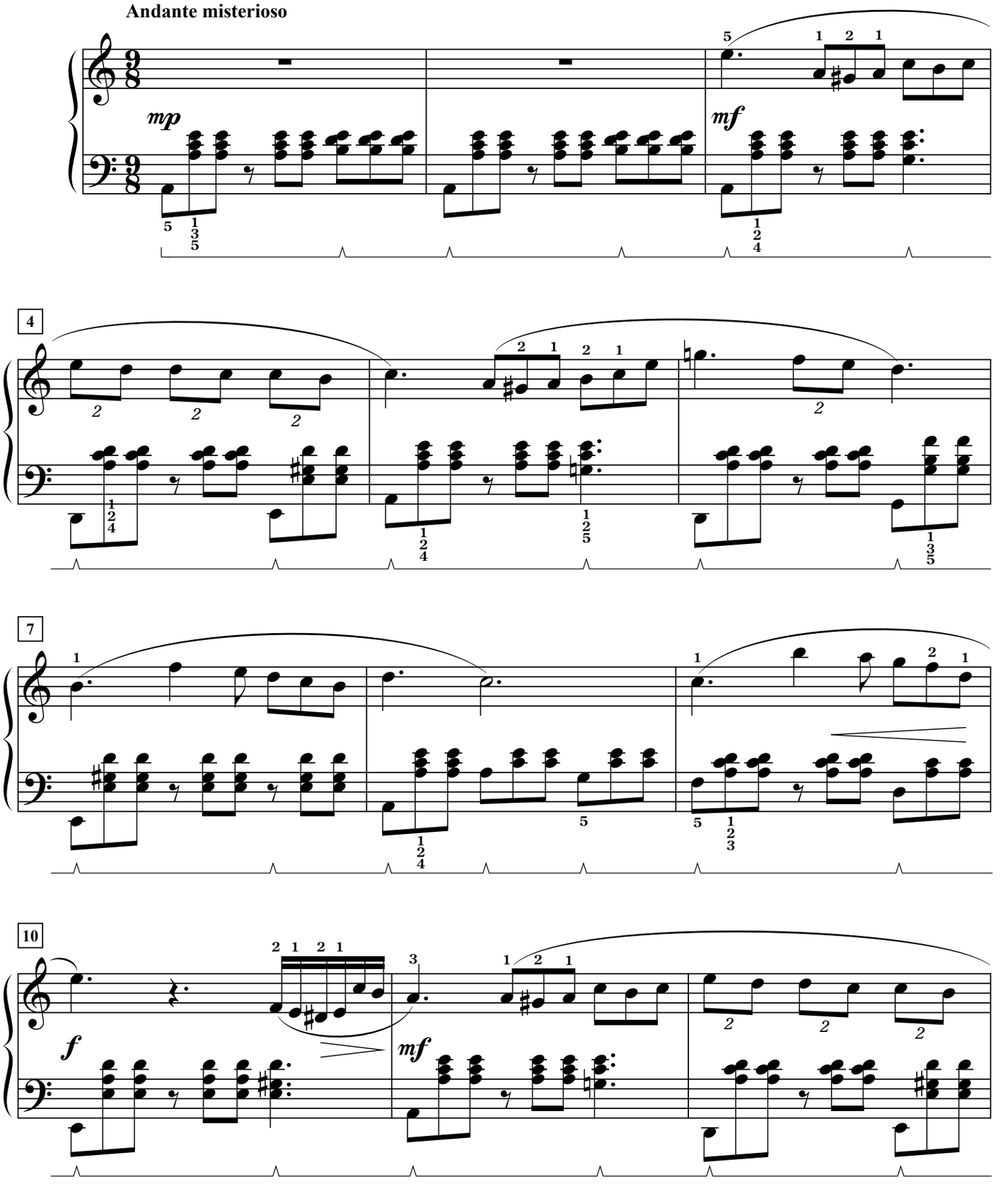
No part of this book shall be reproduced, arranged, adapted, recorded, publicly performed, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted by any means without written permission from the publisher. In order to comply with copyright laws, please apply for such written permission and/or license by contacting the publisher at alfred.com/permissions.

