# Ode to Joy PRIMER LESSON BOOK, page 30

by Nancy and Randall Faber



# How to Start the Piece

Almost every piece has a *two-measure* introduction played by PART 2 in the low range of the piano. Occasionally, the ensemble does a group count-off. The introduction provides a satisfying musical opening for the piece. It also helps students establish good counting and listening skills.



## **Choose Your Ensemble!**

**OPTION 1** Ode to Joy **DUET** 

- Part 1—Piano Mid Range
- Part 2—Piano Low Range

#### **OPTION 2**

Ode to Joy TRIO

- Part 1—Piano Mid Range
- Part 2—Piano Low Range
- Part 3—Piano High Range

OR Part 4—Triangle or Drum

#### **OPTION 3**

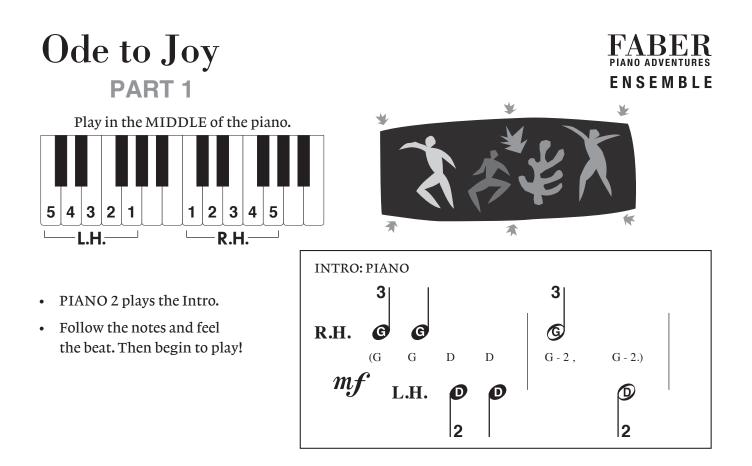
#### Ode to Joy FULL ENSEMBLE

- Part 1—Piano Mid Range
- Part 2—Piano Low Range
- Part 3—Piano High Range
- Part 4—Triangle or Drum

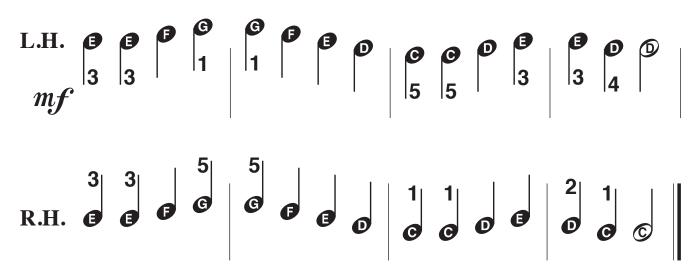
## Performance Bonus!

**Can You Spell Beethoven?** For Recital, Class, and Summer Camps by Crystal Bowman

Students may tell the story/poem to the audience before performing the piece. The story is divided into parts offering each student a speaking part.



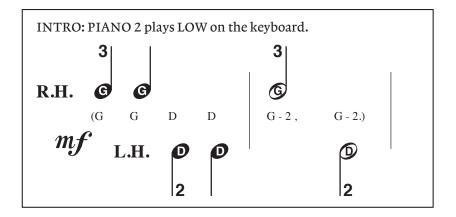
• Begin PART 1 in the MIDDLE of the piano. (This is the original music from the Lesson Book.)











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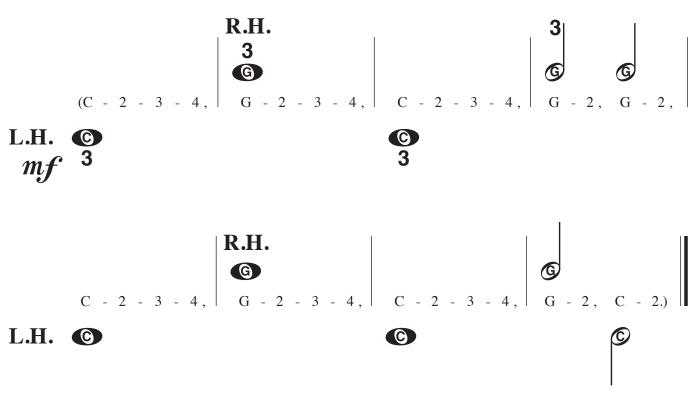
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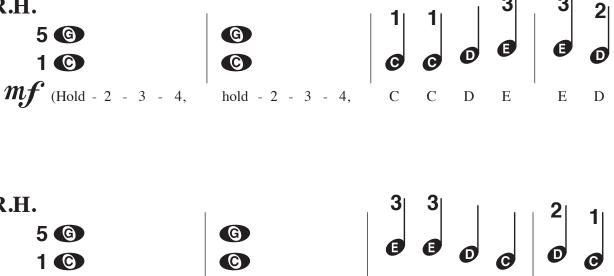
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playing the Intro.

