

## Welcome to Piano Band Book Two

We are pleased to introduce this new collection of ensemble pieces for piano or keyboard. In *Piano Band Book Two*, you will discover engaging and cool music that covers various styles and performance experiences. Every ensemble presents new creative ideas as well as the opportunity to explore and play beyond the written page.

We believe in the joy and magic that happens when we make music with others. Join us now and discover how collaborative music making can be enjoyable at any age and at any level. Onward!

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## Get Ready

Part One [ Track 1 Piano Only / Track 2 Band ]

Will Baily Both hands play one octave higher W.musicalmomentsrmm.com

## Get Ready

Part Two



## Creative Ideas for **Get Ready**

- 1. **Create a Tempo Challenge!** The piano only recording of *Get Ready* [ Track 1 ] demonstrates how to increase the tempo with each repetition of the piece. Begin by listening and playing along with Track 1. When ready, try the following ideas and create your own tempo challenge without the track.
  - Create an introduction similar to what you hear on Track 1.
  - When setting the new tempo, play 8 beats using rhythm sticks, drums or octave C's on the piano.
  - Chant together to cue the new tempo. (Ex. "1, 2, 3 Get Ready!")
- 2. **Have fun playing as a side-by-side duet.** Sharing the keyboard with a friend can be a fun experience. Explore the following ideas when sitting side-by-side:
  - Both hands in *Part One* play one octave higher and both hands in *Part Two* play one octave lower.
- Experiment with playing Part Two states to and Part One legato.

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  - 3. **Use Chromatic Percussion Instruments.** Digital pianos provide an or por capity to explore numerous instruments and how they are used in collaborative performances. Here is one example of creating a 4-part ensemble using percussion instruments.
    - Start by learning about chromatic percussion instruments often found in an orchestra. Next, build a quick and easy 4-part ensemble.

• Part One R.H. melody Glockenspiel (one octave higher)

• *Part One* L.H. chord shells Music Box

• *Part Two* R.H. Vibraphone (as written)

• *Part Two* L.H. Piano (one octave lower)

## Creative Ideas for The Fiddle Jig

- 1. **Discover the Irish Jig.** This delightful Jig is an opportunity to discover the history behind an Irish folk dance. What is an Irish Jig? Have you ever watched a dance performance of a lig? (Find a video clip). What time signature is common for a lig? What are the most common instruments used in Irish folk music?
- 2. Create an ensemble. The Ensemble Track 4 is one example of how an ensemble is created using *Parts One*, *Two* and *Three* of *The Fiddle Jig*. Listen for the instruments listed below and then build your own version of *Fiddle Jig*.

Part One R.H. **Recorder** (one octave higher)

Part Two **Fiddle** (Play all chord shells as quarter notes.)

Part Three R.H. Guitar Part Three L.H. Bass

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Both hands play two octaves higher.

R.H. only as it is written. Part Two

Part Three Both hands play one octave lower.

- 4. **Include percussion for even more fun.** Whether you are playing with the Band, Ensemble or Trio, adding percussion instruments will only enhance this delightful dance.
  - Percussion choices include bucket drum, handheld drum, floor drum or a percussion instrument on your digital piano.
  - Use the R.H. rhythm in *Part Three* to create your percussion part.

Part One [ Track 3 Band / Track 4 Ensemble ]





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Part Two





Part Three





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Piano Accompaniment [Track 5 Piano Accompaniment]



## Creative Ideas for Electric House

- 1. **Energize the learning using Team Play.** Team Play works well in the early stages of learning a new piece. Divide the players in two teams and try the following:
  - Team 1 plays the R.H. of *Part One* and Team 2 plays the R.H. of *Part Two*. Alternate playing with and without Band Track 6. Repeat and trade parts.
  - Now, try Team Play with the L.H. of *Part One* and the L.H. of *Part Two*. Repeat and trade parts.
  - Ask players to choose their favorite part from above. Then select from synthesizer sounds or distortion guitars and play along with Rhythm Track 7.
- 2. **Change it up with an acoustic ensemble.** Piano Accompaniment Track 8 provides an immediate way to change the style from Electric to Acoustic. Below is one way to build this new ensemble using acoustic instruments:

Part One R.H plays the **Oboe** 

L.H. plays Piano Part Two

Example 2

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### **Electric House**

Part One
[ Track 6 Band / Track 7 Rhythm Track ]









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#### Electric House

Part Two









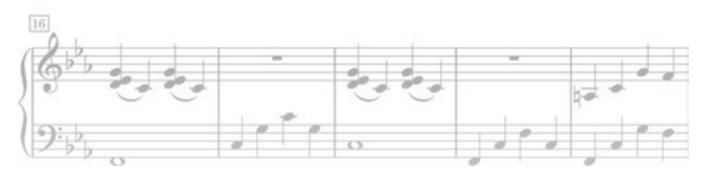
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#### Electric House

Piano Accompaniment [ Track 8 Piano Accompaniment ]









Part One [ Track 9 Band / Track 10 Ensemble ]

Beethoven











Part Two

Beethoven





Bass Line



Timpani



## Creative Ideas for Way Cool Beethoven

1. A Majestic Organ Ensemble! Have you ever imagined what it would feel like to play a big church organ? Did you know that organists play pedals set up like a keyboard with their feet? Well, you won't be using your feet for this ensemble, but you can create a wonderful sound with the organ voices on a digital piano.

