

# Eyes and Ears

*An Anthology of Melodies for Sight-Singing*

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# Chapter I

## Rhythm

The rhythms in this chapter all come from well-known tunes. After reading them, you may want to look at the titles, which are given in the table of contents. If you're working with a teacher, you may wish to clap the rhythm twice, with the teacher counting beats the first time, and singing the tune the second time.

### I-1 Whole, Half, and Quarter Notes

The image displays five musical staves, each starting with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'.  
Staff 1: A sequence of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6. The notes are grouped into four measures of four notes each.  
Staff 2: A sequence of half notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6. The notes are grouped into four measures of two notes each.  
Staff 3: A sequence of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6. The notes are grouped into four measures of four notes each.  
Staff 4: A sequence of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6. The notes are grouped into four measures of four notes each.  
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<sup>1</sup> , rhythm of *Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star*    <sup>2</sup> , rhythm of *Little Brown Jug*    <sup>3</sup> , rhythm of *Bingo*    <sup>4</sup> , rhythm of *Rain, Rain, Go Away*    <sup>5</sup> , rhythm of *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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I-3 Eighth Notes

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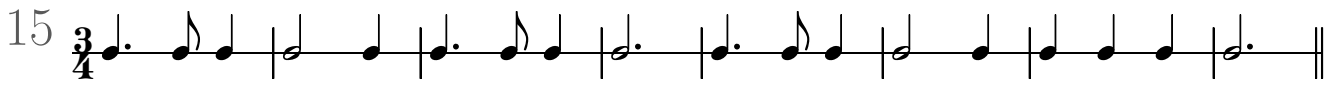
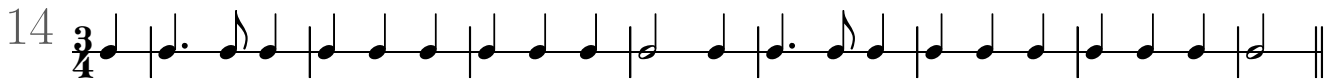
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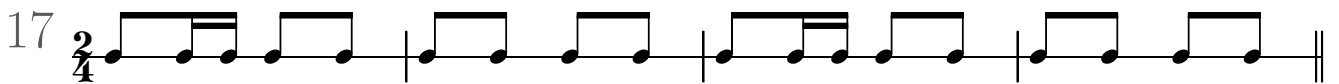
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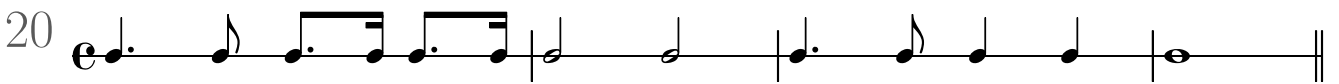
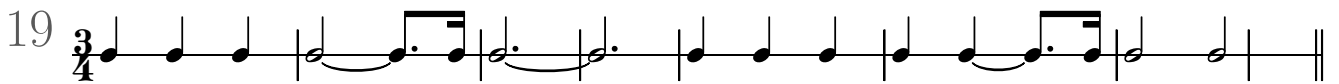
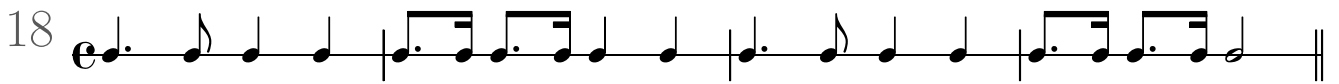
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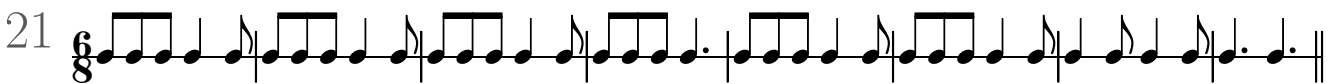
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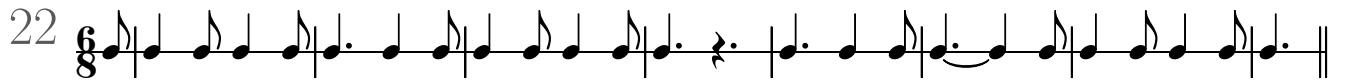
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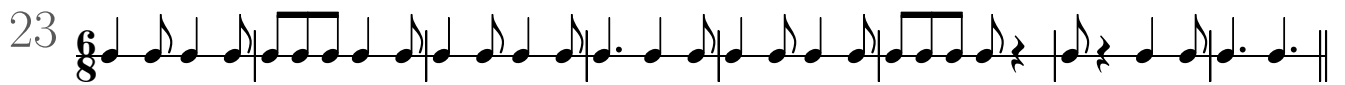


I-7 Compound Time



<sup>14</sup> , rhythm of *Away in a Manger* <sup>15</sup> , rhythm of *Rockabye Baby* <sup>16</sup> , rhythm of *Home On the Range* <sup>17</sup> P.I. Tchaikovsky, rhythm of *trepak* from *The Nutcracker* <sup>18</sup> , rhythm of *Alouette* <sup>19</sup> P.I. Tchaikovsky, rhythm of *waltz of the flowers* from *The Nutcracker* <sup>20</sup> , rhythm of *I've Been Working on the Railroad* <sup>21</sup> , rhythm of *Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*

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I-8 Syncopation

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I-9 Triplets

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<sup>22</sup> , rhythm of *The Itsy-Bitsy Spider*   <sup>23</sup> , rhythm of *Pop Goes the Weasel*   <sup>24</sup> , rhythm of *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*  
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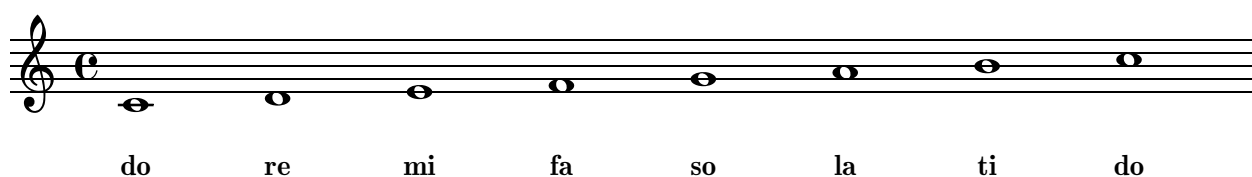


