

# Great Smoky Mountain Splendor

The majesty and grandeur of the Great Smoky Mountains is unparalleled. In the fall, thousands of visitors arrive to view the vibrant colors of the fall foliage. Brilliant hues of red, orange, and yellow seem to glow throughout the mountains, leaving memorable moments for those who view their splendor.

Martha Mier

Andante (♩ = 66)

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time and marked *ff*. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff begins with a series of triplets (3 eighth notes) and a half note, followed by a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5. A dynamic marking *f* appears at the end of the system.

The second system of the musical score continues from the first. It features a treble clef staff with a melodic line and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The treble staff includes a triplet of eighth notes and a half note. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment. Fingerings and dynamics are clearly marked throughout the system.

The third system of the musical score concludes the piece. It features a treble clef staff with a melodic line and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The treble staff includes a triplet of eighth notes and a half note. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment. Fingerings and dynamics are clearly marked throughout the system.

# Towering Mount Mitchell

Mount Mitchell is the highest peak of the Appalachian Mountains, at 6,684 feet above sea level. Located in western North Carolina, it is also the highest mountain east of the Mississippi River. The mountain's summit is coated in a dense stand of southern Appalachian spruce-fir forest. Wildflowers are abundant all summer long, while birds feed on pinecones and wild blueberry and blackberry shrubs.

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Andante (♩ = 72)

Musical score for measures 1-3. The piece is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is Andante, with a quarter note equal to 72 beats per minute. The dynamic is mezzo-forte (mf). The right hand features a melodic line with slurs and fingerings (1, 2, 3, 2, 4-5). The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with fingerings (5, 2, 5, 2, 5, 2, 5, 2).

Musical score for measures 4-6. Measure 4 is marked with a box containing the number 4. The right hand continues the melodic line with slurs and fingerings (5, 3-5, 1, 5, 4-5, 4, 1, 2). The left hand accompaniment includes fingerings (5, 2, 1, 4, 5, 3, 5, 2, 5, 2).

Musical score for measures 7-9. Measure 7 is marked with a box containing the number 7. The right hand has slurs and fingerings (5, 5, 1, 2). The dynamic becomes forte (f) in measure 9. The left hand accompaniment includes fingerings (5, 2, 5, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2, 5, 3).

Musical score for measures 10-12. Measure 10 is marked with a box containing the number 10. The right hand has slurs and fingerings (2, 4, 1, 5, 4, 1, 5). The dynamic is mezzo-forte (mf). The left hand accompaniment includes fingerings (5, 5, 1, 3, 5, 2, 5, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2, 5).

# Ballad of Cades Cove

The green valley of Cades Cove, located in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, has a rich history. For hundreds of years the Cherokee Indians hunted in the cove before the first Europeans settled there between 1818 and 1821. Visitors take a step back in time when viewing the cove's historic buildings, which have been faithfully restored.

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Andante ( $\text{♩} = 72$ )

**System 1 (Measures 1-4):** *mp*. Treble clef: 1, 3, 5, 2 1 2 4, 1. Bass clef: 1 5 3 3, 1 3 5, 1 2 5, 5 2 1 3.

**System 2 (Measures 5-8):** *mf*. Treble clef: 1, 1 4, 1. Bass clef: 5 2, 5 2, 4.

**System 3 (Measures 9-12):** *f* then *mp*. Treble clef: 4 1, 5 1, 4 2 1, 5 3 1, 5, 1 4, 5 1. Bass clef: 1 2 5, 5 2 1 3.

**System 4 (Measures 13-16):** *p*. Treble clef: 5 3 1, 5 3 1, 5 3 1, 4 2 1. Bass clef: 1 2, 3 1 2, 5 4, 1 2.

# The Potter's Wheel

Arts and crafts thrive throughout the Great Smoky Mountains. Artists and skilled craftsmen create original collectibles, such as candles, baskets, quilts, jewelry, stained glass, and pottery. Beautiful ceramic dishes and coffee mugs are "thrown" on the potter's wheel, a machine used in the shaping of round ceramic wares.

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**Allegretto** (♩ = 104)

*mf* *mp* *mf* *f*

5 *8va* 3 1

5 1

5 2 3 1 2 1

5 2 5 2