ISBN-10: 1-4706-3962-9
ISBN-13: 978-1-4706-3962-4

Cover art: Beautiful Pink Cherry in Night © Getty Images / jakkapan21 • Time Lapse Image of the Night Stars © Getty Images / tobkatrina • Bamboo Sticks © Getty Images / emily2k

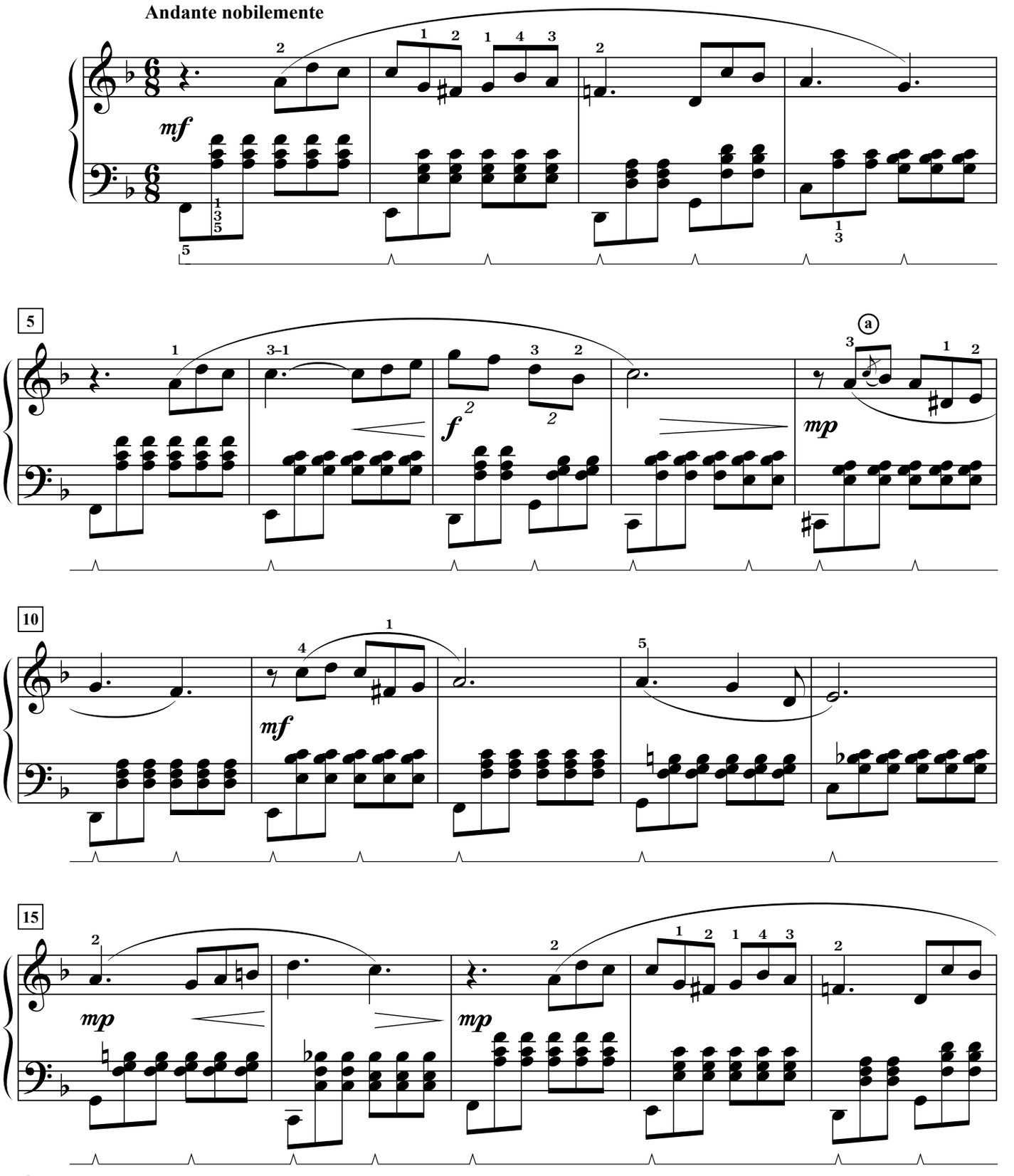
Nocturne No. 9 in A Minor

Dennis Alexander

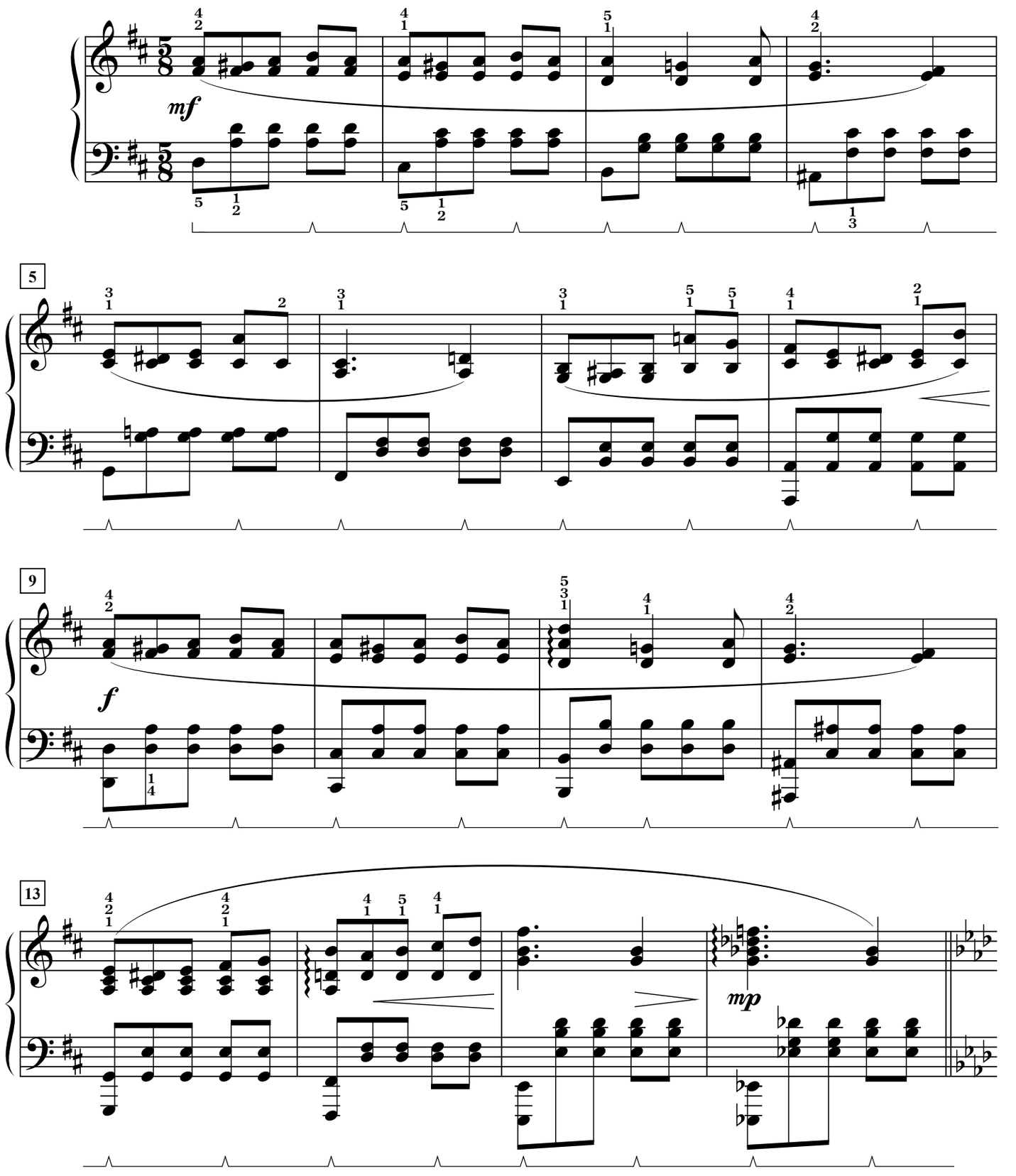


Nocturne No. 10 in F Major

Dennis Alexander



a Play the grace notes quickly before the beat.

Nocturne No. 11 in D Major

Dennis Alexander