# Chapter II

## Major Keys

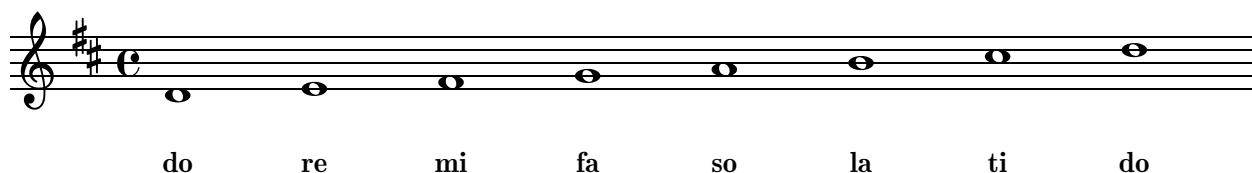
### II-1 Introduction to Solfeggio

The following syllables are traditionally used for the seven notes of the major scale.



They originate from the Latin hymn *Ut Queant Laxis*, in which the first word of each successive musical phrase began on the next note of the scale.

This book uses the movable do system. In this system, ‘do’ is always the tonic, and the other syllables are assigned to the other notes according to their role in the key. In the key of D, for example:



This may seem confusing at first, but it’s the only system that makes sense to the ear. For instance, ‘ti’ is always a note with a tendency to move up a half-step to ‘do,’ the tonic. (There is also a fixed do system, in which ‘do’ is always C, ‘re’ is always D, and so on. The fixed do system is often taught to European schoolchildren, who don’t know enough music theory to recognize the roles of the different notes in relation to the tonic in a key that has sharps or flats.)

Sight singing is first and foremost a method of training your brain to understand relationships between musical notes, and is therefore an important component of musicianship even if you consider yourself primarily a composer or instrumentalist rather than a singer. For example, a jazz musician improvising a solo on the saxophone needs to be able to imagine a melody, and understand the relationship between the imagined pitches so as to be able to translate them into fingerings. The solfeggio syllables are a device for making the recognition of the relationships automatic.

Broadly speaking, there are two main approaches to learning solfeggio singing. One can learn to sing intervals, or to sing each note according to its role in the key. That is, we can hear each note in relation to the preceding note, or in relation to the tonic. Suppose, for example, that we're singing a piece of music in the key of C major, and having just sung B, which is 'ti,' we see that the next note in the melody is C, which is 'do.' In the first approach, we recognize this as the interval of a half-step (minor second), so we move to the note a half-step above the one we've just sung. In the second technique, we know how to sing 'do' because of its special sound in relation to the key: it's the tonic, the note that sounds like it would be a good one to end the song on. In reality, one doesn't use either technique exclusively. We might as well ask Shakespeare what he does when he reads words: 'Mr. Shakespeare, do you use phonics, or do you recognize whole words?' A fluent reader is actually decoding patterns at a subconscious level, and the process is extremely rapid because most of the patterns are familiar.

Because the goal is rapid recognition of patterns at a subconscious level, one should not expect to become a fluent sight singer by artificial devices. For instance, many people learn to recognize the interval of a major sixth using a tune such as 'My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean' or the NBC jingle. This is a good thing to learn, just as it's good to learn that an E at the end of a word makes the preceding vowel long. But a fluent reader doesn't look at the word 'sure' and think 'silent E makes the U long.' Learning the phonics rules is necessary, but having learned them, we actually become fluent readers through the act of reading large amounts of English.

There is also a pitfall to this technique of learning to hear intervals via a personalized list of familiar melodies. The leap of a major sixth in 'My Bonnie' is a leap from 'so' up to 'mi,' but your brain will probably refuse to recognize the leap from 're' to 'ti' as being the same thing, because 're' and 'ti' play different roles in the key than 'so' and 'mi.' Some people learn two melodies, one for 'so-mi' and one for 're-ti.' Some might even do another two for the downward leaps 'mi-so' and 'ti-re!' This just shows that the technique is artificial and not usually very useful.

## II-2 Melodies Containing Only Steps

In each example, start by identifying which line or space on the staff represents 'do,' the tonic. If you have an instrument at hand, play the tonic, and then sing enough notes from the tonic chord to bracket the range of the melody, e.g., 'do mi so do' for the octave spanned by the first example. If an instrument is not available, pick a note for 'do' that will put the melody in the most comfortable part of your vocal range. Locate the notes of the tonic chord on the staff to use as reference points.



famous tune (identified in the table of contents)



The following example is in a new key: its 'do' is the former 'so.' If you have trouble convincing your brain to switch keys, try singing 'do re mi fa so' in the old key, then repeating the last note as 'do,' and finally singing 'do ti do' — with authority!





Note that the following two examples both have the tonic on the line at the center of the staff, so the one with five sharps actually isn't any more difficult to read.



The following five melodies all begin on 'so.'



We now begin moving around the circle of fifths in the opposite direction. 'Ti' in the previous key is flattened, and becomes 'fa' of the new key. If you're singing the new, flattened version of the note correctly, you should be able to hear its strong tendency to resolve down to 'mi.'

<sup>33</sup> anonymous, carol (*Bohemia*)    <sup>34</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Herr, wie du willst, so schick's mit mir'*    <sup>35</sup> Pierre Latour, *The Beautiful Angel*    <sup>36</sup> L.R. Lewis    <sup>38</sup> L.R. Lewis



The following two melodies both have the tonic at the same place on the staff.



Canon for two voices:



Canon for two voices:



<sup>45</sup> L.O. Emerson, *Whither Through the Meadow?*

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Musical notation for measures 46-51. The piece is in 3/4 time and G major. The right hand starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The left hand starts with a quarter note G, followed by a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The melody continues with a quarter note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The bass line continues with a quarter note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The piece concludes with a quarter note B in the right hand and a quarter note C in the left hand.

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Musical notation for measures 52-53. The right hand starts with a quarter note G, followed by a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The left hand starts with a quarter note G, followed by a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The piece concludes with a quarter note C in the right hand and a quarter note D in the left hand.

