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Some teachers like to separate the instruments when first starting. This page is intended for that use; it may also supplement the work of the early lessons. The various instruments cannot play together on this page (See the Conductor's Book for more information).

GOOD DRUMMING IS MADE POSSIBLE BY GOOD DRUMMING HABITS

It is very important that the holding and motion of the sticks be learned correctly. Your teacher will guide you in these and other details. Be very careful to follow these instructions so that you build GOOD HABITS. There are different kinds of drumming and teachers do not agree in every detail; it is best to follow your teacher's instructions.

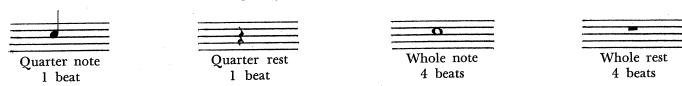
THE RIGHT HAND - Learn to hold the right stick as shown by your teacher. Then practice the proper motion while you carefully watch the - stick - fingers - hand - wrist - arm - to be sure that each is operating as it should. Return to this exercise several times daily for a week or two.

THE LEFT HAND - Learn to hold the left stick as shown by your teacher. Then practice the proper motion while you carefully watch the - stick - fingers - hand - wrist - arm - to be sure that each is operating as it should. Return to this exercise several times daily for a week or two.

ALTERNATE HANDS - The word "alternate" is much used in drumming. It means, "play with first one hand and then the other." While you watch carefully, practice the alternate motion of the sticks. Go slowly so that you can check on every detail. Do this daily until it becomes easy.

THE USE OF THE DRUM OR DRUM PAD - You are now ready to review each of the above steps while you play on the drum or drum pad. Play slowly — watch carefully — be thoughtful.

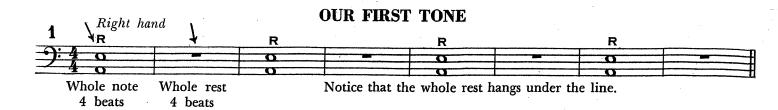
NOTES AND RESTS TO LEARN



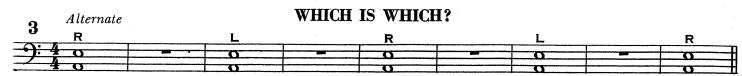
FIRST MUSIC READING

When you play from music, you cannot watch the sticks, hands and drum closely without losing your place. You may, however, glance quickly to be sure that everything is correct.







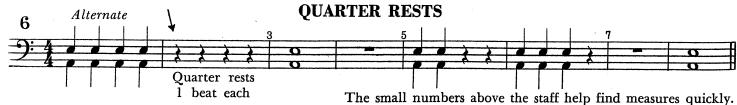


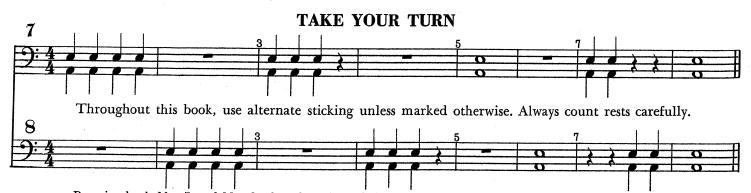
The word "alternate" is much used in drumming. It means, "play with first one hand and then the other."



The bars drawn through the staff are used to divide the music into measures. How many measures are there in No. 4? A double bar is placed after the last measure.

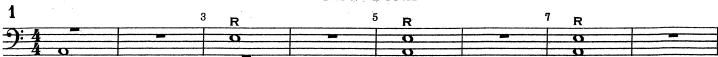






Practice both No. 7 and No. 8; then let some of the class play No. 7 while others play No. 8. The heavy line connecting No. 7 and No. 8 shows that they may be played together.