When you perform this, slow the tempo, turn up the volume, think majestic and play as smooth and connected as possible. All parts will hold the final note for 6 counts and then release together.

**Bass Line** Classical Organ Solo (measures 1-8).

After the intro, the remaining instruments enter.

Part One R.H. Organ

L.H. **Strings** (one octave higher) Part One

Part Two R.H. **Strings** (doubled one octave lower)

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- 2. **A Band plus Organ Combo.** Here is a perform will enjoy. The **Bass Line** played on a Classical Organ so Contemporary Band Track 9. Try This:
  - The *Bass Line* is played on a Classical Organ sound.
  - The Organ soloist begins by playing measures 1-8.
  - Remember to be dramatic and build suspense.
  - When the soloist plays the first note of measure 9, start Band Track 9.
  - The style change is a fun surprise for the listeners.
  - All players then wait to enter until after the intro on Band Track 9.
  - Enjoy!

## Creative Ideas for **Salt Water Taffy**

- 1. **Let's talk musical concepts.** In both the written music and the backing tracks, this catchy waltz contains several concepts to explore.
  - What is a swingin' rhythm and where did it originate? Compare the sound of the swingin' rhythm to how the rhythm is written.
  - Notice how *Part One* R.H. and *Part Two* R.H. work together to create an interesting melody. Play the two R.H. parts and discuss how they complement each other.
  - *Part Three* creates the harmonic and rhythmic foundation when playing as a Trio. You can use *Part Three* to create both an introduction and ending for *Salt Water Taffy*. And, don't forget to include the pedal.
  - Use Relay Play and take turns improvising a new melody over Piano Accompaniment Track 13. Replay Play is a technique where players take turns improvising a few measures and then pass it to another classmate. The goal is to keep it moving around the room. This works best if you close your book, listen and play!
  - With the improvisation example, players can choose various woodwind and string voices. Discuss the ranges for each instrument and how to make the voices on a digital piano sound like the real instrument.

2. The Salt Water Taffy Ensemble. Aisten to Ensemble Track 1.5 and Identify the different instruments used for the Ansemble. Try using the Later Below to create your own version of this piece.

• Part One Rim USiCa Flute pl Try to in

**Flute** played one octave higher.

Try to imitate the articulation played on the track.

Strings

Divide the notes between the right and left hand to create a legato sound.

**Glockenspiel** played one octave higher.

**Acoustic Bass** 

Harp

• Part Two R.H.

• Part Two L.H.

• Part Three

Part One [ Track 11 Band / Track 12 Ensemble ]





Part Two





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Part Three





Piano Accompaniment [Track 13 Piano Accompaniment]





### It's All Good

Part One [ Track 14 Band / Track 15 Rhythm Track ]