Canon for two voices:

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Musical notation for measures 48-51. The piece is in 3/4 time and G major. The right hand starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The left hand starts with a quarter note G, followed by a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The melody continues with a quarter note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The bass line continues with a quarter note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The piece concludes with a quarter note B in the right hand and a quarter note C in the left hand.

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Musical notation for measures 52-55. The right hand starts with a quarter note G, followed by a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The left hand starts with a quarter note G, followed by a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The piece concludes with a quarter note C in the right hand and a quarter note D in the left hand.

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II-3 Leaps to 'Do'



Adagio



II-4 Leaps Back to Remembered Notes



<sup>55</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Seelenbräutigam, Jesu, Gottes Lamm'* <sup>56</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Jesu, meiner Seelen Wonne'*

The following example uses both leaps back to remembered notes and leaps to the tonic.

57  Musical notation for exercise 57, consisting of two staves. The first staff is in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and common time. It contains a melodic line with four asterisks (\*) marking specific notes. The second staff is also in treble clef, key of D major, and common time, continuing the melody with similar rhythmic patterns and ending with a double bar line.

The next tune is easier than it appears, because you only need to return to the same note after each low G.

58  Musical notation for exercise 58, consisting of a single staff in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. The melody starts with a low G (G2) and consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with a final dotted quarter note.

<sup>58</sup> folk song

## II-5 Easy Leaps Within the Tonic Triad

This section introduces leaps of a third, a fourth, and an octave within the tonic triad.

famous tune (identified in the table of contents)



*Allegretto*



*Allegro*



<sup>63</sup> W.H. Latham, *Broadway Sights*    <sup>64</sup> anonymous, *A la Claire Fontaine (France)*



<sup>65</sup> Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, aria 'Sancta Mater' from *Stabat Mater*    <sup>66</sup> A.S. Sullivan    <sup>67</sup> anonymous, *A Recou-  
vrance (France)*    <sup>68</sup> Froebel, *Pat-a-Cake*    <sup>69</sup> anonymous, *Carmela (Mexico)*    <sup>70</sup> anonymous, *My Father, How Long?*  
(Florida)



<sup>71</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale*, 'Es ist gewisslich an der Zeit' <sup>72</sup> anonymous, *Annie Laurie* <sup>73</sup> H.S. Cutler, *The Son of God Goes Forth to War* <sup>74</sup> Martin Luther, *We Come Unto Our Father's God*

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Allegretto

The following example includes a leap of a sixth, but it's an easy leap back to 'do.'

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Con moto

<sup>75</sup> anonymous, *Laulan' Jenny (Scotland)* <sup>76</sup> Stephen Foster, *Hard Times Come Again No More* <sup>77</sup> H. Burgess Weston, *Row, Burnie, Row* <sup>78</sup> anonymous, *En Revenant d'Awergne (France)*

This four-part canon includes a leap of a sixth to 'do.'



<sup>79</sup> anonymous, *Entendez-Vous Sur l'Ormeau* (France)

II-6 The Leap of a Fifth Within the Tonic Triad

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Allegro

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<sup>82</sup> Alessandro Scarlatti, *Su, Venite a Consiglio*    <sup>83</sup> J.J. Rousseau, *Hush, My Babe*



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Grazioso

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Moderato

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Andante

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<sup>84</sup> anonymous, *Dans la Forêt Lointaine* (France) <sup>85</sup> anonymous, *The Beggar Girl* (England) <sup>86</sup> Alice Hawthorne, *Home, By and By* <sup>87</sup> Froebel, *Beckoning the Pigeons*

II-7 Leaps of a Sixth Within the Tonic Triad



Allegro vivace



<sup>91</sup> Franz Wohlfahrt, *Etude, Op. 45, #1*    <sup>92</sup> anonymous, *As-Tu Vu la Casquette? (France)*    <sup>93</sup> anonymous, *Praise, Member (South Carolina)*    <sup>94</sup> Froebel, *Beckoning the Chickens*



The next example includes both leaps within the tonic triad and leaps to 'do.' Because of its wide range, it is given in two keys; make sure to choose a key in which you can actually reach all the notes!



Another example that includes leaps to 'do.'



<sup>95</sup> folk song    <sup>96</sup> anonymous, *Poor Rosy (South Carolina)*    <sup>97</sup> anonymous, *Poor Rosy (South Carolina)*    <sup>98</sup> W.T. Wrighton, *The Dearest Spot on Earth*    <sup>99</sup> anonymous, *Absent Davie (Scotland)*



Canon for two voices:



## II-8 Leaps Within the Dominant

This section introduces leaps of a third within the dominant. Fourths, fifths, and sixths are included in section II-9, and leaps of a seventh within the dominant chord are deferred until section IV-5.

famous tune (identified in the table of contents)



<sup>103</sup> W.A. Mozart, *Duet No. 2, Menuet, from 12 Duets, K.V. 487* <sup>104</sup> folk song <sup>105</sup> anonymous, *Derrière' Chez Nous il y a Trois Fleurs (France)* <sup>106</sup> John Parry, *Villikins and His Dinah* <sup>107</sup> anonymous, *Ännchen von Tharau (Germany)*



<sup>108</sup> anonymous, *Ah! Mon Beau Château!* (France) <sup>109</sup> anonymous, *Ainsi Font, Font, Font* (France) <sup>110</sup> John Husband, *Revive Us Again* <sup>111</sup> anonymous, *Lightly Row* (Spain) <sup>112</sup> anonymous, *God Speed the Right* (Germany)



Hell und freudig



<sup>113</sup> W.A. Mozart, aria (*Papageno*) from *'The Magic Flute'* <sup>114</sup> anonymous, *Schönster Schatz, Mein Engel* <sup>115</sup> anonymous, *Down in the Valley* <sup>116</sup> anonymous, *Musieu Bainjo (Louisiana)* <sup>117</sup> anonymous, *Brother, Guide Me Home (Tennessee)* <sup>118</sup> anonymous, *Serenata (California)*

