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This Book Belongs To:_____



Fundamental Music Instruction



<u>First Songs for Band</u> – a beginner's "starter kit".

The goal of this booklet (and the Supplement Book) is to help the very beginning student explore the first sounds, begin a study of basic rhythmic playing, learn to play in a smooth, pleasing fashion and master several notes appropriate for this level of study.

To make the most progress possible, a student must find a quiet place to practice and get in the habit of truly listening to the sounds being produced. Learning to critique one's sound is the best tool for building a lasting mastery of musicianship on every level. The music in this book is sequential from initial sounds to songs that are appropriate for the first performance. It is designed to go along with the Supplementary Workbook so students should work through both books together – many concepts are repeated from book to book to help reinforce important aspects of musical development.

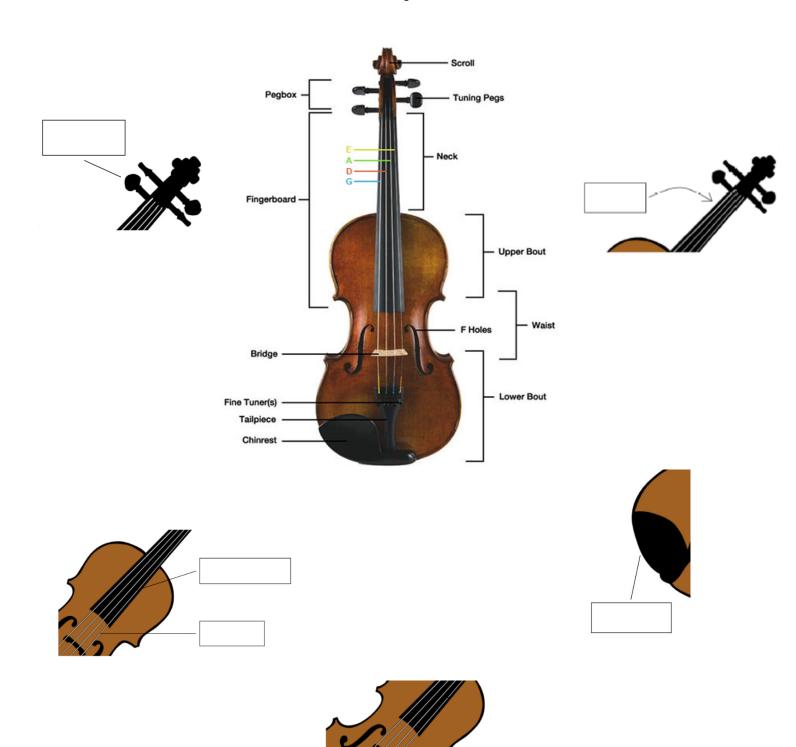
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"First Songs for Band" - Chapter 1



These first pages are designed to take a beginning students through many details that will help with understanding the basics of "Getting Started"



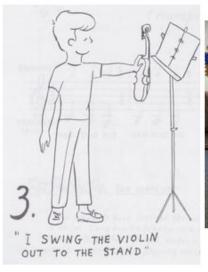
Posture



















- 1. Stand or sit tall.
- 2. Instrument rests on left collar bone and shoulder
- 3. Jaw drops comfortably onto the chinrest (heavy head)
- 4. Left hand rests on the shoulder of the violin
- 5. Place left elbow directly beneath wrist/shoulder line

The Violin has four open strings.

They are named from lowest to highest,
left to right, and thick to thin.

This sentence will help you remember which order they are in:

Good Dogs Always Eat.





Playing "Pizzicato"

- 1. Place the tip of your right thumb on the side of the fingerboard (near the corner)
- 2. Extend your first finger and pluck the string about 2-3 inches over the end of the fingerboard.
- 3. Keep your thumb anchored on the side of the fingerboard
- 4. For the best sound, make the string vibrate as much as possible.





