

Duet Book • Level 3

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The pleasure young students get from adding popular music to their piano lessons has been well documented. The positive reaction we received from teachers following the introduction of Alfred's *Top Hits Solo Books* (Levels 1B–4) and *Top Hits Christmas Books* (Levels 1B–4) has been overwhelming. We are now pleased to add *Duet Books* (Levels 1B–4) to the *Top Hits* series.

Playing duets is important to the musical growth of the young pianist. Duets aid with the development of steady rhythm, listening for proper balance, and playing with appropriate dynamics. Finally, working together in a collaborative performance teaches more than just music. Not only does this duet series contain some of the most popular music ever written, but the arrangements are unique in a number of ways:

- The primo and secondo are equal in difficulty, with the melody distributed between both parts.
- Students are aided in achieving the correct balance between melody and accompaniment by dynamic signs and the inclusion of the lyrics with the melody only.
- For ease in reading, both the primo and secondo parts of some duets are written with the right hand in the treble clef and the left hand in the bass clef. Other duets are written with the entire primo part in treble clef and the entire secondo part in bass clef when this facilitates reading.
- Careful consideration has been given to spacing the music so that page turns are easy; measure numbers have been included for reference during practice sessions.

This book is correlated page-by-page with Lesson Book 3 of Alfred's Basic Piano Library; pieces should be assigned based on the instructions in the upper-right corner of each title page (the correlation for the Lesson Book of Complete Levels 2 & 3 is included in parentheses).

Since the melodies and rhythms of popular music do not always lend themselves to precise grading, you may find that these pieces are sometimes a little more difficult than the corresponding pages in the Lesson Book. The teacher's judgment is the most important factor in deciding when to begin each title.

When the books in the *Top Hits* series (Solo, Christmas, Duet) are assigned in conjunction with the Lesson Books, these appealing pieces reinforce new concepts as they are introduced. In addition, the motivation from the music increases student interest in piano study to successively higher levels.

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Rock Around the Clock

Primo

Words and Music by
Max C. Freedman and Jimmy DeKnight
Arr. by Margaret Goldston

Lively rock tempo

1 *Play both hands one octave higher than written throughout.*

Measures 1-3 of the piano score. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics: "One, two, three o' - clock, four o' - clock rock, five, six, sev'n o' - clock,". The bass clef staff contains a simple accompaniment. Measure numbers 1, 3, and 5 are indicated above the staff. A finger number "5" is shown below the first measure of the bass staff.

Measures 4-6 of the piano score. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics: "eight o' - clock rock, nine, ten, elev'n o' - clock, twelve o' - clock rock, we're gon - na". The bass clef staff contains a simple accompaniment. Measure numbers 4, 5, and 6 are indicated above the staff.

Measures 7-9 of the piano score. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Rock A - round the Clock To - night. Put your glad rags on and". The bass clef staff contains a simple accompaniment. Measure numbers 7, 8, and 9 are indicated above the staff. A finger number "1" is shown below the first measure of the bass staff. A dynamic marking "mf" is present above measure 8.

Measures 10-12 of the piano score. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics: "join me, Hon, we'll have some fun when the clock strikes one, we're gon - na". The bass clef staff contains a simple accompaniment. Measure numbers 10, 11, and 12 are indicated above the staff. Finger numbers 2, 3, 5, 2, 1 are shown above the treble staff for measures 10-12. Finger numbers 2, 1, 2, 3, 5 are shown below the bass staff for measures 10-12.