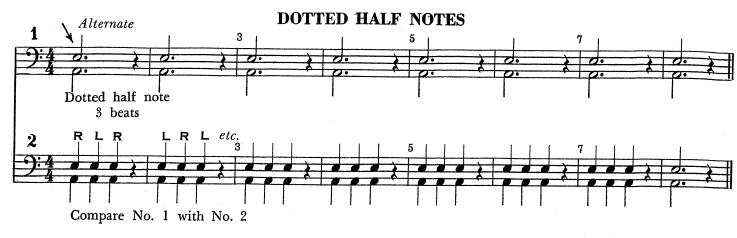
A NEW TONE

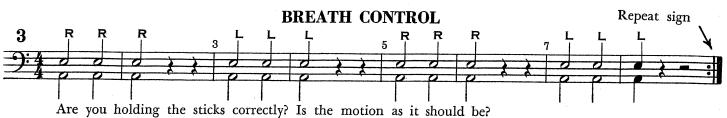


For many weeks it will be necessary to pay careful attention to the holding of the sticks as well as the action

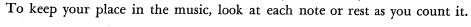


After No. 8 and No. 9 can be played correctly, divide the class and try them together.













Choose a different soloist or group to play each of these little tunes, then all play on the repeat.





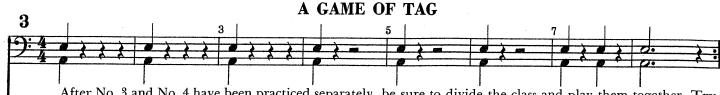


Give the value name of each note and rest, and the number of beats it receives. Then, try to play this review



Wind instrument players learn to slur in No. 1. Although it does not apply to drums, it is well for drummers to know the term and recognize the sound.

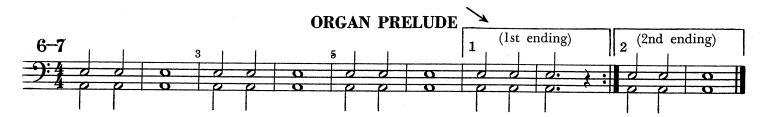




After No. 3 and No. 4 have been practiced separately, be sure to divide the class and play them together. Try exchanging parts on the repeat.







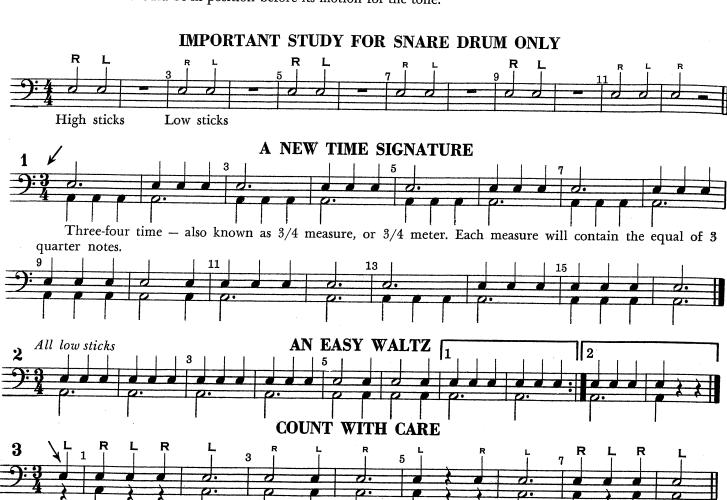


A comma, as in measure 6, tells the wind instrument players to take a breath. Sometimes it is also placed in the drum part to show the phrasing of the melody.

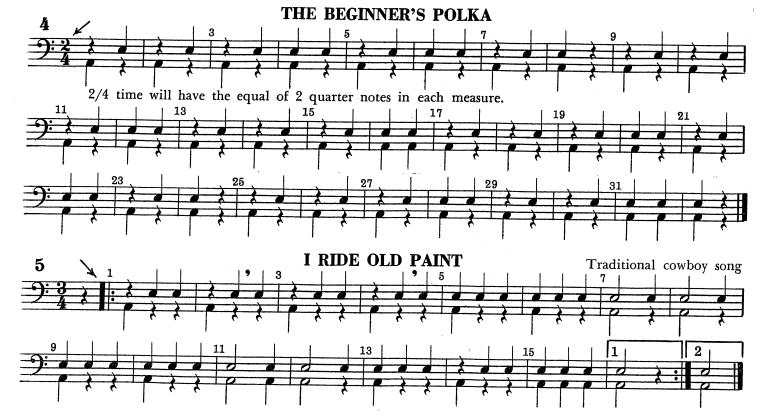




We will now begin to control the height the stick is raised from the drum. The following study will start us on this important part of drumming. When a small "R" or "L" is used, the stick should begin the stroke about 1 inch, or less, from the drum head. When a large letter is used, begin the stroke about 8 or 10 inches from the drum. The stick should be in position before its motion for the tone.



