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A Note to Students

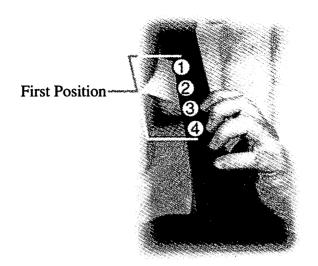
The pieces in this book have been specially designed to help you find certain important notes (I call them "targets") on the cello fingerboard. The notes that I think of as targets have the same names as the open strings. That way, I can always be sure I have hit the "bull's eye" by testing the fingered note with an open string. These pieces also help you to learn how certain other notes are easy to play once you have hit the target. For example, if you are very good at hitting G on the D-string with 2nd finger, then G-sharp (even though it sounds rather ominous) is very easy to play with third finger.

In order to get the most out of this book, there are a few things you should do:

- You should play the top line of all the duets.
- Listen carefully and play well in tune. Notice all of the times when a target note is played before or after an open string with the same name. Be sure they match!
- Know the names of all of the notes you are playing. It is important that you know the name of the target note. Then you must know the names of the notes which "live next door" under the other fingers on the same string. It is also important to know the names of the notes which "live across the street" on the other strings in the same position.
- In many of the pieces, you will play the target note before playing any of the "neighbors". In others, you will have to play a neighboring note before playing the target note. In still others, you will never actually play the target note (in these cases I think of the targets as being "invisible" -- that is, the target is still there but you don't hear it.) Please notice that in all of these circumstances you should think about the target note to find your place on the fingerboard whether you play it first, second, or never!
- You will notice that some of the fingerings are written in for you and some are not. However you should remember that I always put in a fingering if it is necessary for you to shift. So if you do *not* see a finger number, you should assume that you do *not* have to shift -- you must figure out how to play the notes without moving your hand.
- As you are practicing these pieces, pay close attention to how it feels to hit the targets. You have to able to hit them accurately and consistently (without looking at your hand, of course) -- and you must know if the notes are correct *before* you hear them played. If you learn the feeling of hitting the targets with different fingers, then you can play many other notes without difficulty.

Above all, have fun playing the pieces!

-- Rick Mooney



"Upper" Second Position



∠Geography Quiz

Your 2nd finger is on D on the A-string. Answer the following questions:

What note will be played by:	What finger will you use to play:
1 on the A-string?	E ^b on the A-string?
3 on the A-string?	A on the D-string?
What is another name for that note?	C on the G-string?
4 on the A-string?	G on the C-string?
2 on the D-string?	F# on the D-string?
2 on the G-string?	F# on the C-string?
2 on the C-string?	B on the G-string?
3 on the D-string?	E on the C-string?
What is another name for that note?	D on the A-string?

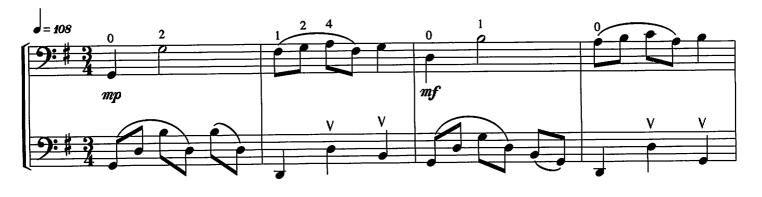
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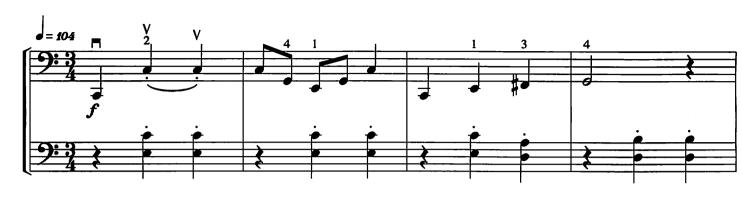


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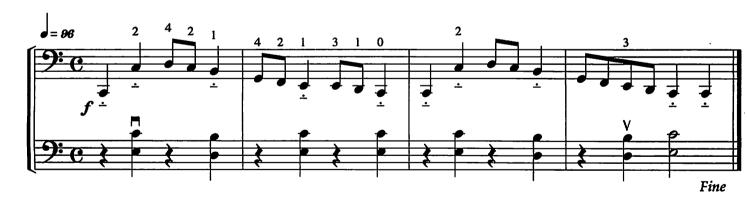


