

5-NOTE TUNES

Play the tunes below in any key.

GOD IS SO GOOD

1 1 3 2 2 2 4 3 3 3 5 4 2 4 3 2 1
God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me.

OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS

3 3 2 3 1 1 2 2 1 2 3 5 - 4
Oh, how I love Je-sus, Oh, how I love Je-sus,

3 3 2 3 1 1 1 2 - 3 4 3 2 1
Oh, how I love Je-sus, Be-cause He first loved me.

WHEN THE SAINTS

1 3 4 5 1 3 4 5 1 3 4 5 3 1 3 2
Oh when the saints go march-ing in, Oh when the saints go march-ing in,
3 3 2 1 1 3 5 5 5 4 3 4 5 3 1 2 1
Oh Lord, I want to be in that num-ber, When the saints go march-ing in.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL

3 3 4 5 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 3 2 2
Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore Thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;

3 3 4 5 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 2 1 1
Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Op-'ning to the sun a-bove.

2 2 3 1 2 3-4 3 1 2 3-4 3 2 1 2 5 *(8va lower)*
Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the dark of doubt a-way;

3 3 4 5 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 2 1 1
Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day!

HOW TO USE “5-NOTE TUNES”

5-NOTE TUNES may be used with any instrument, playing the songs in any key. The songs may be played by an individual player, or by a group of players. The purpose is to help each player gain confidence in playing “by ear” and also learn to get around easily in any key. Playing these tunes also works well as a warmup exercise for an individual player, or for a group.

To play the songs, first, play the major scale of the key in which you’d like to play the song. Then play the song, using the first five notes of the scale as indicated.

For pianists, note that the numbers correspond to the five fingers of the right hand. To play the tunes with the left hand, think of the numbers as referring to the scale tones, not the finger numbers.

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