The first note is called a "pick-up" note; it was borrowed from the last measure. At the beginning and at the end we have "incomplete measures."



LESSUN 8

OUR GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK

Many homes and public buildings have clocks which play a chime melody every 15 minutes — the melody becomes longer as the hour passes. Grandfather's clocks usually play the melodies given here.



LESSUN Y

THE MULTIPLE BOUNCE

This book makes use of what is known as a multiple bounce to prepare for the drum roll. A note marked as in No. 1 and No. 2 call for a multiple bounce of one stick.

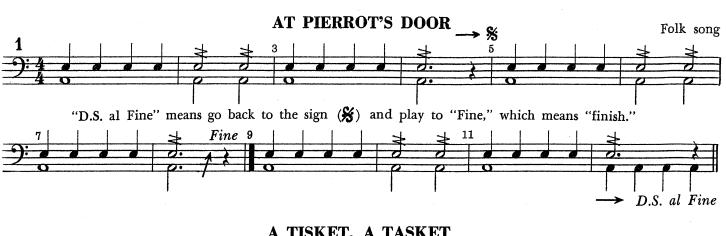
To produce a multiple bounce, strike the drum as usual, but instead of immediately lifting the stick, allow it to bounce on the drum head until it comes to rest. Don't lift the stick until the end of the note value. Use a very light downward pressure of the 1st finger. (Less pressure causes a slow bounce and a little more pressure a faster bounce.)

If the stick does not bounce freely, the hand and wrist may be too tense, or the sticks may not be held at the proper point. The "right hand bounce" and the "left hand bounce" should sound as near alike as possible. At first, practice each hand by itself without using music.







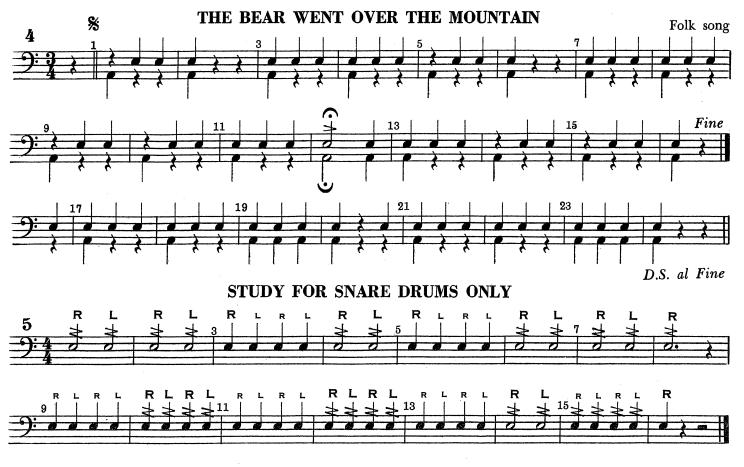


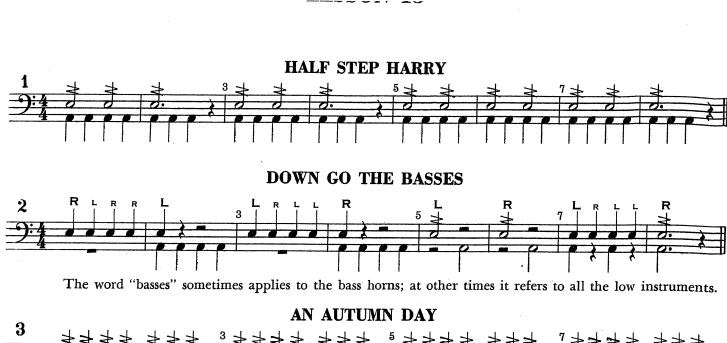


Play the part in Lesson 11.