The Elephant's Waltz





The Tired Tortoise

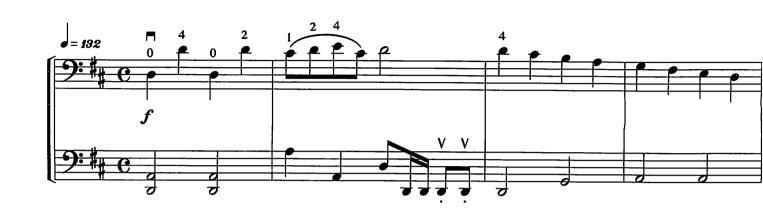




The Whale's Song

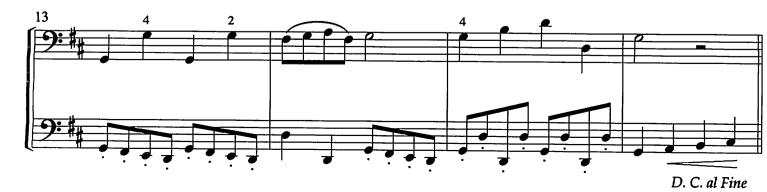


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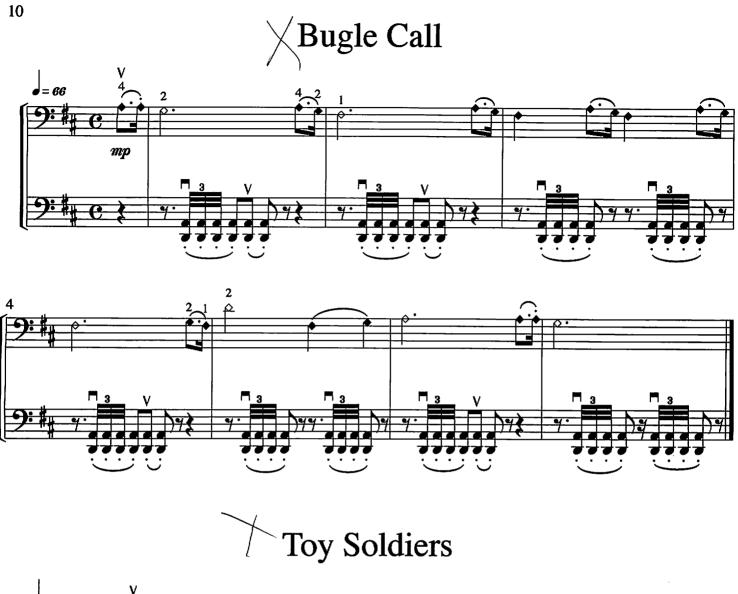




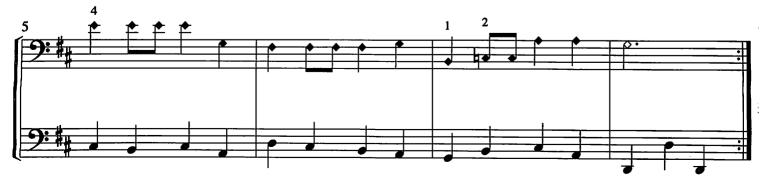


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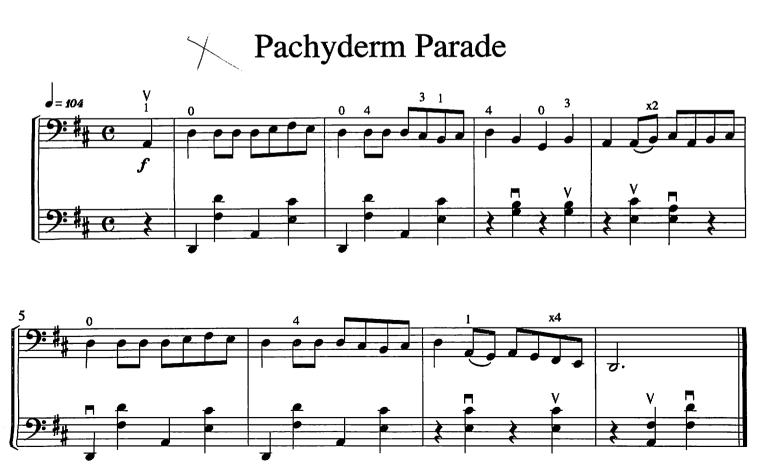


