

# PIANO PIECES & PUZZLES

## Primer Level

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### Foreword

This unique series will intrigue and motivate your students to better musical accomplishment. Each book combines progressive piano solos with an activity coordinated with every piece. The lyrics express a wholesome outlook toward personal and social experiences, and the environment.

Enhanced educational value is found in many activities which involve music notation and musical terms. Activities are designed to appeal to a range of ages appropriate to the musical level. Some younger students may need a little help in understanding the activity directions.

It is suggested that the music be learned first, using the activity as an incentive to finish the music.

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# At the Barbershop

Music by Al Rita  
Words by Dan Rita

Allegro

1 4

Snip, snip, snip, snip, lis - ten to the scis - sors clip.

*f*

4 2

5

Snip, snip, snip, snip, see my hair fly zip, zip.

9

I get spif - fy in a jif - fy, when the bar - ber spins the chair.

*p*

13

I start grin - ning as I'm spin - ning. It's like float - ing on air.

# Our Animal Friends

Giocoso

Music by Al Rita  
Words by Al and Dan Rita

5 2

*f*

There is a horse, his name is Morse, he eats his oats and

1 2

4

hay, of course. Out at the track he leads the pack. Ole Morse is quite a

8

horse! There is a cow, her name is Sal. On mead - ows green, she'll

*p*

12

graze a - while. She makes a milk like pure white silk. Ole Sal is quite a

# Scotty the Brave

Moderato

Words and Music by Al Rita\*

5 2

*f* My lit - tle dog - gie is a brave Scot - tie,\* tough, rough and read - y

3

Detailed description: This system contains the first three measures of the piece. The treble clef staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a whole rest in the first measure, followed by quarter notes in the second and third measures. The bass clef staff provides a simple accompaniment with quarter notes in the first measure and rests in the second and third. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

4

he stands close by, — I am so hap - py; I am so luck - y.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 4 through 6. Measure 4 starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes. Measure 5 has a whole rest. Measure 6 continues the melody with quarter notes. The bass clef staff has quarter notes in measures 4 and 5, and a whole rest in measure 6. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

7

He's my best bud - dy. Scot - ty\* the Brave. He's al - ways read - y,

*p*

1 2 4

Detailed description: This system contains measures 7 through 9. Measure 7 has quarter notes. Measure 8 has a whole rest. Measure 9 continues the melody with quarter notes. The bass clef staff has quarter notes in measures 7 and 8, and a whole rest in measure 9. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. A piano (*p*) dynamic marking is placed below the first measure of the third measure.

10

smart and so stead - y, he can run and play all day. Oh, I love my dog - gie,

*f*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 10 through 13. Measure 10 has quarter notes. Measure 11 has quarter notes. Measure 12 has quarter notes. Measure 13 has quarter notes. The bass clef staff has quarter notes in measures 10 and 11, and quarter notes in measures 12 and 13. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. A forte (*f*) dynamic marking is placed below the first measure of the fourth measure.

14

proud lit - tle Scot - tie! None can com - pare to Scot - ty the Brave!

3

Detailed description: This system contains measures 14 through 16. Measure 14 has quarter notes. Measure 15 has quarter notes. Measure 16 has quarter notes. The bass clef staff has quarter notes in measures 14 and 15, and quarter notes in measure 16. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. A final measure rest is shown at the end of the system. A three-measure rest (*3*) is indicated below the final measure.

\*The melody is based on "Scotland the Brave." *Scottie* is short for Scottish terrier (a breed). *Scotty* is the dog's name.