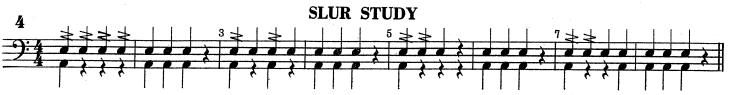
TACIT (Drums do not play on this number)

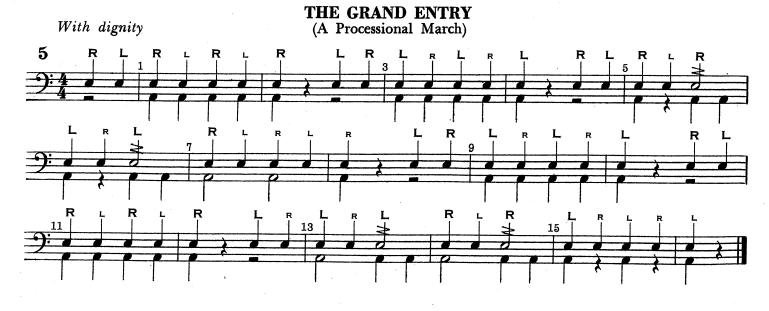
GOODBYE, MY LOVER, GOODBYE



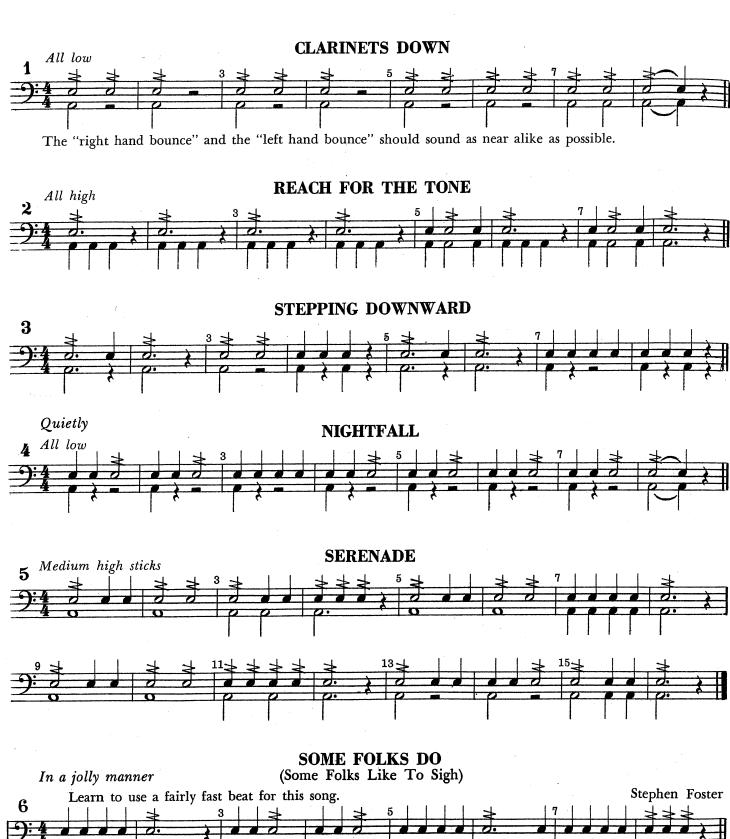