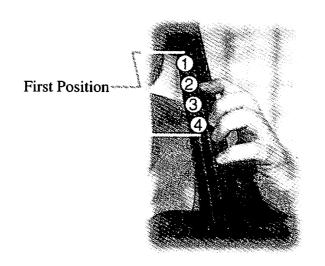
Lament





* This harmonic can be played in three different places. See if you can find them all.





Extended Second Position

Target Practice

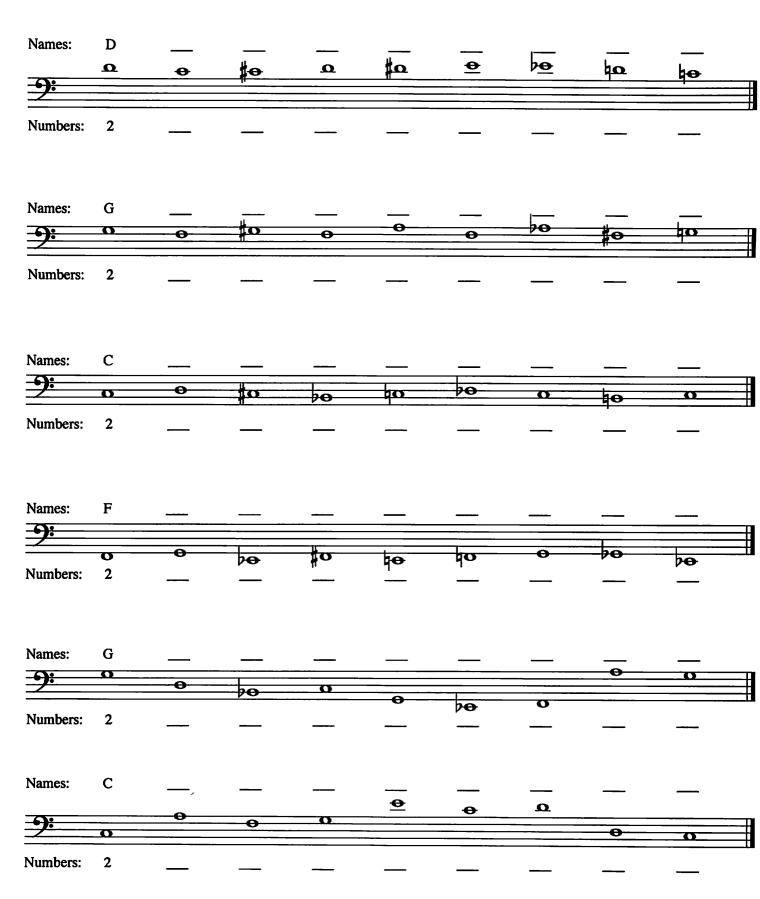


Geography Quiz

Your 2nd finger is on G on the D-string. Answer the following questions:

What note will be played by:	What finger will you use to play:			
1 on the A-string?	G [#] on the D-string?			
x1 on the A-string?	Ab on the D-string?			
3 on the G-string?	E ^b on the C-string?			
x1 on the D-string?	D on the G-string?			
4 on the G-string?	F on the C-string?			
x1 on the G-string?	B on the G-string?			
What is another name for that note?	D on the A-string?			

