

Foreword

Alfred's Group Piano for Adults, Popular Music Book 2 is designed to be used in conjunction with *Alfred's Group Piano for Adults, Book 2*. Included in the book are popular pieces to perform and lead sheets to harmonize. The lead sheets can be further developed to create arrangements.

These familiar pieces were chosen to appeal to non-keyboard music majors. They should be studied simultaneously with the correlating unit and assigned according to the instructions at the top of the first page of each piece.

Due to the melodic range and the harmonic vocabulary of the music, in some cases the pieces that correlate with each unit may be a little more complicated than the music found in *Alfred's Group Piano for Adults, Book 2*.

The pieces in *Alfred's Group Piano for Adults, Popular Music Book 2* are sure to motivate and bring hours of enjoyment to students while reinforcing important musical concepts.



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Popular Solo Repertoire

Singin' in the Rain

(from *Singin' in the Rain*)

Music by Nacio Herb Brown

Lyric by Arthur Freed

Arr. by Dennis Alexander and Martha Mier

Moderately, with swing (♩ = $\overset{\frown}{\text{♩}} \overset{\frown}{\text{♩}}$)

Popular Solo Repertoire

Downton Abbey Theme (from *Downton Abbey*)

Composed by John Lunn
Arr. by Tom Gerou

Allegro

The musical score is written for piano in 6/8 time. It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef).
- **System 1 (Measures 1-4):** Starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The right hand has a melodic line with a slur over measures 1-4 and fingerings 1, 2, 4. The left hand has a bass line with fingerings 5, 2. Dynamics increase to forte (*f*) by measure 3.
- **System 2 (Measures 5-8):** Measure 5 is boxed with a '5'. The right hand has a triplet of eighth notes with fingerings 5, 1, 2. The left hand continues with a steady bass line. A *simile* marking is placed below the system.
- **System 3 (Measures 9-12):** Measure 9 is boxed with a '9'. The right hand has a slur over measures 9-10 with a fingering of 4. Measure 11 has a slur over measures 11-12 with a fingering of 5. Measure 12 has a slur over measures 12-13 with a fingering of 2.
- **System 4 (Measures 13-16):** Measure 13 is boxed with a '13'. The right hand has a triplet of eighth notes with fingerings 5, 1, 2. Measure 14 has a slur over measures 14-16 with a fingering of 1. Measure 15 has a slur over measures 15-16 with a fingering of 3.