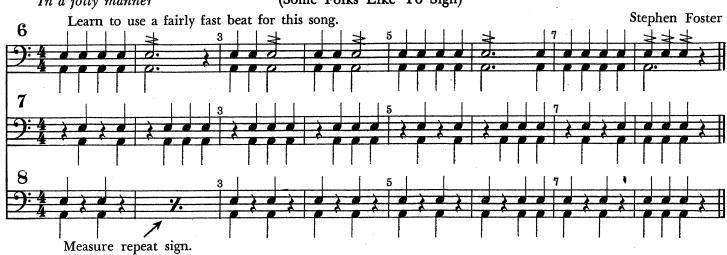


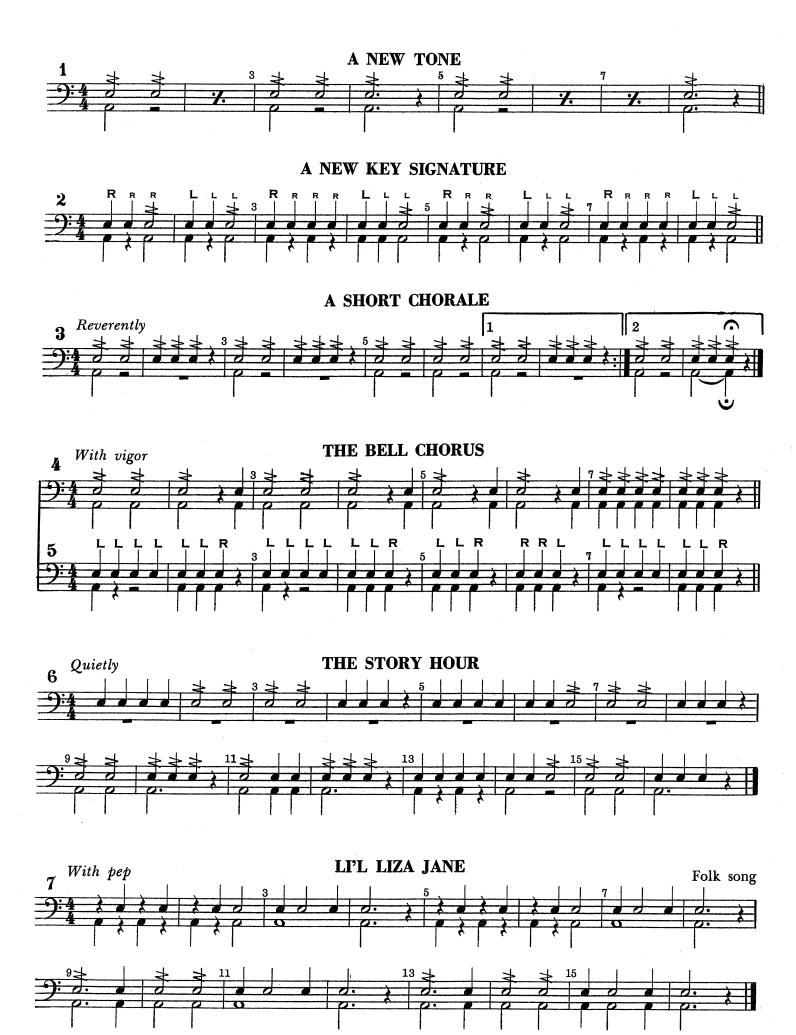












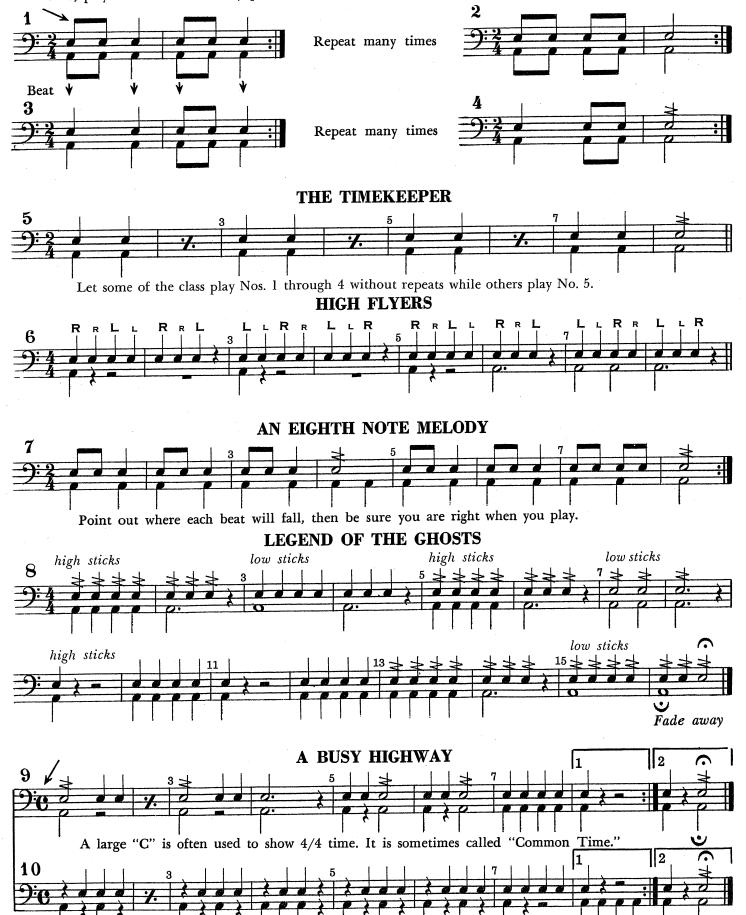


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INTRODUCTION TO EIGHTH NOTES

