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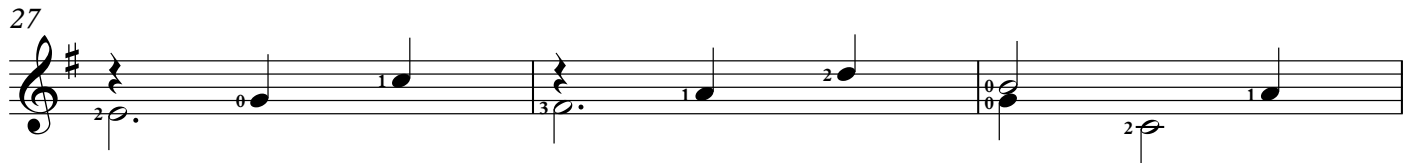
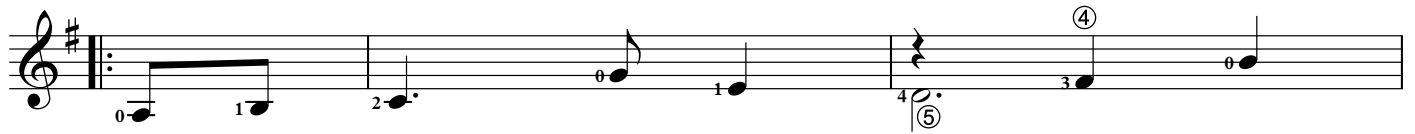
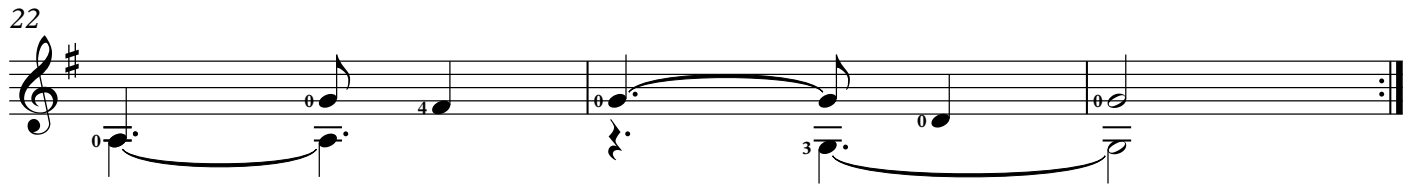
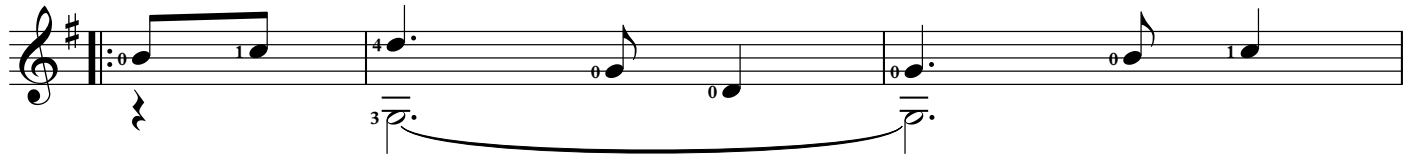
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The first system of music for 'The Canaries' is in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of a treble clef staff and a guitar tablature staff. The treble staff contains a melody starting with a quarter note G4 (fingering 1), followed by a dotted quarter note G4 (fingering 0), an eighth note B4 (fingering 2), a dotted quarter note G4 (fingering 0), and a quarter note G4 (fingering 4). The tablature staff shows the corresponding fretting: a triplet of three open strings (0-0-0) for the first measure, followed by frets 3 and 1 for the second measure, and frets 2 and 0 for the third measure. The piece concludes with a quarter note G4 (fingering 0) and a quarter note G4 (fingering 1).

The second system of music continues the melody. The treble staff begins with a quarter note G4 (fingering 0), followed by a dotted quarter note G4 (fingering 2), an eighth note B4 (fingering 0), a dotted quarter note G4 (fingering 0), and a quarter note G4 (fingering 4). The tablature staff shows frets 0, 2, and 0 for the first measure, a triplet of three open strings (0-0-0) for the second measure, frets 3 and 1 for the third measure, and frets 0 and 2 for the fourth measure. The piece concludes with a quarter note G4 (fingering 0) and a quarter note G4 (fingering 0).

The third system of music continues the melody. The treble staff begins with a quarter note G4 (fingering 2), followed by a dotted quarter note G4 (fingering 0), an eighth note B4 (fingering 0), a dotted quarter note G4 (fingering 0), and a quarter note G4 (fingering 3). The tablature staff shows frets 2 and 0 for the first measure, frets 0 and (0) for the second measure, frets 0 and 0 for the third measure, and frets 3 and (3) for the fourth measure. The piece concludes with a quarter note G4 (fingering 0) and a quarter note G4 (fingering 0).

The fourth system of music continues the melody. The treble staff begins with a quarter note G4 (fingering 2), followed by a dotted quarter note G4 (fingering 1), an eighth note B4 (fingering 0), a dotted quarter note G4 (fingering 1), and a quarter note G4 (fingering 3). The tablature staff shows frets 3 and 2 for the first measure, fret 0 for the second measure, frets 0 and (0) for the third measure, frets 4 and 5 for the fourth measure, and frets 3 and 5 for the fifth measure. The piece concludes with a quarter note G4 (fingering 0) and a quarter note G4 (fingering 5).

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TAB: 0 (5) 3 0 (3) 3 2 0 3

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TAB: (0) 0 2 4 0 0 2 0 (2)

TAB: 0 1 3 0 0 0 1 0 1 (3)

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TAB: 3 0 0 2 0 3 0 0 2 0 2

Practice Tips

The 7 Steps to Learn Any Piece

1. Make small sections
2. Know all the notes and musical markings
3. Clap and count the rhythm aloud
4. Play the right hand alone, counting aloud
5. Play the left hand alone, counting aloud
6. Play hands together, pausing when needed (no mistakes, counting aloud)
7. Play hands together in rhythm, with a slow metronome, counting aloud

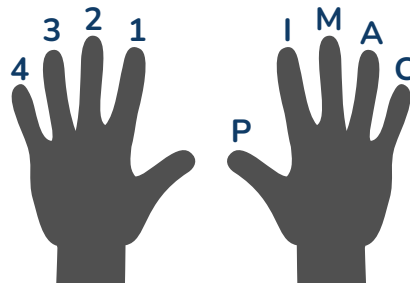
Musical Expression Starting Points

1. Know which notes are melody (probably stems up), and play the others quieter
2. Connect melody notes smoothly (no gaps)
3. When a musical line or melody goes up in pitch, get quieter towards the top (opposite at climaxes)
4. Don't let the high notes stand out (any note higher than those before and after)
5. When a melody or musical line goes down in pitch, get louder to create forward momentum
6. Repeated notes get louder (start quiet if you need to)
7. Before slowing down or speeding up (rubato), master it at a steady pace

Tips for Good Practice

1. For tricky spots, describe the problem in detail: Where, what, how? Ask, "What's going on here?"
2. Memorize every piece (even if you don't, you'll learn it faster if you try)
3. Have a clear purpose and goal for each repetition (rote repetition is lazy practice)
4. Record yourself often. Listen or watch to decide what to practice next

Fingering Notations



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