Playing "Pizzicato"

The Going Up Song

Good Good Good

Dogs Dogs Dogs

Always Always

Eat Eat Eat



The Going Down Song

Eeek Eeek Eeek

There are

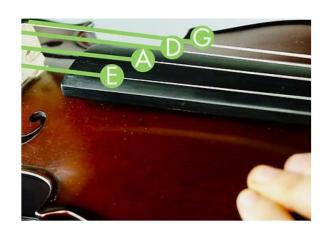
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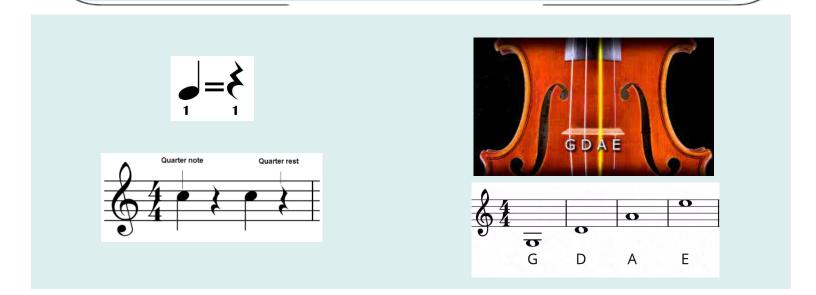
Down Down Down

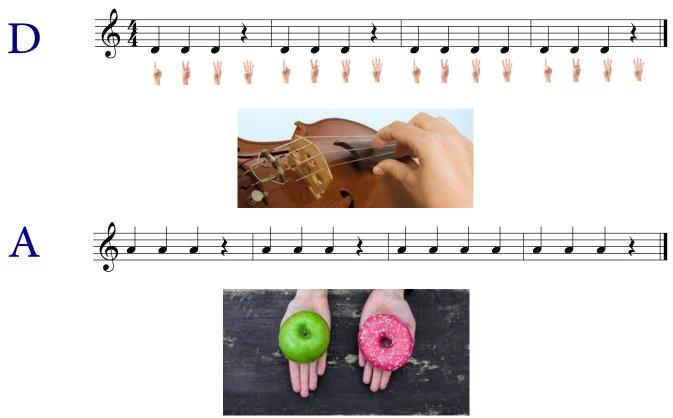
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Ground Ground



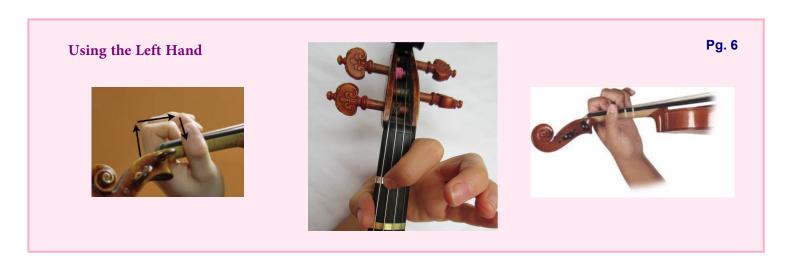
Notes tell us how long to play and when placed on the music staff, what pitch to play





Doughnuts and Apples





Press the 1st Tape with the Index Finger



Pointer Power







$An\ Egg\text{-cellent}\ Idea\quad \text{Keeping the left hand position correct is no easy-here is a great practice tool}$

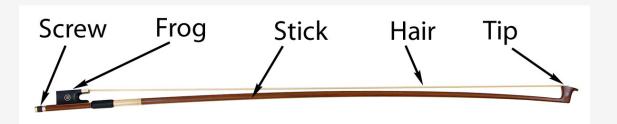








Parts of the Bow



Bow Hold

2.



3.



Thumb approximately opposite middle finger

4.



5.

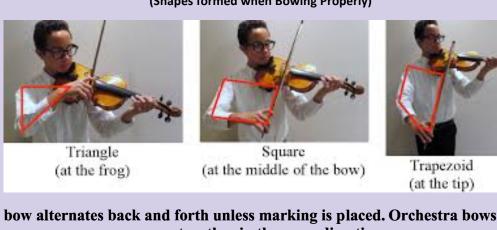




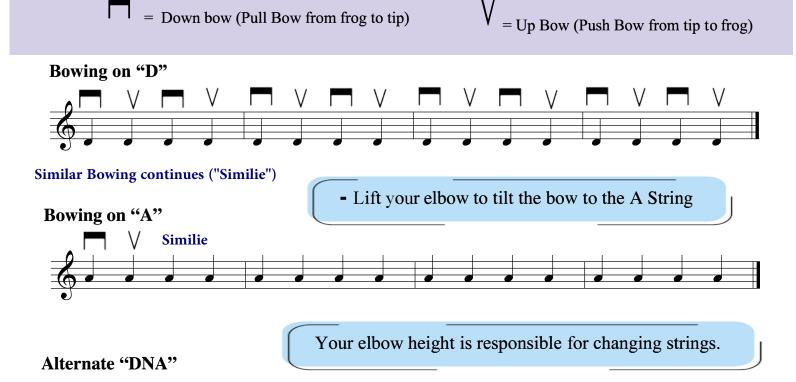
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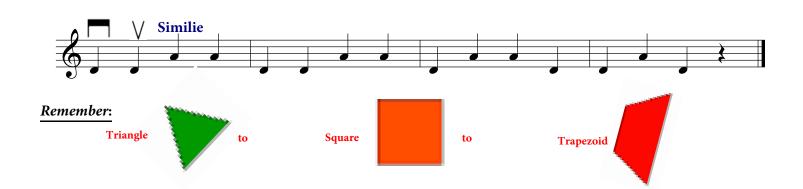




