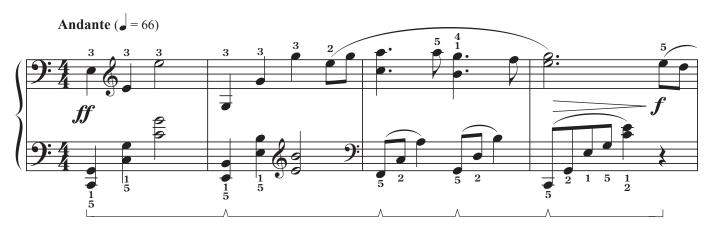
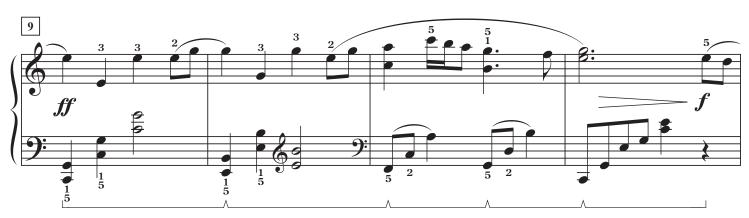
# **Great Smoky Mountain Splendor**

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.

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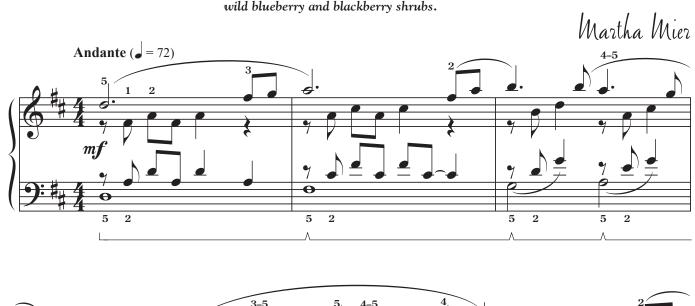


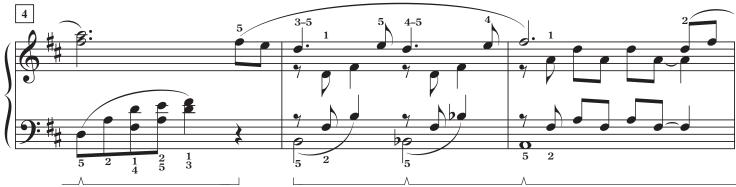


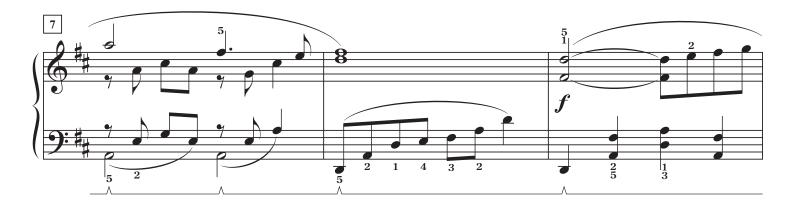


# **Towering Mount Mitchell**

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.









## 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.



### 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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