

....Beethoven's Fifth Symphony....

(Composed in 1805 when the composer was 35 years old)

A few interesting facts:

A Symphony is a large orchestral work normally consisting of four movements:

A fast, exciting first movement

A slow, reflective second movement

A dance for the third movement

A fast, exciting fourth movement (often in Rondo form)

Each movement is built from three sections:

Exposition (where all the musical themes and ideas are exposed)

Development (where the musical ideas can be modified, extended and contrasting)

Recapitulation (the main themes return, sometimes mirrored and sometimes fragmented)

Beethoven wrote nine complete symphonies. Three of these symphonies also had special names:

Symphony no 3 is called 'The Eroica'

Symphony no 6 is called 'The Pastorale'

Symphony no 9 is called 'The Choral'

The Fifth Symphony

The first movement exposition arranged for piano duet by Graham Bennett

Original composed by: Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Allegro (lively)

Piano 2

f

mf

f

mf

f

mf

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Piano 1

The sheet music for Piano 1 consists of four systems of music. The first system starts at measure 2 and ends at measure 8. The second system starts at measure 9 and ends at measure 12. The third system starts at measure 13 and ends at measure 15. The fourth system starts at measure 16. The music is in common time (indicated by '4/4') and uses a treble clef. Measures 2-8 show a simple harmonic progression with quarter notes and eighth-note patterns. Measures 9-12 introduce a more complex melodic line with sixteenth-note patterns and dynamic markings like **p** (piano) and **mf** (mezzo-forte). Measures 13-16 continue the rhythmic pattern established in the previous measures.

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19 **B** 21 22

f

 23 24 25 26

p **mf** **f** **ff**

 27 28 29

 30 31 32

C

 33 34 35 36

p

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17

B

18

19

20

mf

f

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

ff

28

29

30

31

C

32

33

34

This musical score for piano is divided into three systems. System A (measures 1-16) includes measures 17-20, which are grouped under a box labeled 'B'. System B (measures 21-27) includes measures 28-31, which are grouped under a box labeled 'C'. Measures 32-34 conclude the piece. The score features two staves with various note heads, stems, and rests. Dynamics such as forte (f), mezzo-forte (mf), and fortissimo (ff) are indicated by slurs and text. Measure 20 ends with a fermata over the right hand's eighth note.

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D

37 38 39 3 42

= 43 44 45 46 47

35

mf

36

ff

37

38

D

p

39

40

41

42

43

44

45

f

46

ff

47