**The bow alternates back and forth unless marking is placed. Orchestra bows should all move together in the same direction.



More Alternate "DNA"









"Elevator Elbow"

There are four strings on the violin. It is very easy to accidentally hit the wrong string when attempting to play the violin with the bow. Therefore we need to practice playing the one correct string that we want!

To do this, we are going to practice "Elevator Elbow."

To play the E String:

The Right elbow is all the way down - but not touching your side. *This is the First Floor!*

To play the A String:

Raise the elbow until only the A string is sounding.

This is the Second Floor!

To play the **D String**:

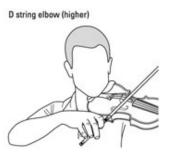
Raise the elbow again until only the D string is sounding. This is the Third Floor!

To play the G String:

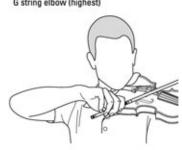
Raise the elbow yet again until only he G string is sounding. This is the Fourth Floor!







G string elbow (highest)





F[#] on the D String

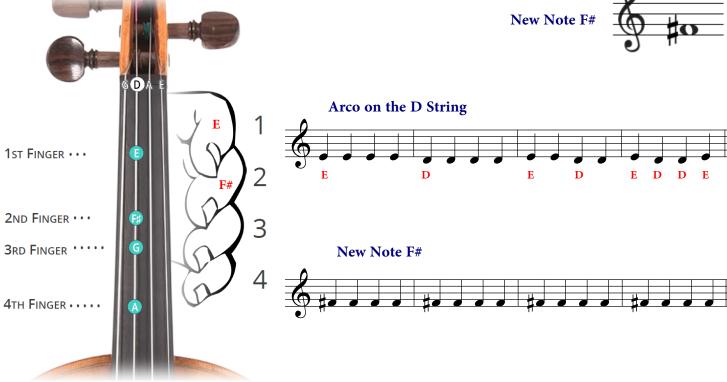




F-sharp









Walking Along



New Technique:

Bow Lift ,

Lift bow off of the string and reset at the frog.









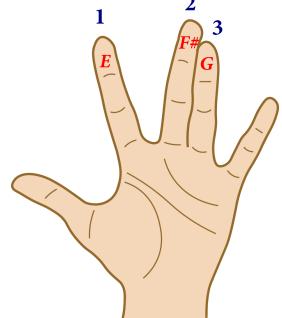


New Note G
Press the 3rd Tape
on the D String



Finger Position for

$$D - E - F\# - G$$



Review: So Far you have learned

- Good Dogs Always Eat (String Names)
- Pizzicato Playing (no Bow)
- Left Hand Shape (to play E Pizz. later, Bowing)
- Bow Hold Arco Playing (Down and Up Bowing)
- Notes of the D String (D _ E _ F# G)
- Quarter Notes, Whole Note and Half Note