Names and Numbers Extended Second Position





Somersaults and Cartwheels



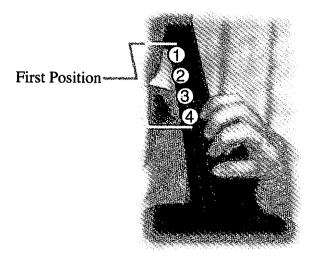






Erik's Minuet \





"Lower" Third Position



Geography Quiz

Your 1st finger is on D on the A-string. Answer the following questions:

What note will be played by:	What finger will you use to play:
1 on the C-string?	Eb on the A-string?
4 on the A-string?	G on the C-string?
3 on the G-string?	C# on the G-string?
2 on the D-string?	F# on the C-string?
What is another name for that note?	Eb on the G-string?
1 on the G-string?	B ^b on the D-string?
4 on the C-string?	A ^b on the C-string?
3 on the A-string?	G# on the C-string?
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Names and Numbers "Lower" Third Position

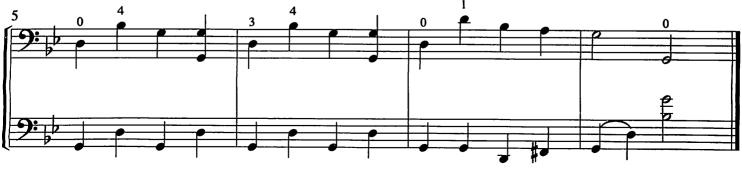
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Japanese Garden



I'm So Sleepy





March of the Dinosaurs

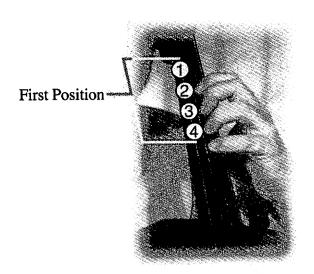


The Haunted House



I Was a Teenage Monster





"Lower" Second Position

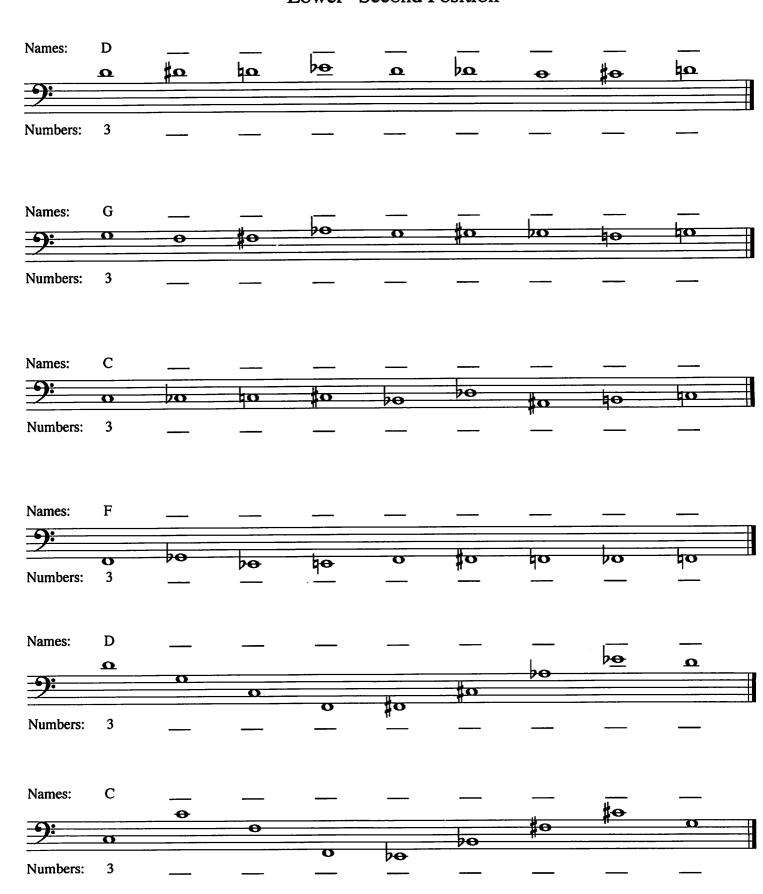


Geography Quiz

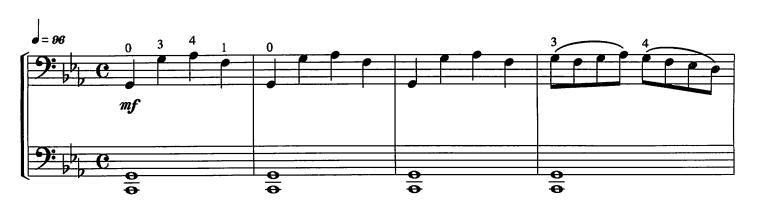
Your 3rd finger is on C on the G-string. Answer the following questions:

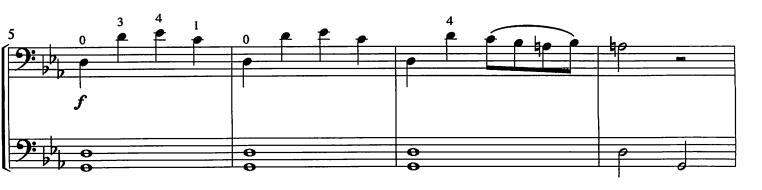
What note will be played by:	What finger will you use to play:
3 on the A-string?	Eb on the C-string?
4 on the A-string?	C [#] on the G-string?
2 on the C-string?	C [#] on the A-string?
1 on the D-string?	B ^b on the G-string?
2 on the G-string?	G on the D-string?
3 on the C-string?	F# on the C-string?
4 on the D-string?	F# on the D-string?
What is another name for that note?	C on the G-string?
1 on the A-string?	C on the A-string?

Names and Numbers "Lower" Second Position



I've Got Homework







Valse Triste

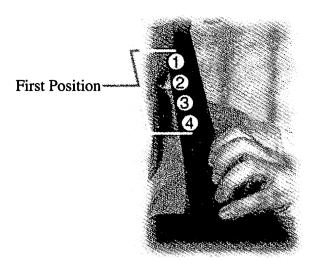


Sicilienne



Etude





Fourth Position

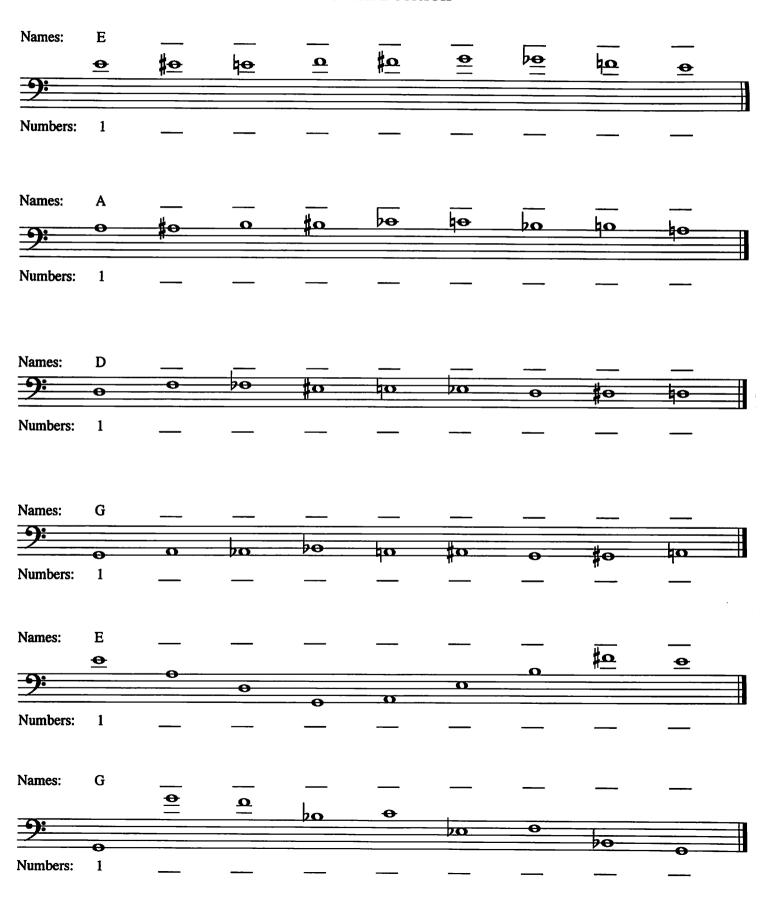


Geography Quiz

Your 1st finger is on G on the C-string. Answer the following questions:

What note will be played by:	What finger will you use to play:
4 on the A-string?	F# on the A-string?
2 on the D-string?	D# on the G-string?
3 on the G-string?	B ^b on the C-string?
1 on the A-string?	F on the G-string?
3 on the C-string?	B on the D-string?
1 on the D-string?	E ^b on the G-string?
2 on the C-string?	F on the A-string?
What is another name for that note?	A# on the D-string?
4 on the D-string?	G ^b on the A-string?