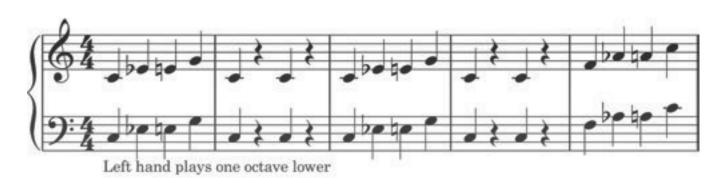


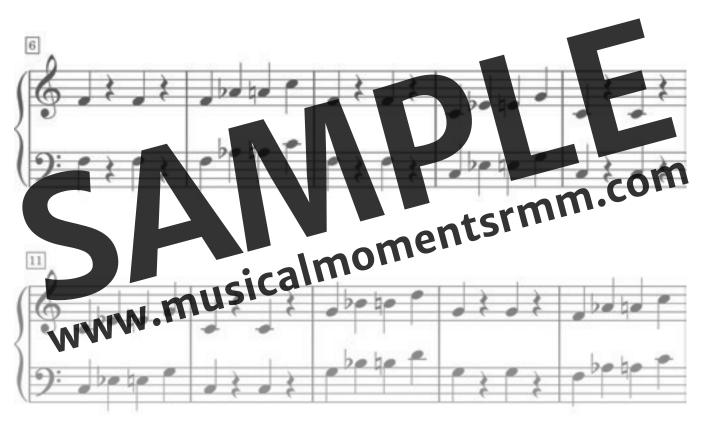






# It's All Good Part Two













# It's All Good

Part Three





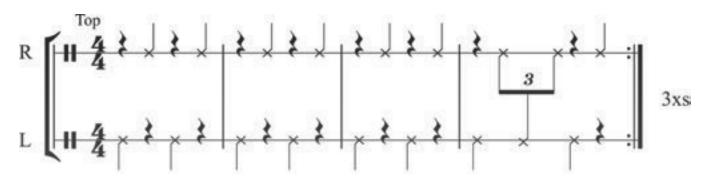


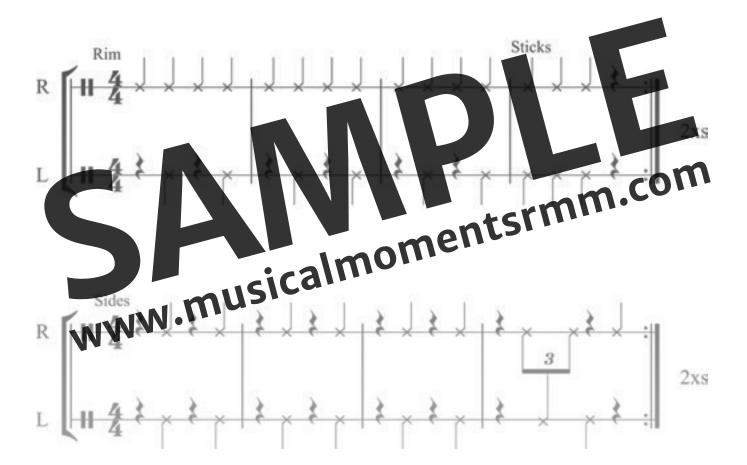


#### It's All Good

**Bucket Percussion** 

Will Baily





After the introduction, play the lines in the following order:

Line 1 play 3 times
Line 2 play 2 times
Line 1 play 3 times
play 3 times
play 2 times

Rolls and racket at the end!

## Creative Ideas for It's All Good

- 1. **Revisit and expand** *It's All Good!* Revisiting means to return to a piece that you already know and explore ways to change it up. Here are a few ideas for creating something new with *It's All Good*:
  - If you have a digital piano with rhythms, explore playing along with other Blues, Boogie or Rock rhythm patterns. Once you find a rhythm you like, add *Part One* and create a new style for this piece.
  - Try this fun improvisation with *Part Two*. Team 1 plays *Part Two* as written. Team 2 improvises a new tune using right hand only. If you have more than one player improvising, take turns every 4 to 8 measures. Use the following notes to create a tune:



- 2. **Now add the** *Bucket Percussion* **part**. Bucket Drums are one of the easiest and most affordable ways to add percussion to your *It's All Good* Band.
  - Line 1 is played using the top of the Bucket Drum. Play 3 times.
  - Line 2 uses the rim of the Bucket Drum top. Notice the last measure of this line switches to playing Sticks only. Play 2 times.
  - Return to Line 1 and play 3 times.
  - Now go to Line 3 where you will play on the sides of the Bucket Drum. Play 2 times.
  - Use all parts of the Bucket Drum to make a lot of noise for the ending!

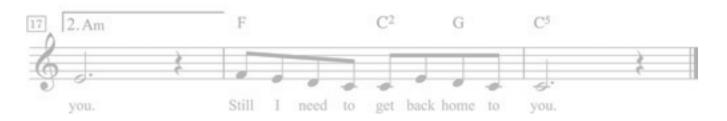
Leadline

[ Track 16 Band / Track 17 Rhythm Track ]

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Keyboard



Fiddle



Electric Bass

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You may need to change the octave when playing the Electric Bass voice.

Not all digital pianos are the same.

The goal is to play in the octave that creates the most realistic sound for that instrument.

## Creative Ideas for Get Back Home to You

*Get Back Home to You* has the typical instrument parts you will find in a Country Band: singer, keyboard, fiddle, bass and drums. Listen to Band Track 16 and notice how the parts all work together. Similar instrument combinations are also found in other styles like Contemporary Worship, Rock and Pop Bands. Let's take a look at the parts:

- 1. **The Leadline** provides the melody, words and chords of the song. The melody and words are written out for the singer. The singer will typically embellish the tune as they sing and interpret the song. The written out melody is not intended to be played by another instrument when there is a singer. The singer can also play the Keyboard part or simply vamp chords while singing.
- 2. **The Keyboard** part in *Get Back Home to You* demonstrates combining blocked and rocked chords with a bass line. This helps provide both rhythmic and harmonic support for the band. As you play along with Band Track 16 experiment with other ways you can combine the blocked and rocked chords. Also, try different rhythms with the L.H. part. This part could be played using a Piano, Electric Piano of Steel Guitar voice on the digital piano.
- 3. **The Fiddle** complements the melody by playing notes around the main tune. In different styles of music, the instrument complementing the melody might be a saxophone, flute, or electric guitar.
- 4. The Electric Bass is an instrument that keeps the beat and or Silles harmonic support for the band. You will notice the Electric Bass part or Geback Home to You demonstrates how to use different rhythm patterns to cleave interest. As you play along with Band Track 16, play around with other liberalists for the bass part. You may discover rhythms that you like better.
- 5. **Rhythm Track 17** is perfect for building your *Get Back Home to You* Piano Band. The track gives a 4-measure introduction before the Singer, Keyboard player, Fiddle player and Bass player join in. Once you are ready, use Track 17 when you perform for friends. Enjoy!



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