



Hungarian Dance

No. 5

We often count 16th notes aloud to help us place them correctly: **1 e + a** is pronounced "1-ee-and-uh"

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B \flat E \flat A \flat *f*

1 3 5 3 2 3 4

3 ③ 1 4 5 2 1

④ 3 2 5 1 ① ② ③

1 e + a 2 e + a

5 3 2 3 4

Musical score for piano in G minor. The score consists of two systems. The first system has four measures. The right hand plays a sequence of eighth notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The left hand plays a sequence of chords: G3-Bb3, G3-Bb3, G3-Bb3, G3-Bb3. Fingerings for the right hand are: 3 4 5, 2 3 4, 1 2 3, and ② 3 4. The first measure is marked *p*. The second system has two measures. The right hand plays: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The left hand plays: G3-Bb3, G3-Bb3, G3-Bb3, G3-Bb3. Fingerings for the right hand are: 3 2 1, ①, and 5 2 1. The second measure is marked *f* with a crescendo hairpin.

At first I had difficulty playing staccato; my hand felt tired and I hit a lot of wrong notes. When my teacher observed my staccato playing he saw that I was lifting my hand up too far and playing too loudly. Now I think of staccato as a subtle shortening of the notes. I keep my hand at keyboard level and the staccato notes sound light and detached. -Ron



MUSICAL MATH

Write the counts under the notes, then play and count the rhythms on any key. Next, say the phrases below the counts as you play:

Musical notation for the first rhythm exercise: a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note.

COUNTS:

Pea - nut but - ter ap - ple, pea - nut but - ter pear.

Musical notation for the second rhythm exercise: a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note.

COUNTS:

Black - ber - ry, blue - ber - ry, co - co - nut smooth - ie.

Musical notation for the third rhythm exercise: a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note.

COUNTS:

2 e + a

Ha - zel - nut rye, and sweet po - ta - to pie.