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Allegretto con grazia

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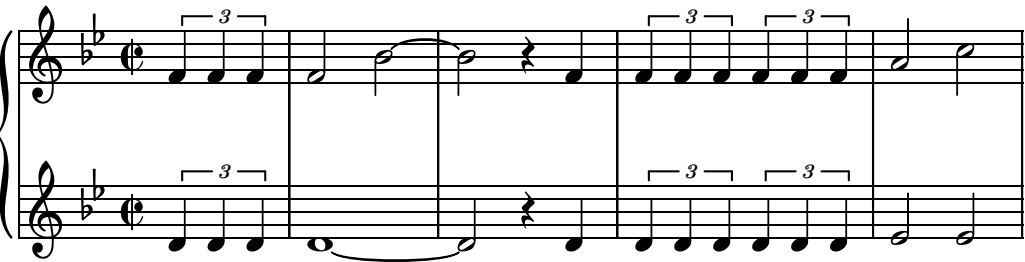
<sup>119</sup> W.A. Mozart, *adagio* from string quartet # 1 <sup>120</sup> J.S. Bach, Chorale, 'Es spricht der Unweisen Mund wohl' <sup>121</sup> Nikolaus Beuttner, *Es kam ein treuer Bote* <sup>122</sup> J.S. Bach, Chorale, 'Valet will ich dir geben' <sup>123</sup> J.S. Bach, Chorale, 'Wie bist du Seele in mir so gar betrübt' <sup>124</sup> anonymous, *Gardez Piti Milatte-là (Louisiana)*





<sup>125</sup> anonymous, *Shout On, Children (Georgia)* <sup>126</sup> Franz Schubert, *Wohin?* <sup>127</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier'* <sup>128</sup> Franz Joseph Haydn, *menuet Oxford symphony* <sup>129</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Mach's mit mir, Gott, nach deiner Gut'* <sup>130</sup> Franz Schubert, *Halt!*

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Moderato

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<sup>131</sup> Gustav Holst, *Venus theme from The Planets* <sup>132</sup> anonymous, *Serenata (California)* <sup>133</sup> anonymous, *If Your Foot Is Pretty, Show It (United States)*



## II-9 Wider Leaps Within the Dominant

This section introduces leaps within the dominant as broad as a sixth. Leaps of a seventh are deferred until section IV-5.

famous tune (identified in the table of contents)



<sup>136</sup> anonymous, *Eli Yale* <sup>137</sup> anonymous, *Krambambuli* <sup>138</sup> anonymous, *Go 'Way, Old Man (Louisiana)*

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143 *Un poco allegretto* 

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<sup>139</sup> anonymous, *Our Baby* (France) <sup>140</sup> anonymous, *Aux Marches du Palais* (France) <sup>141</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Herr, wie du willst, so schick's mit mir'* <sup>142</sup> J.S. Bach, *minuet* <sup>143</sup> anonymous, *Arlequin Tient Sa Boutique* (France) <sup>144</sup> anonymous, *Ballade de Roland* (France)



<sup>145</sup> folk song <sup>146</sup> anonymous, *Tu Eres Mas Bella (Costa Rica)* <sup>147</sup> anonymous, *Praise, Member (South Carolina)*

Mit kraeftiger Leidenschaft



<sup>148</sup> anonymous, *Wach' Auf, Mein Hort* <sup>149</sup> anonymous, *Barbara Allan (Scotland)* <sup>150</sup> anonymous, *I'm a Pilgrim (Italy)*  
<sup>151</sup> Franz Joseph Haydn, *finale, London symphony*

Allegro

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Lebhaft, doch zart

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Allegretto

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152 anonymous, *Dans Notre Jardin (France)*    153 anonymous, *The Gypsy Warning (Missouri)*    154 anonymous, *Jungfräulein, Soll Ich Mit Euch Gehn*



Molto mesto

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Allegretto comodo

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Andante

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<sup>156</sup> Richard Strauss, *Not Yet*    <sup>157</sup> anonymous, *Ah, Suzette, Chère (Louisiana)*    <sup>158</sup> anonymous, *La Paloma Blanca (Arizona)*    <sup>159</sup> Franz Schubert, *Das Wandern*

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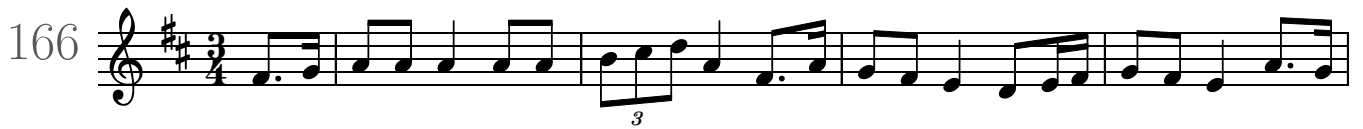


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<sup>161</sup> anonymous, *Chill Ether (Scotland)* <sup>162</sup> folk song <sup>163</sup> folk song <sup>164</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Nun ruhen alle Walder'*



<sup>165</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale*, 'Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein' <sup>166</sup> anonymous, *The Duke of Argyle's Courtship* (Scotland)  
<sup>167</sup> Harold Samuel, *The Fairy Boat* <sup>168</sup> anonymous, *Gar Lieblich Hat Sich Gesellet*

Canon for two voices:

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# Chapter III

## Minor Keys

### III-1 Solfeggio in the Minor Mode

Some people sing in the minor mode using these solfeggio syllables:



A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, B-flat4, A4, G4, F4, E-flat4, D4, C4. The syllables 'do re me fa so la ti do do te le so fa me re do' are written below the notes, with 'ti' under the first B-flat4 and 'te' under the first E-flat4.

do re me fa so la ti do do te le so fa me re do

This system has the advantage that most of the notes have the same functions as in the major mode. 'Do' is still the tonic, 'so' the dominant, 'ti' the leading tone, and so on. In this system, the names of the notes stay the same when switching between the parallel major and minor.

Others prefer this:



A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, B-flat4, A4, G4, F4, E-flat4, D4, C4. The syllables 'la ti do re me fi si la la so fa mi re do ti la' are written below the notes, with 'ti' under the first B-flat4, 'fi' under the first E-flat4, and 'ti' under the final D4.

la ti do re me fi si la la so fa mi re do ti la

This system highlights the relationship between the minor and its relative major.

