

ADULT ALL-IN-ONE COURSE

Merry Christmas Book

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EASY SOLO
ARRANGEMENTS WITH
OPTIONAL DUET
ACCOMPANIMENTS

This collection of favorite Christmas carols is the perfect supplement for adult beginners who are looking for easy solo arrangements with optional duet accompaniments that can be played by a more accomplished pianist. Both solo and duet parts have measure numbers for easy reference. Although each arrangement has been carefully written to conform to the technical and musical concepts of the Alfred All-In-One Course, students using any adult method will find these carols enjoyable and satisfying to learn and play. Best wishes for a very happy, musical and merry Christmas season!

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Away in a Manger

Rev. Martin Luther
James E. Spilman
Arr. by Dennis Alexander

Moderato

mp A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a

4 1 3

Detailed description: This block contains the main musical score for the piece. It is written for piano in 3/4 time with a tempo marking of 'Moderato'. The music is in the key of C major. The melody is in the right hand, and the accompaniment is in the left hand. The lyrics are 'A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a'. There are fingerings indicated: '4' for the first note in the right hand, '1' for the first note in the left hand, and '3' for the third note in the right hand. A dynamic marking of 'mp' is present. A large slur covers the entire phrase.

OPTIONAL DUET PART (Student plays 1 octave higher.)

Moderato

RH
LH *mp*

3 3 4 3

7 1 4 3

10 3 1 2 3 1

13 1 3 2 3 1

rit.

Detailed description: This block contains the optional duet part, which is written for two hands (RH and LH) in 3/4 time. The tempo is 'Moderato'. The music is in the key of C major. The right hand (RH) plays a melody with triplets and other rhythmic patterns. The left hand (LH) plays a bass line with a dynamic marking of 'mp'. There are several measures with boxed measure numbers: 3, 4, 7, 10, and 13. The piece ends with a 'rit.' (ritardando) marking.

Up on the Housetop

Words and music by B.R. Hanby
Arr. by Dennis Alexander

Allegro

mf Up on the house-top rein - deer pause; Out jumps good old

OPTIONAL DUET PART (Student plays 1 octave higher.)

Allegro

RH
LH *mf*

Good King Wenceslas

Traditional English Carol
 Arr. by Dennis Alexander

Allegro moderato

Musical score for the main part of the carol. It features a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Allegro moderato'. The music is in a simple harmonic style with a melody in the treble and a bass line in the bass. The lyrics are: 'Good King Wenceslas looked out On the Feast of Stephen,'. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf* and fingerings like 4, 3, 5, and 2. There are also some slurs and phrasing marks.

OPTIONAL DUET PART (Student plays 1 octave higher.)

Allegro moderato

Musical score for the optional duet part. It is written for a single bass clef staff. The tempo is 'Allegro moderato'. The score is divided into measures, with some measures numbered in boxes (5, 8, 12, 15). The music features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamic markings include *mf*, *p*, and *f*. There are also fingerings and articulation marks throughout the piece. The score ends with a 'rit.' (ritardando) marking.