New Note G



Stepping Down



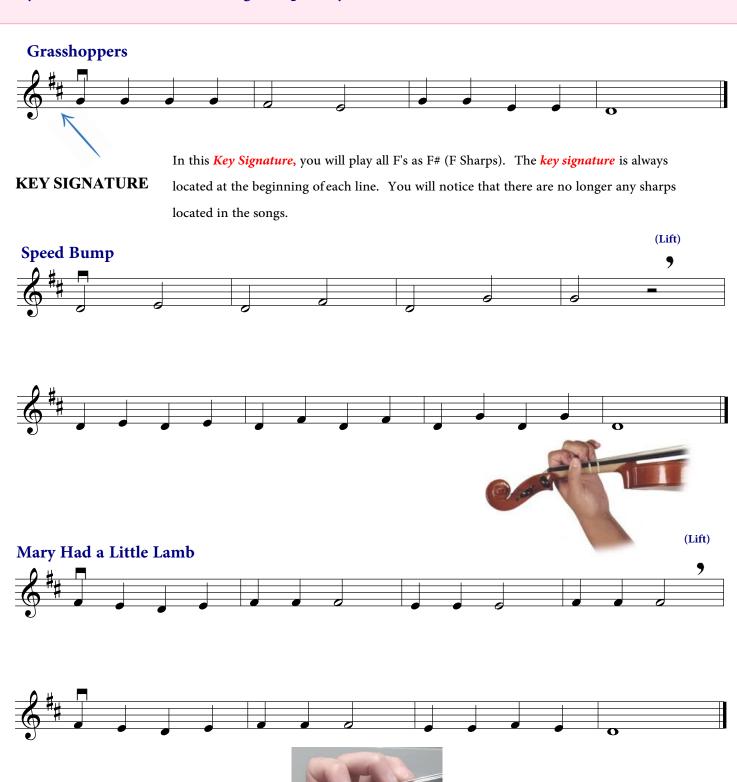






Putting it all Together

It is a good idea to place all 3 fingers in position on the tapes for Grasshoppers. For Speed Bump, place the index down for E but the Index and Middle for F# and all 3 for G. The general rule is.... if you can have more than 1 finger in place, you should.

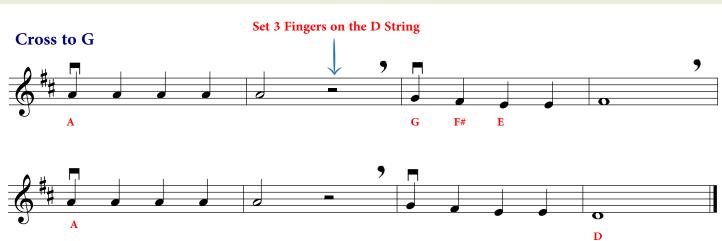


Crossing Strings: New Note A











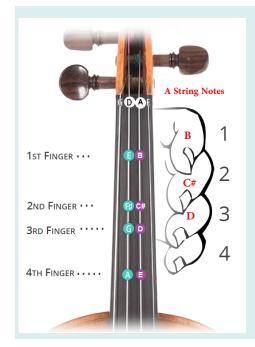




Are you Sleeping



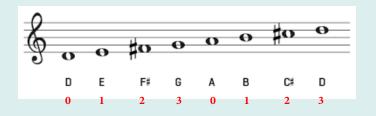




B on the A String



B is the 1st tape on the A String



Old MacDonald





Twinkle Twinkle







First Songs For Band

The Top portion of the page focuses on C#- B and A

The bottom of the page includes more advanced material for
students who are ready

Continue to work for a smooth, Legato style with a warm, pleasing tone

Hot Cross Buns



Apache Warrior



Legato means - Smoothly Connected Strive for smooth playing with little to no gaps in sound between notes

First Songs for Musicianship

Each Page will include pieces that will help develop musicality (Rhythm, Phrasing, BowControl - support reading skills)

Speed - start at a medium pace and build up to a speed that will allow you to play each 2 measure phrase in one breath

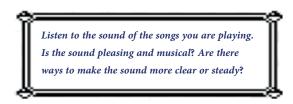
Go Tell Aunt Rhodie



Tisket a Tasket

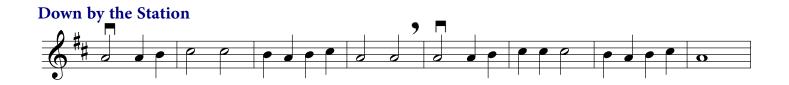




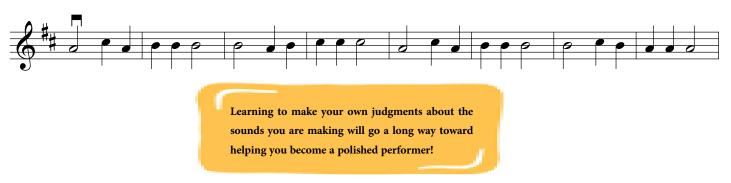








Gotcha Cha-Cha



A Curved line connecting groups of notes or measures is a "Phrase Marking" for the Legato style (Smoothly Connected) Try to play all the notes of a phrase without stopping the Bow - also, coordinate the stroke of the bow with pressing notes