If you don't have a teacher who wants you to use one system or another, I suggest you use the first one, because it lets you recycle many of the patterns you've learned in minor. For instance, 'so-ti-do' is still a formula for a cadence.

In both systems, the vowel 'i' is used for a sharpened note, and 'e' for a flattened one. The chromatic scale looks like this:



do di re ri mi fa fi so si la li ti do



do ti te la le so se fa mi me re ra do

The important thing is to pick a system and learn it thoroughly. (I use my own enharmonic system in which the chromatic scale is 'do gu ri bu mi fa ka so ja la pa ti do.')

### III-2 Steps

The purpose of the first exercise is to get used to the solfeggio syllables used in minor.

*Poco a poco accelerando*



*Largo*



This melody introduces the use of the ascending and descending forms of the melodic minor scale. The rhythmic figure is the same as in the preceding tune.

*Largo*



<sup>174</sup> L.R. Lewis <sup>175</sup> L.R. Lewis

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176 L.R. Lewis 177 L.R. Lewis 178 L.R. Lewis 179 L.R. Lewis 180 J.S. Bach, *gavotte in G minor* 181 L.R. Lewis



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Musical notation for measures 5-8. The system consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. Measure 5: Treble clef has a whole rest; Bass clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4. Measure 6: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4; Bass clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4. Measure 7: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4; Bass clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4. Measure 8: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4; Bass clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4.

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Musical notation for measures 9-12. The system consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. Measure 9: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4; Bass clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4. Measure 10: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4; Bass clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4. Measure 11: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4; Bass clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4. Measure 12: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4; Bass clef has a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4.

III-3 Leaps Within the Tonic Triad

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<sup>184</sup> G.A. Wedge <sup>185</sup> Who Got Dirt on the Carpet Again?

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<sup>188</sup> G.A. Wedge <sup>189</sup> G.A. Wedge <sup>190</sup> G.A. Wedge <sup>192</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Herr, nun lass in Friede'* <sup>193</sup> anonymous, *Every Hour in the Day (Georgia)* <sup>194</sup> anonymous, *Forget na', dear Lassie (Scotland)*



Round:




<sup>195</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Es steh'n vor Gottes Throne'* <sup>197</sup> anonymous, *Thou Poor Bird*

III-4 Leaps Within the Dominant

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200 *Andante* famous tune (identified in the table of contents) 

201 *Vivace* 





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198 G.A. Wedge 199 G.A. Wedge 202 G.A. Wedge 203 G.A. Wedge

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Largo

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Draengend, doch nicht schnell

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<sup>204</sup> G.A. Wedge <sup>205</sup> J.S. Bach, *melody from the notebook for Anna Magdalena* <sup>206</sup> anonymous, *lullabye (Russia)* <sup>207</sup> anonymous, *Las Tristes Horas* <sup>208</sup> G.A. Wedge <sup>209</sup> Froebel, *The Wolf* <sup>210</sup> anonymous, *Guten Abend*

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215 *Andantino* 

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<sup>211</sup> J.S. Bach, *Gavotte II* from cello suite # 5 <sup>212</sup> anonymous, *Lolotte (Louisiana)* <sup>213</sup> W.A. Mozart, *menuet* from string quartet # 15 <sup>214</sup> anonymous, *Los Ojos Mexicanos (Mexico)* <sup>215</sup> Maude Valerie White, *Ophelia's Song* <sup>216</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale*, 'Nun sich der Tag geendet hat'

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Allegro marziale

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<sup>217</sup> anonymous, *Reir Es Necesario* (Mexico) <sup>218</sup> anonymous, *En Avant, Grénadiers!* (Louisiana) <sup>219</sup> anonymous, *Angel de Mis Amores* (Mexico) <sup>220</sup> Franz Schubert, *Am Feierabend* <sup>221</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'O Traurigkeit, o Herzeleid'*



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<sup>222</sup> Johannes Brahms, *Nachtwache 1* <sup>223</sup> anonymous, *Mi Sueño (Mexico)* <sup>224</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden,'* from *St. Matthew's Passion* <sup>225</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Von Gott will ich nicht lassen'* <sup>226</sup> G.A. Wedge



<sup>227</sup> G.A. Wedge    <sup>228</sup> G.F. Handel, aria 'O Jordan, Sacred Tide' from *Esther*









<sup>234</sup> anonymous, *zandunga* folk song (Southern Mexico) <sup>235</sup> Giulio Carcini, *Amarilli, Mia Bella*

## IV-2 Leaps Within the Subdominant, Major Keys

The first two tunes clearly imply the subdominant chord in the marked measures.

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237 *Allegro*

More commonly, the melody leaps into or out of 'la' without spelling out the subdominant chord explicitly. Although dominant harmony can often be implied strongly with only one or two notes, this is not usually true of the subdominant, because of its weaker character. Since thirds are the most common leaps, the most important new leaps to learn to sing are the ones between 'do' and 'la' and between 'fa' and 'la.' This melody leaps from 'do' to 'la:'

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This one jumps from 'la' to 'fa:'

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240 *famous tune (identified in the table of contents)*

<sup>236</sup> anonymous, *Jehovah, Hallelujah* (South Carolina) <sup>237</sup> anonymous, *Arlequin Marie Sa Fille* (France) <sup>238</sup> folk song  
<sup>239</sup> folk song



A great deal of Scottish folk music uses a major scale that omits 'ti.' 'Fa' is sometimes left out as well, forming a five-note, or pentatonic, scale. Once one's ear adjusts to the sound of the scale, the characteristic leap between 'do' and 'la' no longer sounds like a leap at all. Of the following two examples, the first is pentatonic, while the second uses the full major scale. The first example has been notated with the style's typical elaborate ornamentation, which you may wish to ignore.