Names and Numbers Fourth Position



Church Bells



A Minor Melody









A Cloudy Day



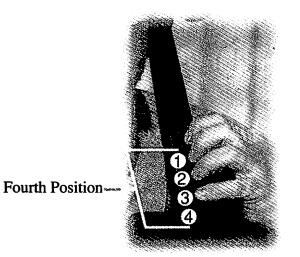
Busy Bees



In A Hurry

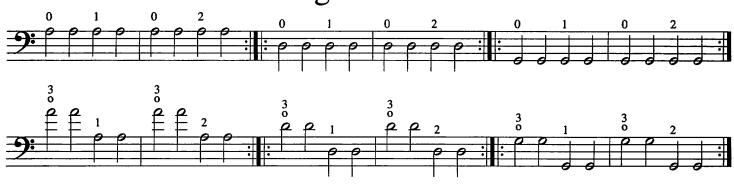


D. C. al Fine



"Upper" Third Position

Target Practice

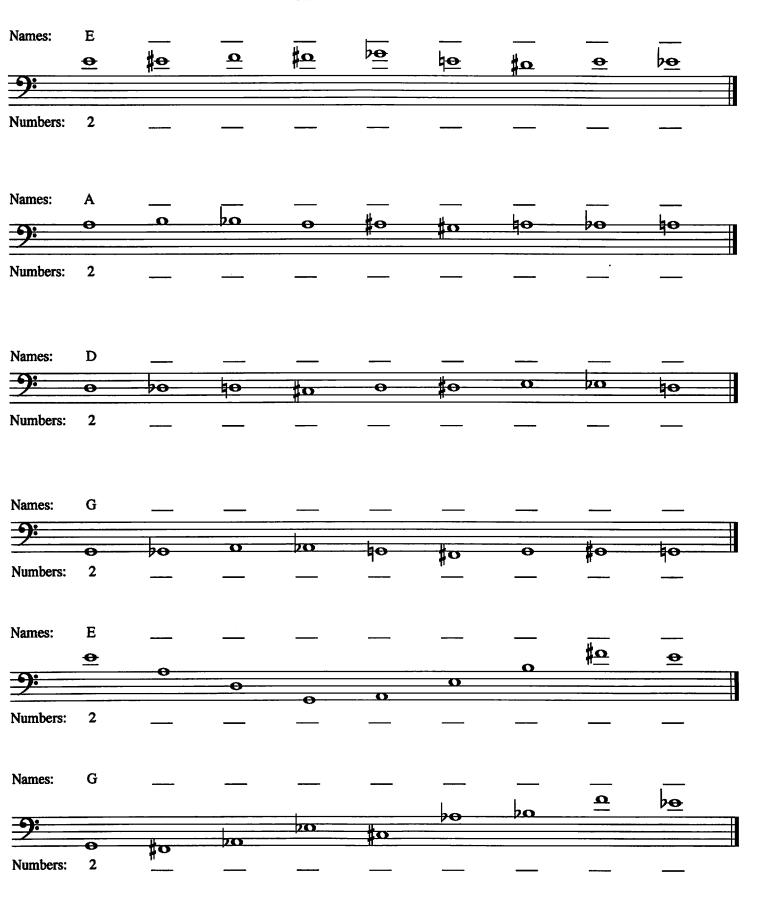


Geography Quiz

Your 2nd finger is on D on the G-string. Answer the following questions:

What note will be played by:	What finger will you use to play:
2 on the A-string?	· F on the A-string?
1 on the C-string?	Bb on the D-string?
1 on the G-string?	E ^b on the G-string?
1 on the D-string?	G [#] on the C-string?
What is another name for that note?	A on the D-string?
4 on the C-string?	G on the C-string?
4 on the G-string?	E ^b on the A-string?
4 on the D-string?	C# on the G-string?
4 on the A-string?	F# on the C-string?