First Songs for Musicianship

Either Or





First Songs "4 Note Section"

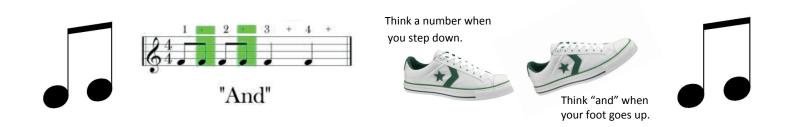
New Note D, Review C# - B - A











First Songs for Musicianship











Allegro (Fast)

Whose on First



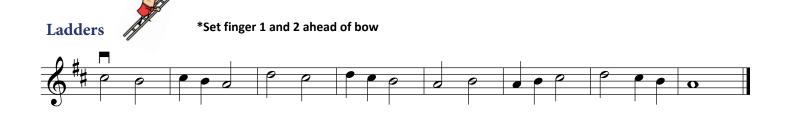
Start with your index and middle fingers pressing the A string (you will not remove the pointer finger until the last note of each line)

Peter Piper Picked a Peck of Pickled Peppers Polka



Start with 3 fingers pressing the A string (you will not remove the pointer finger until the last note of each phrase)











*Set finger 1 and 2 ahead of bow



(For Violin Only)

Alternate Bowing



Tuneful Melody





D Scale









Jingle Bells Allegro





Fun with the D Scale

This page is all about the D scale - in Quarter Notes, then 8th Notes.

A new note and bowing spped is the 16th Note - there are 4 sounds for every beat - at first this will be followed by 2 8th Notes (2 sounds for each beat). Control the Tempo and the Bow



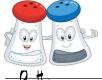


Quarter Notes use "Detaché" meaning Full Bow Stroke

Downward 8ths



Eight Notes use a smaller "Detaché" stroke - a bit more than 1/2 the bow in each direction - no stopping between strokes



Try saying this as you Bow: Salt - and - Pepper - Shaker





16th Notes use a smaller less than 1/2 the bow in each direction - no stopping between strokes - 8th notes for this exercise will use "Stacatto" you play the notes about half their length and stop the bow at the bow changes.



Full Bow Stroke - no stopping the Bow between notes

1/2 Bow Stroke - no stopping



First Songs "Review 5 Note Section"

There will be several new concepts introduced in the next few pages: (Refer back to this page as these concepts are introduced)

New Repeat Signs;

- D.S. al Fine means to start back at the "Segno" mark and continue playing until you reach the bar-line, marked with the word fine. This command stands for dal segno al fine, and literally means "[play] from the sign to the end." (segno sign)
- 1st and 2nd Endings Many times the composer will want to repeat a passage of music exactly as it was played the first time, with the exception of the final few notes or measures. In this case, the composer will use first and second endings.

New Time Signature:

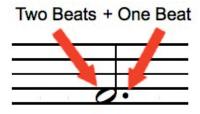
Until Now, we have been using
"Common Time"
known as the 4/4 Time Signature

3/4 Time Signature



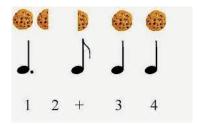
Dotted Rhythms: Adding a Dot next to a note increases the length of the note by Half

Example: A Half Note with a Dot adds 1 more beat



Here is an explanation using cookies for understanding

Quarter Notes with a Dot



New Note E - 1st String

First Songs For Band







Longer phrases, Legato Style playing - new **Rhythms**

Oats Peas and Beans





Rain Rain













Legato Bow Stroke: If you see a curved line connecting different pitches, it means that you play

those notes using the same stroke (either down or up as marked) It's important to keep bowing smoothly and use the left hand to clearly articulate each note



Legato Bow Stroke

<u>Legato</u> - means 'smooth and connected' To make this work, the bow does not stop moving. This also means the left-hand movement to a new note must be <u>graceful</u> and <u>coordinated</u> with the change in bow direction for <u>smooth transitions between the notes</u>. Often, you will see a curved line over phrases of music.

<u>The "Hooked" Bow</u> - The term "hooked bow" applies to notes in which the <u>direction of the bow is</u> <u>does not change</u>, but (as opposed to a slur) the notes within the slur are <u>re-articulated</u>.

