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François Couperin



Important facts to know about François Couperin

Born: 1668 in France

Died: 1733

Period of Music: Baroque

Instruments He Played: Organ, harpsichord

Major Compositions:

Harpsichord: *Twenty-seven ordres* (suites); over 220 pieces

Chamber: Trio sonatas; *Concerts royaux*

Sacred: *Lessons for Tenêbres*, Motets

Interesting Facts: Couperin frequently “painted” musical pictures (character pieces) of his friends in his harpsichord compositions. His later compositions were part of the French Rococo movement—a delicate and highly ornate style popular at the time.



Track 1

Suggested Listening: Rondo

Foster Puzzler

Draw a line through the incorrect answer.

1. Stephen Foster was born in (New York, Pennsylvania).
2. His parents wanted him to be a (bookkeeper, lawyer).
3. Stephen became America's first (full-time, part-time) composer of songs.
4. He married (Jeanie Madison, Jane McDowell) in 1850.
5. Stephen had one daughter, (Melody, Marion).
6. Stephen's songs were made popular by the (E.P. Christy, Fred Clayland) Minstrels.
7. His best-known song is ("Dear Friends and Gentle Hearts," "Old Folks at Home").