Names and Numbers "Upper" Third Position



The Troubadour



* see the note on "The Invisible Target"

Hoedown



A Waltz



The Hippopotamus' Dance



The Heavy Highlander

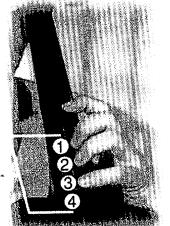




Barcarole







Extended Third Position

Fourth Position ----

Target Practice

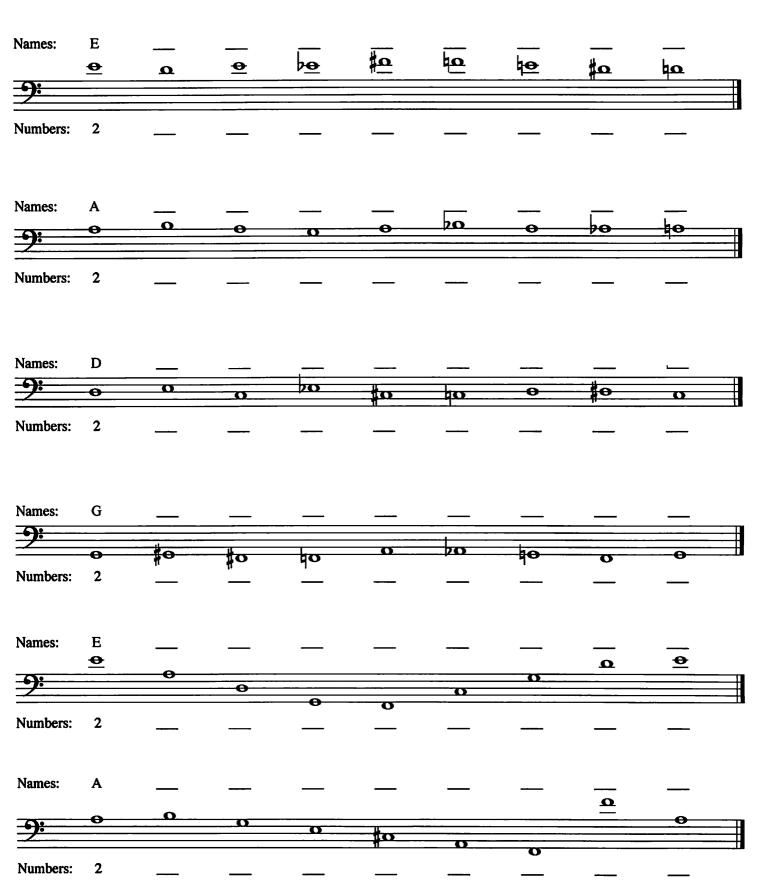


Geography Quiz

Your 2nd finger is on G on the C-string. Answer the following questions:

What note will be played by:	What finger will you use to play:				
1 on the C-string?	C on the G-string?				
x1 on the C-string?	A ^b on the C-string?				
2 on the G-string?	E ^b on the A-string?				
x1 on the D-string?	D on the A-string?				
3 on the A-string?	A on the D-string?				
1 on the D-string?	A on the C-string?				
What is another	C# on the G-string?				

Names and Numbers Extended Third Position



Dreamland

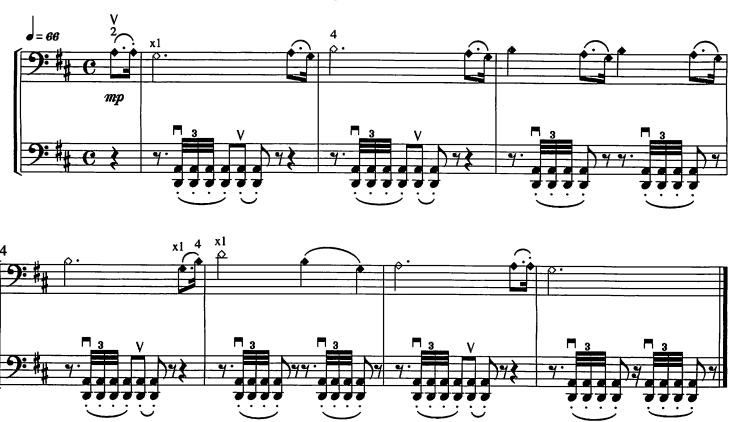


Marching Martians



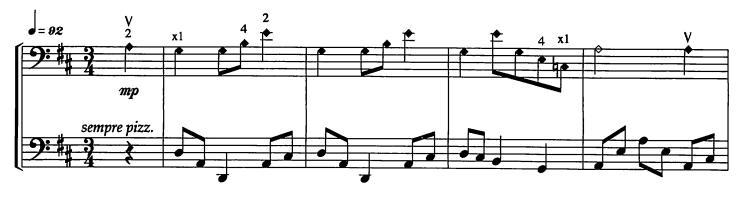


Bugle Call



Note: "Toy Soldiers" also can be fingered in third position.