Small World - play legato - smooth and connected but not always using the same direction of bowing



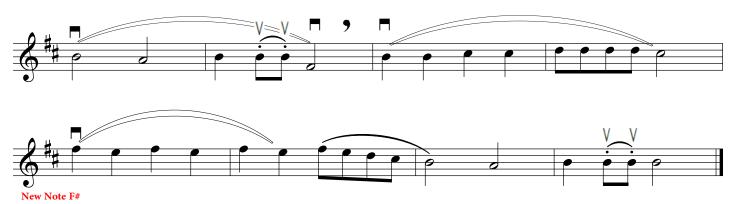


Sweetly Sings the Donkey - play legato - smooth and connected bow the same direction when marked





Hey Ho Nobody Home - play legato - smooth and connected - use "Hooked Bowing" when marked





Twinkle Twinkle



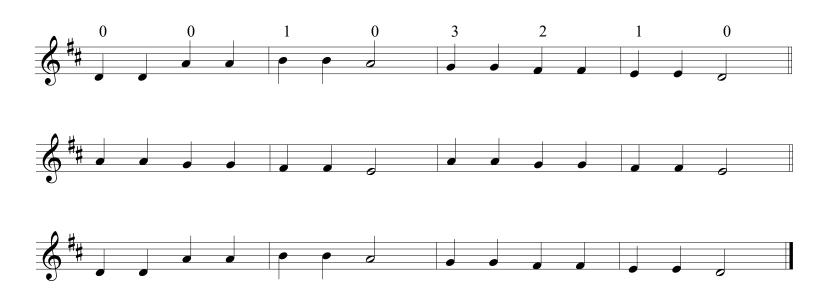






One of the interesting things about the way Violin notes work:

Sometimes you can learn a song using strings 1 and 2 (such as the first version of Twinkle) Then, use the same set of finger combinations and play the song using strings 2 and 3



Now try the same song, but use string 3 and 4



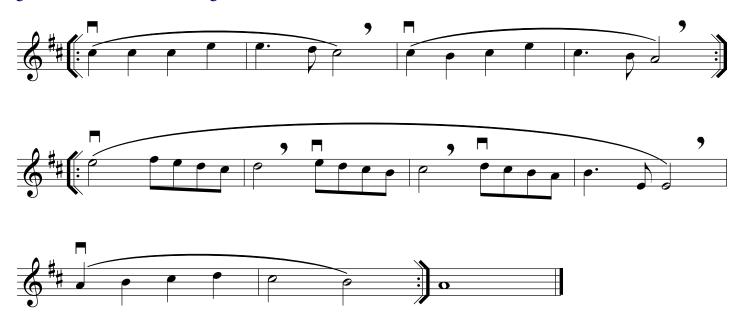
Also, Remember the "Egg Technique"





Legato - smooth transitions between the notes - in this song, use alternate bowing (unless marked with a lift).

Angels We have Heard on High Allegro



Good King Wenceslas Moderato



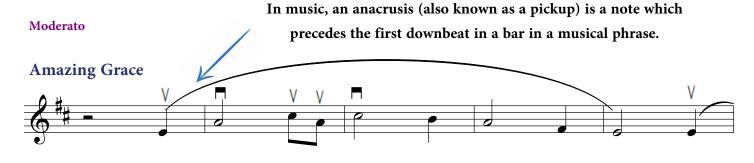
D Scale + some



Cuckoo Moderato













We have been using a "2-3" hand position.

This is ideal for the D scale using the D and A strings.

It is also Ideal for the A Scale using the A and E Strings (will be learned later)

This Song is ideal for studying this traditional position.



The First Noel



Use Legato Bowing - the Curved line are all Up Bowing





This new hand position brings fingers 1+2 together

(Up until now, we have used a space between 1+2 and brought 2+3 together)

This will mean finger 2 is playing a new note – C Natural (not C#) – Finger 2 is now place in between tapes 1 and 2



Hush Little Baby



Hooked Bowing - repeated note B will use Up Bow as marked. "Re-Articulate" the 2nd B

= Natural (takes away the "Sharp")