<sup>241</sup> anonymous, *Lang Johnny More* (Scotland) <sup>242</sup> anonymous, *The Bonniest Lass in a' The Land* (Scotland)





Moderato

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Andante sostenuto

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<sup>250</sup> Richard Strauss, *Devotion* <sup>251</sup> anonymous, *I Ride an Old Paint (United States)* <sup>252</sup> J.G. Whittier, *Song of the Free*  
<sup>253</sup> G.F. Handel, aria 'Hush ye pretty warbling quire' from *Acis and Galatea*

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<sup>254</sup> Thomas Tallis, *If Ye Love Me* <sup>255</sup> anonymous, *The Huntsman* <sup>256</sup> Thomas Moore, *Evening Bells*



<sup>257</sup> anonymous, *Sinner Won't Die No More (Tennessee)* <sup>258</sup> W.A. Mozart, *opening from clarinet quintet* <sup>259</sup> anonymous, *The Gold Band (Tennessee)* <sup>260</sup> Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, *tune from Stabat Mater*



<sup>261</sup> anonymous, *Bonnie Wee Window (Arkansas)* <sup>262</sup> J.S. Fearis, *Beautiful Isle of Somewhere* <sup>263</sup> W.B. Bradbury, *He Leadeth Me* <sup>264</sup> M.D. Sullivan, *The Blue Juniata*



Allegretto



<sup>265</sup> anonymous, *Red River Valley*   <sup>266</sup> anonymous, *I'm In Trouble (Florida)*   <sup>267</sup> Franz Joseph Haydn, *introduction, London symphony*   <sup>268</sup> anonymous, *Rosa Lee*   <sup>269</sup> anonymous, *My Lodging Is On the Cold Ground*



<sup>270</sup> anonymous, *Cowboy's Home Sweet Home (Arkansas)*    <sup>271</sup> anonymous, *Calinda (Louisiana)*    <sup>272</sup> anonymous, *The Braes O Yarrow (Scotland)*

Maestoso

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<sup>273</sup> anonymous, *Gaudeamus Igitur* <sup>274</sup> W.A. Mozart, *andante from string quartet # 2* <sup>275</sup> anonymous, *The Wild Moor (Missouri)* <sup>276</sup> Johannes Brahms, *introduction, 1st symphony* <sup>277</sup> anonymous, *Caroline (Louisiana)*



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Adagio

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<sup>278</sup> anonymous, *Avril (France)* <sup>279</sup> W.A. Mozart, *menuet from string quartet # 10* <sup>280</sup> anonymous, *The Hallowed Spot (Missouri)* <sup>281</sup> anonymous, *folk song (Russia)*

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283 *Allegretto mosso* 

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284 *Gehalten und empfindungsvoll* 

<sup>282</sup> anonymous, *The Ship That Never Returned (Missouri)* <sup>283</sup> Pier Domenico Paradies, *M'ha Preso Alla Sua Ragna* <sup>284</sup> anonymous, *Die Sonne Scheint Nicht Mehr*

Lebhaft



Moderato

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Vivace



285 anonymous, *Ubi Bene, Ibi Patria*

IV-3 Wide Leaps Within the Subdominant

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Moderato

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<sup>286</sup> W.A. Mozart, *presto* from string quartet # 4    <sup>287</sup> J. Ellor, *Diadem*    <sup>288</sup> W.A. Mozart, *rondo* from string quartet # 6  
<sup>289</sup> anonymous, *Adieu, Bonne Hôtesse (France)*

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<sup>290</sup> anonymous, *Derrière Chez Moi (France)*    <sup>291</sup> Stephen Foster, *The Song of All Songs*    <sup>292</sup> S.W. Gladden, *The Mountains*

IV-4 Leaps Within the Subdominant, Minor Keys

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Presto  
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<sup>293</sup> G.A. Wedge <sup>294</sup> G.A. Wedge <sup>295</sup> G.A. Wedge <sup>297</sup> anonymous, *Hanukah O Hanukah*



Allegretto



<sup>298</sup> anonymous, *Vivo Llorando la Suerte (Mexico)* <sup>299</sup> W.A. Mozart, *Osanna (bass solo, allegro)* from *Sanctus, Requiem*  
<sup>300</sup> J.S. Bach, *trio from Brandenburg concerto # 1* <sup>301</sup> anonymous, *Que No Te Amo (Mexico)* <sup>302</sup> anonymous, *folk song (Russia)*



<sup>303</sup> anonymous, folk song (Russia) <sup>304</sup> anonymous, *Entre Vous Tous Gens de la Ville* (France)



## IV-5 Leaps of a Seventh

With leaps of a seventh, as with any very broad leap, the most common problem is simply the inability to reach the note. Make sure to sing each example in an appropriate key. If the leap of a seventh is upward, find the lowest key in which you can comfortably sing the lowest note of the melody.

A factor in the sight-singer's favor is that the most difficult leaps to sing are usually the ones that are ugly as well, and therefore composers don't write them; in real music, most leaps of a seventh occur in certain special contexts that make them both easier to sing and more acceptable to the ear. Although it is possible to memorize the sounds of the minor and major seventh leaps and sing them on demand, that's a fundamentally unnatural way to think about melody; keep in mind that most of the examples in this section are folk songs created by people who were illiterate, and probably could not have performed such a trick themselves.

Another technique for use when all else fails is to imagine the seventh as a downward step, with the second note moved up an octave. In all the following examples, however, we'll see that there are better solutions arising naturally from the logic of the melodic line.

The first example is easy, because the leap begins a repetition.

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The next two examples are not much harder; there is repetition, but at a pitch one step higher.

306 *Lively*

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<sup>305</sup> W.A. Mozart, *menuet from string quartet # 8* <sup>306</sup> C. Hess, *Little Charley Went a Fishing* <sup>307</sup> folk song

In the next tune, the leap upward from 'ti' to 'la' is heard as the inversion of the earlier step down from 'ti' to 'la.'

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The next example has a leap of a seventh as part of a dominant seventh chord. It resolves downward to 'mi,' and this 'fa-mi' relationship is one of the most prominent landmarks of the key, so you may find that the easiest way to hit the 'fa' is simply by locating 'fa-mi.'

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This tune, like the preceding one, uses the familiar 'so-fa-mi' pattern. The leap is also made easier because we've just sung 'fa' in the low register, and because, looking ahead, we anticipate the descending scale 'fa-mi-re-do.'