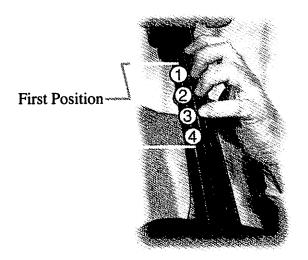
The Tiny Ballerina





Jig





Half Position

Target Practice



Geography Quiz

Your 2nd finger is on B on the A-string. Answer the following questions:

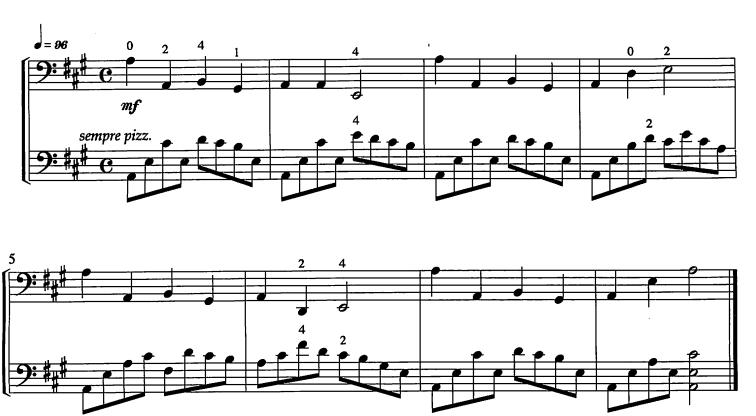
What note will be played by:	What finger will you use to play:
1 on the A-string?	F# on the D-string?
What is another name for that note?	B on the G-string?
1 on the D-string?	E on the C-string?
What is another name for that note?	A on the G-string?
1 on the G-string?	Bb on the G-string?
What is another name for that note?	E ^b on the C-string?
1 on the C-string?	D# on the C-string?
What is another name for that note?	C on the A-string?
4 on the A-string?	F on the D-string?

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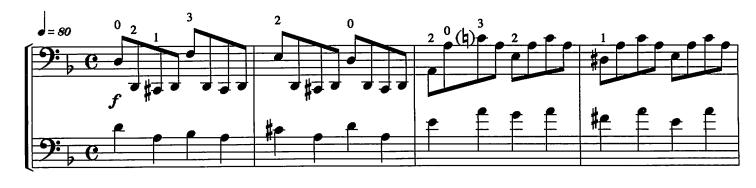
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Half Position Serenade

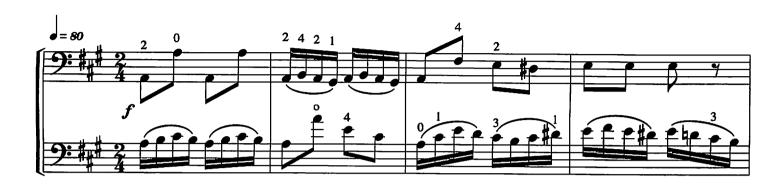


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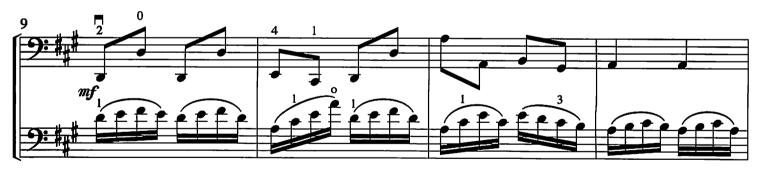




Running









D. C. al Fine

Going Baroque



Spanish Dance



At The Ball



Sad Song



Walking Home



Ländler



Feeling Fine



The Irish Tenor



Melancholy



Jack Spratt Dances with His Wife



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Playing in the Park



I Got the Blues, Baby