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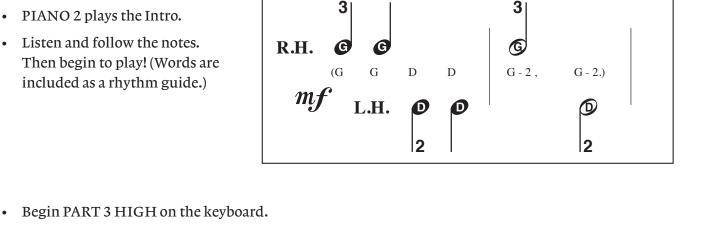
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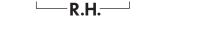
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PART 3

Play HIGH on the keyboard.

Listen and follow the notes. • Then begin to play! (Words are included as a rhythm guide.)



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**INTRO: PIANO 2** 

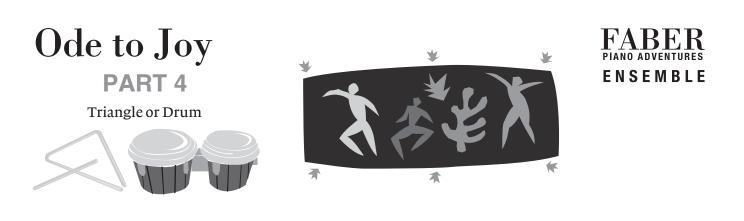


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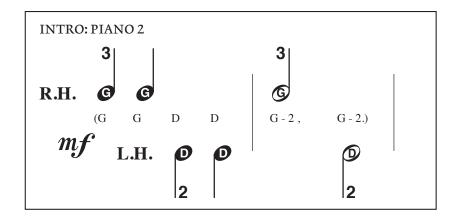
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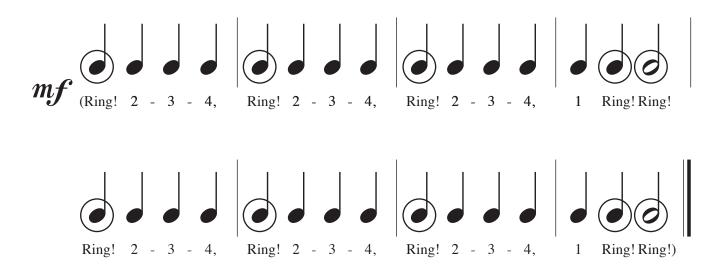
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- PIANO 2 plays the Intro.
- Listen and follow the notes. Then strike the triangle or drum on the *circled* notes! (Words are included as a rhythm guide.)



• Begin TRIANGLE or DRUM playing the *circled* notes.



# Ensemble Story Can You Spell Beethoven?

by Crystal Bowman

#### FABER PIANO ADVENTURES ENSEMBLE

#### PART 1

Can you spell Beethoven? It's rather hard to spell. But here is something you can learn, so you can spell it well.

**B** is for Bonn, he was born there long ago In 1770 in Germany we know.

## PART 2

E is for Energy—that's what it takes To write his masterpieces late at night and stay awake!

E is for Ears—Beethoven lost his hearing. But still he kept composing in his head and persevering.

## PART 3

T is for Trails—in forests he would wander Nature gave him new ideas, to write, and to ponder.

## PART 4

H is for his Hair—thick and like a mane; Beethoven's hair was wavy, too messy to tame.

#### PART 1

O is for the Orchestra—brass, winds, and strings. Beethoven's 9 symphonies were loved by queens and kings.

## PART 2

V is for the violin—how he loved to play. Beethoven liked to improvise and play the notes his way!

#### PART 3

E is for eleven—when Beethoven was young— He often played the organ at the court for everyone.

#### PART 4

N is for his famous notebook where he wrote things down. Beethoven kept it with him, in the woods and in the town.

## ALL SPELL AND SAY TOGETHER

# B-E-E-T-H-O-V-E-N

That's how you spell it.

Let's try it again: B-E-E-T-H-O-V-E-N Let the songs begin.

Note: For a performance with only two or three players, assign multiple speaking parts.