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<sup>308</sup> anonymous, *Carmela (Mexico)* <sup>309</sup> W.A. Mozart, *menuet from string quartet # 1* <sup>310</sup> anonymous, *Gwine Follow (South Carolina)*



Another 'so-fa-mi' example. The 'fa' is heard as part of a logical progression of prominent high points in the line.



<sup>311</sup> Felix Mendelssohn, aria 'If with all your hearts ye truly seek me' from *Elijah* <sup>312</sup> T.H. Bayly, *Long, Long Ago* <sup>313</sup> anonymous, *Cradle Song*

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<sup>314</sup> anonymous, *Widdecombe Fair (England)* <sup>315</sup> anonymous, *Walk, Shepherdess, Walk (Arkansas)* <sup>316</sup> anonymous, *Reir Es Necesario (Mexico)* <sup>317</sup> anonymous, *folk song (Russia)* <sup>318</sup> anonymous, *A Quinze Ans (France)*

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<sup>319</sup> W.A. Mozart, *menuet from string quartet # 8* <sup>320</sup> W.A. Mozart, *presto from string quartet # 7* <sup>321</sup> anonymous, *Upidee*

#### IV-6 Other Perfect Fourths and Fifths

We've already sung leaps of a fourth and a fifth within the tonic, dominant, and subdominant chords, and those leaps strongly implied their chords. For instance, it's difficult to hear the 'so-re' leap without perceiving a dominant chord. Although other leaps of a fourth or a fifth may imply other triads, in real music they are more commonly produced not by the harmony but by the logic of the melody itself. In the first example, the composer simply wants to repeat a melodic idea at a different pitch. The 'la' is easily sung by thinking of it in relation to the 'do' it leads up to.



In this example, the leap from 'la' to 're' is heard as an imitation of the preceding 'so-do' leap.



Here, we really have the easy 'so-mi' leap, but with 'la' interposed.



<sup>322</sup> W.A. Mozart, *opening from string quartet # 4* <sup>323</sup> folk song <sup>324</sup> anonymous, *La Rana (Mexico)*

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famous tune (identified in the table of contents)

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Tempo di valse

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<sup>326</sup> C.M. von Weber, *Softly Now the Light of Day* <sup>327</sup> Charles K. Harris, *After the Ball*



Andante



<sup>328</sup> A.S. Sullivan, *Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes*    <sup>329</sup> A.S. Sullivan, *Sing Hey to You, Good-Day to You!*    <sup>330</sup> Stephen Foster, *Slumber My Darling*    <sup>331</sup> S.C. Foster, *Gentle Annie*



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<sup>332</sup> anonymous, *Were You Ever in Rio Grand* <sup>333</sup> Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, *Scheherezade (theme from third movement)*

<sup>334</sup> Beethoven, *opening movement from string quartet # 1* <sup>335</sup> W.A. Mozart, *trio from string quartet # 1* <sup>336</sup> Franz Abt, *Kathleen Aroon*

Moderato

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Moderato con espressione

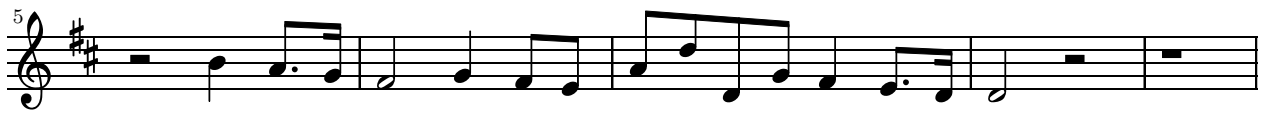
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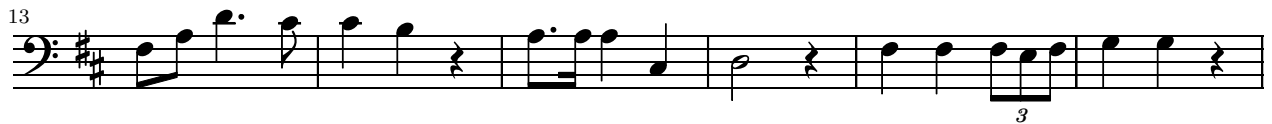
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<sup>337</sup> anonymous, folk song (Germany) <sup>338</sup> Thomas Moore, *Love's Young Dream* <sup>339</sup> Attributed to Guiseppe Giordano,, *Caro Mio Ben*



Andante



Andante



<sup>340</sup> anonymous, *Rémon (Louisiana)* <sup>341</sup> anonymous, *Juanita* <sup>342</sup> H.S. Thompson, *Lilly Dale*



<sup>344</sup> Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, *aria from Stabat Mater*    <sup>345</sup> J.S. Bach, *menuet II from cello suite # 2*    <sup>346</sup> Johannes Brahms, *introduction, 1st symphony*



Alla marcia



Moderato



Zaertlich und lebhaft



<sup>347</sup> anonymous, *processional march song (Germany)*   <sup>348</sup> Darius Milhaud, *Chant de Sion*   <sup>349</sup> anonymous, *Sagt Mir, O Schönste Schäf'rin Mein*



In ruhigem Zeitmass und teilnehmend erzaehlt



Mit guter Laune



<sup>350</sup> anonymous, *Gunhilde* <sup>351</sup> anonymous, *Ach, Englische Schaeferin* <sup>352</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Wär' Gott Nicht Mit Uns Diese Zeit'*

353 *Larghetto*

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354 *Allegro*

<sup>353</sup> G.F. Handel, *Angels Ever Bright and Fair* <sup>354</sup> Beethoven, *allegro* from string quartet # 6

IV-7 The Diminished Seventh Chord, and the Harmonic Minor Scale



<sup>356</sup> anonymous, *O Daniel (Florida)* <sup>357</sup> J.S. Bach, *Invention 2* <sup>358</sup> W.A. Mozart, *andante un poco allegretto* from string quartet # 5



359 Lullaby

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359 Abraham Goldfaden, *Raisins with Almonds*



# Chapter V

## Nondiatonic Materials

### V-1 Secondary Dominants and Chromatic Passing Tones

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<sup>360</sup> Martin Luther, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*   <sup>361</sup> anonymous, *Kevin Barry (Ireland)*   <sup>362</sup> *Who Got Dirt on the Carpet Again?*