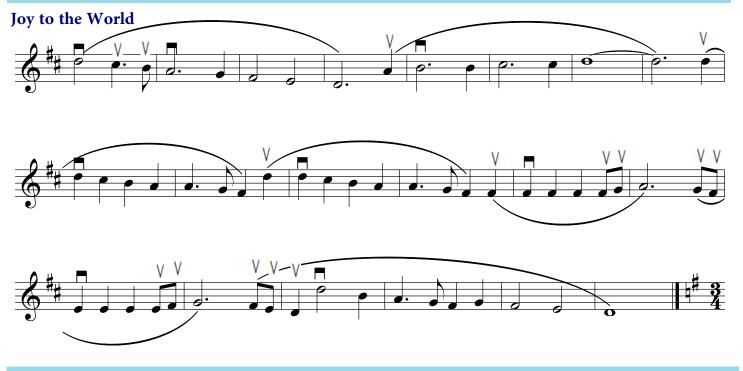


2-3 Finger Position

Try the songs on this page in "Cut Time' (Alle Breve)
This will mean to play each note for half of it's written
value (Half note = 1 Beat, Quarters = 1/2 Beat)



(Play Alle Breve)

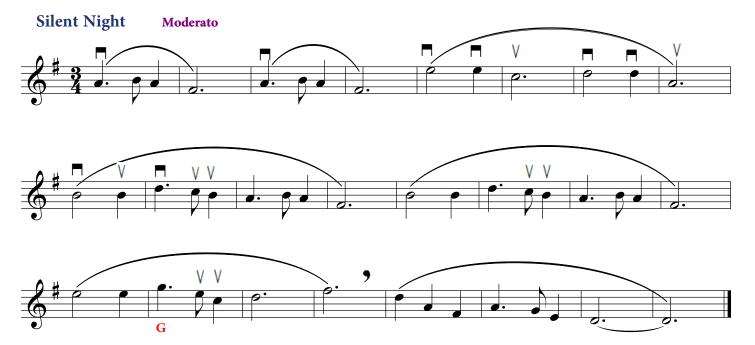


Silent Night uses the 1-2 Finger Shape. This will make the C natural again and introduce a new note 'High G' (played on the E String between tapes 1 and 2)





A common 'Key Signature' for the 1-2 Shape is 1 Sharp called the' Key of G'



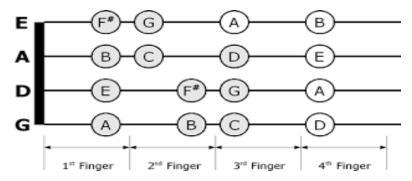
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"On Parade" Violin 2



Note: The next 8 pages are played as violin only songs (a version for Band will be at the end of the Book)









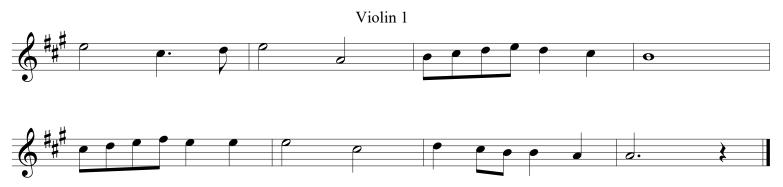


Italian Song

Violin 1



Hail the Conquering Hero



Italian Song

Violin 2



Hail the Conquering Hero

Violin 2





I'm a Believer

Violin 1







I'm a Believer

Violin 2



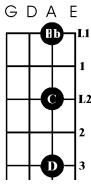


(Note: There are several Band Arrangements in the Band instrument books. Your teacher can get you copies of these if your teacher would like you to play along with that ensemble)



We Will Rock You





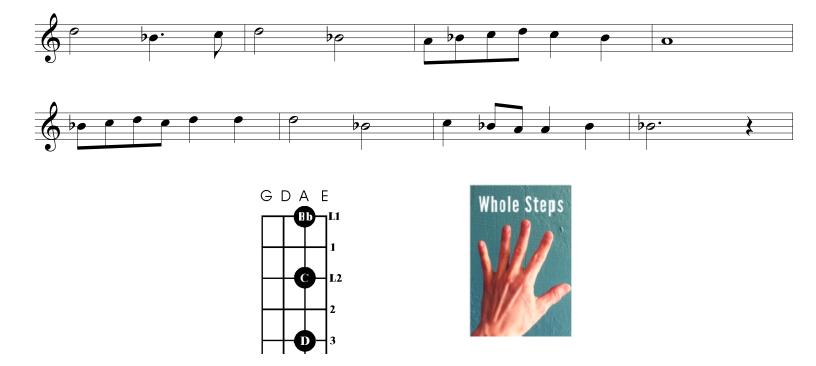
To Play the Band Songs: Use L1, L2 and 3 to form the "Whole Step" position



Italian Song



Hail the Conquering Hero







I'm a believer