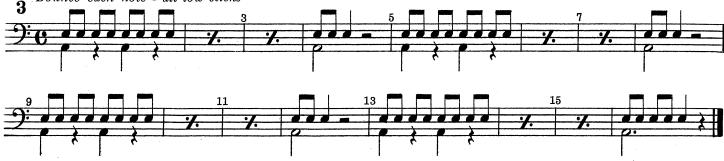
Two eighth notes are played in the time of a quarter note. The eighth notes must be equal in length with the first one sounding exactly on the beat. Learn these four studies thoroughly and review them often. Also, play all four without any pause between them—omit the repeats.









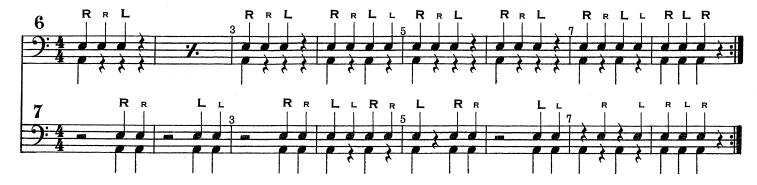




More than two 8th notes are often connected together as in the 1st measure. However, continue to think of 8th notes by two's.



COURTLY PROMENADE With dignity, but not too slow





THE FLAM

The flam is the sound of two sticks striking the drum at nearly the same time. Start the flam with both sticks in position — one high and the other low. Be sure that the sticks fall directly to the drum from this starting position. The low stick must reach the drum first and have a very light sound. The small note before the large note represents the low stick of the flam.



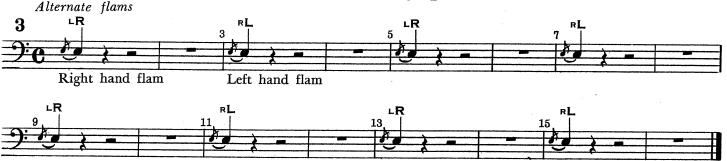
Use No. 1 to practice the small note of the flam. Start the stick in low position; touch the drum lightly on the 1st beat of the measure and immediately snap the stick up to high position.

A NEW KEY SIGNATURE



Use No. 2 to practice the high stick of the flam. Start with the stick in high position; make the stroke on the 1st beat of the measure and stop it on the rebound so that the stick is resting in low position, about 1 inch from the drum.