<sup>363</sup> Ithamar Conkey, *God is Love, His Mercy Brightens* <sup>364</sup> Shoals, *Valedictory* <sup>365</sup> anonymous, *Autrefois le Rat de Ville* (France) <sup>366</sup> Samuel Webbe, *Come, Ye Disconsolate*



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<sup>369</sup> I.B. Woodbury, *Speed Away! Speed Away!* <sup>370</sup> W.A. Mozart, *aria from the Magic Flute* <sup>371</sup> anonymous, *Let God's Saints Come In (Virginia)*

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Allegro

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<sup>372</sup> anonymous, *Vivo Penando (California)* <sup>373</sup> anonymous, *Allan Maclean (Scotland)* <sup>374</sup> Alessandro Stradella, *Ragion Sempre Addita* <sup>375</sup> anonymous, *Dans le Port, Il Est Arrivé (France)*



<sup>376</sup> George F. Root, *Brother, Tell Me of the Battle* <sup>377</sup> George Cooper, *Beautiful Bells* <sup>378</sup> J.H. McNaughton, *The Faded Coat of Blue*





379 W.A. Mozart, *menuet from string quartet # 1* 380 Franz Joseph Haydn, *adagio poco cantabile from string quartet, Op. 73, #3 ('Emperor')* 381 anonymous, *Crepúsculo (Mexico)*



Slowly



<sup>382</sup> anonymous, *Media Noche (California)* <sup>383</sup> Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, *tune from Stabat Mater*

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<sup>384</sup> J.S. Bach, *Bourrée II from orchestral suite #2* <sup>385</sup> anonymous, *The Cruel Mother (England)* <sup>386</sup> Alice Hawthorne, *Out of Work* <sup>387</sup> Scott Joplin, *The Easy Winners*



Tempo di valse



<sup>388</sup> Gus Edwards, *In My Merry Oldsmobile* <sup>389</sup> anonymous, *Erlaube Mir, Fein's Mädchen* <sup>390</sup> J.S. Bach, *Menuet I* from *orchestral suite #1*



Maestoso



<sup>391</sup> G.F. Handel, chorus from 'Judas Maccabaeus' <sup>392</sup> Frances Shackleton, *The Orange and the Black*

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<sup>393</sup> anonymous, *Adelphi School Song* <sup>394</sup> H.R. Allen, *Maid of Athens*

Moderato

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In the following two melodies, the flattened third scale degree occurs in the vii<sup>o</sup>7 of V chord.

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Fine

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Da capo

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<sup>395</sup> Joseph Ascher, *Alice, Where Art Thou?* <sup>396</sup> W.A. Mozart, *Duet No. 2, Menuet, from 12 Duets, K.V. 487* <sup>397</sup> Franz Schubert, *Above the Mountains*



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Andantino

<sup>398</sup> W.A. Mozart, *Duet from The Magic Flute*



V-2 Blue Notes

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Moderately, not too fast

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<sup>399</sup> anonymous, *The Graveyard* (South Carolina) <sup>400</sup> anonymous, *Roll, Jordan, Roll* (United States) <sup>401</sup> anonymous, *Cyclone at Rycove* (Missouri) <sup>402</sup> James Reese Europe, *Goodnight Angeline*



Moderato



403 anonymous, 'Tis Me, O Lord (*Unites States*)

V-3 Relative Minor and Major

Nicht zu langsam und mit inniger Teilnahme

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In ruhiger Bewegung

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Lullabye, andante con espressione

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<sup>404</sup> anonymous, *Schwesterlein* <sup>405</sup> anonymous, *Es Ritt ein Ritter* <sup>406</sup> anonymous, *Cradle Song (Sweden)* <sup>407</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Befehl du deine Wege'* <sup>408</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale, 'Das Walt' Mein Gott, Vater, Sohn'*



<sup>409</sup> anonymous, *Feinsliebchen*, *Du Sollst* <sup>410</sup> J.S. Bach, *Chorale*, 'Gib Dich Zufrieden und Sei Stille' <sup>411</sup> F. Nicholls Crouch, *Kathleen Mavourneen*





## Chapter VI

# The C Clef

This chapter recapitulates some melodies from earlier chapters, using the C clef. The clef indicates middle C. In modern music, the C clef is used almost exclusively for the viola, but it will also be encountered in older scores, both vocal and instrumental, as an equally important companion to the treble and bass clefs. The C clef is a movable clef, but the examples in this chapter are all given with C placed at the middle line. Sight-singing from the C clef is not difficult, because one merely follows the usual procedure of determining which line or space on the staff represents 'do,' and reading all other notes relative to it. A trick for instrumentalists is to imagine that the middle line is really the ledger line for middle C on the grand staff, while the top two lines belong to the treble clef, and the bottom two to the bass clef. (The same trick can be handy for vocalists when using the key signature to find the tonic on the staff.)



<sup>414</sup> anonymous, *The Ash Grove (Wales)* <sup>415</sup> Franz Joseph Haydn, *menuet Oxford symphony* <sup>416</sup> folk song



Mit kraeftiger Leidenschaft



<sup>417</sup> anonymous, *Wach' Auf, Mein Hort*    <sup>418</sup> anonymous, *La Paloma Blanca (Arizona)*    <sup>419</sup> Gustav Holst, *Venus theme from The Planets*





The following three examples are in the minor mode.



Largo



<sup>420</sup> folk song <sup>421</sup> Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, aria 'Sancta Mater' from *Stabat Mater* <sup>422</sup> W.A. Mozart, aria (*Papageno*) from *The Magic Flute* <sup>423</sup> Franz Joseph Haydn, finale, *London symphony* <sup>424</sup> anonymous, *Every Hour in the Day* (*Georgia*) <sup>425</sup> anonymous, lullabye (*Russia*)

Heimlich und zierlich bewegt

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Andante e penseroso

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<sup>426</sup> anonymous, *Feinsliebchen, Du Sollst* <sup>427</sup> F. Nicholls Crouch, *Kathleen Mavourneen*

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