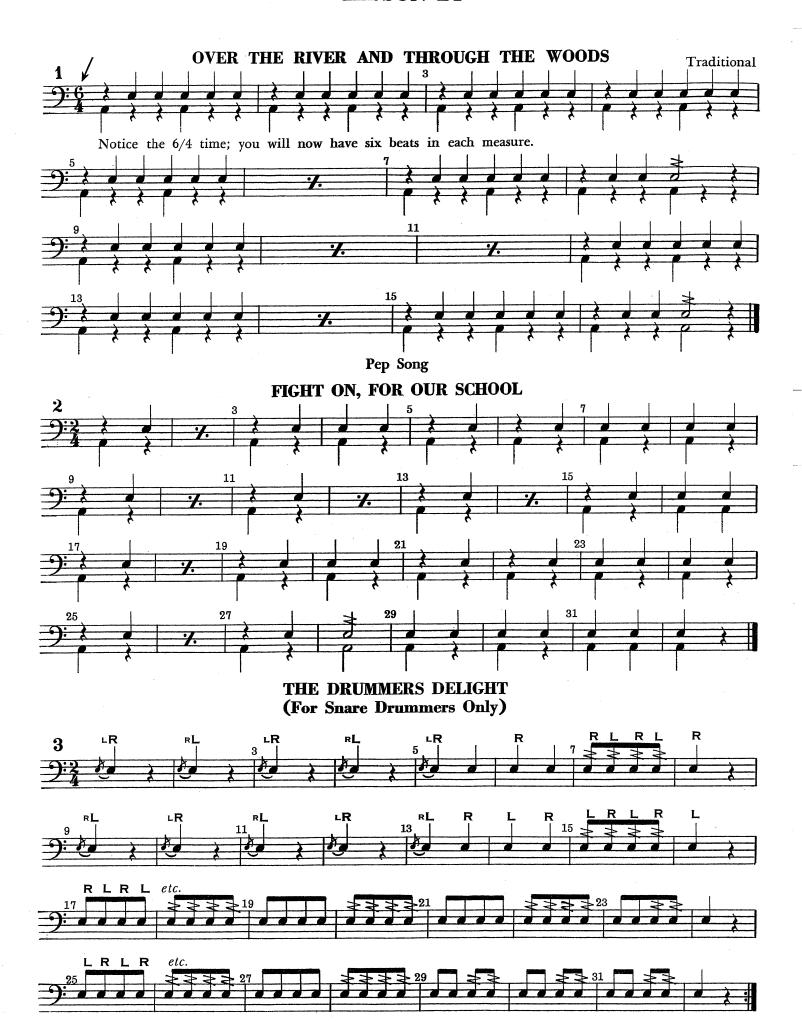


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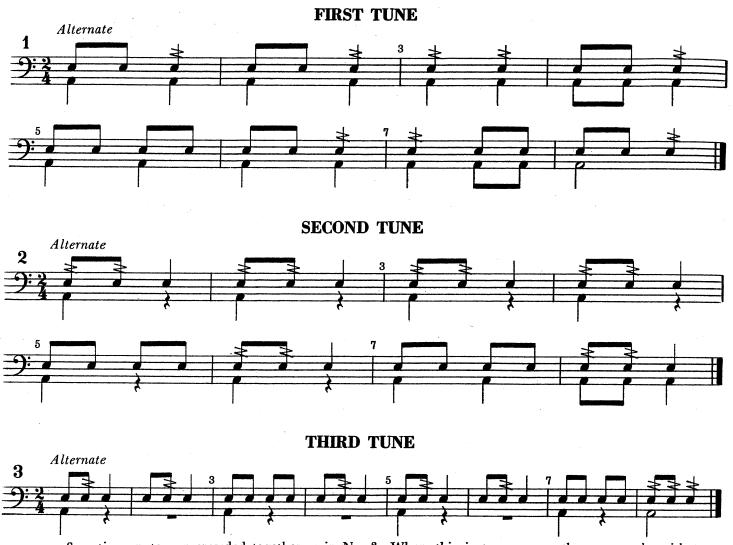
TEN LITTLE INDIANS



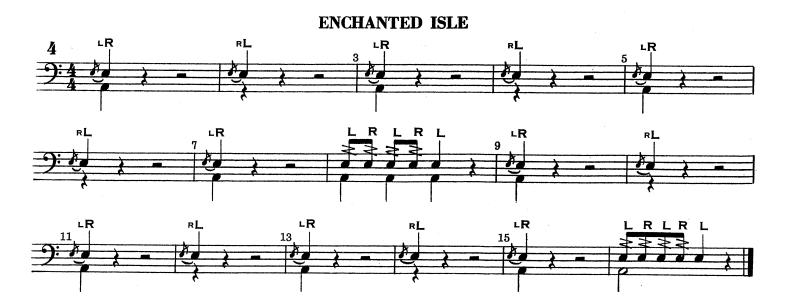


Three Tunes Using Moving Eighth Notes

While drummers will not have the problem of the moving eighth notes on this page, these three tunes should prove challenging. Practice the three tunes using all high sticks, all low sticks, and all medium high sticks. Last of all, try varying the height of the sticks to make the tunes more interesting and difficult.

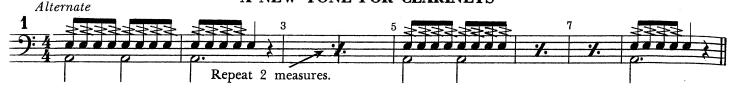


Sometimes notes are crowded together as in No. 3. When this is true, group them correctly with your eyes — you must not think of them as a jumble of notes.

















PAUL REVERE'S RIDE

In No. 7, try to limit the multiple bounce to two well-spaced sounds. Be sure to make the difference between low and high sticks. Play on a block of soft wood or an old instrument case (use heavy sticks, if available). When done in this way, the drum part will suggest the sound of a galloping horse. Bass drummers should imitate the sound of a whip-crack for this note \mathbf{x} .

As fast as possible

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The four reviews on this page may be used for testing as well as for review; they are for snare drum only.

