AN UPTIONAL FIRST LESSON

Some teachers like to separate the instruments when teaching the first tones. This page is intended for that use; it may also supplement the work of the early lessons. The various instruments cannot all play together on this page, nor are the tones necessarily those used in the early lessons. (See Conductor's Book for more information.)

Any one of these tones may be learned first; as soon as it can be produced with confidence, other tones should be added until all can be played and read.

FIVE BEGINNING TONES

(To be learned in any order)











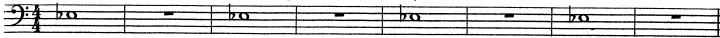


When you have learned a tone, you will -

- (a) know its letter name
- (b) know the position of the note on the staff
- (c) know the slide position
- (d) be able to produce the tone with a nice sound

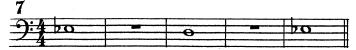
FIRST MUSIC READING

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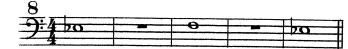


Whole note Whole rest 4 beats 4 beats

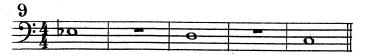
Notice that the whole rest hangs under a line.



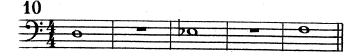
Name the notes and show the slide positions.



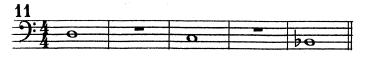
Should the 2nd tone sound higher, or lower?



Prepare the slide position during the rest.



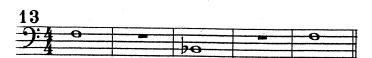
Be sure that you tongue to start the tone.

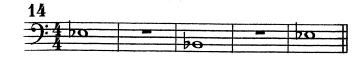


Good position of the hands is important.



Always try to produce a clear tone.

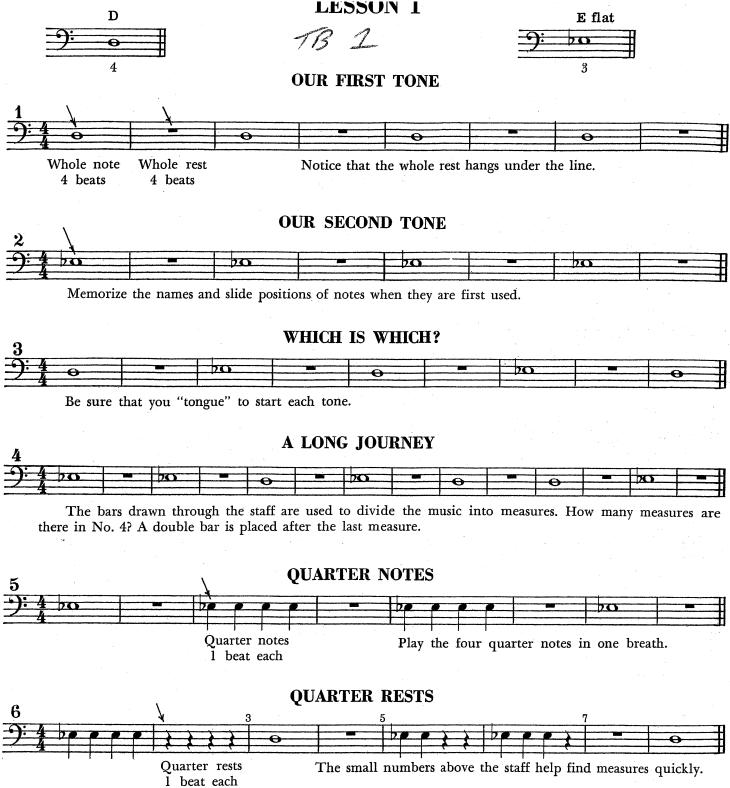


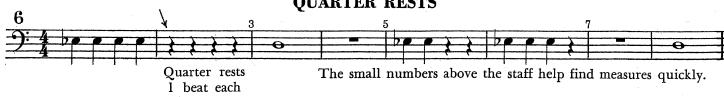




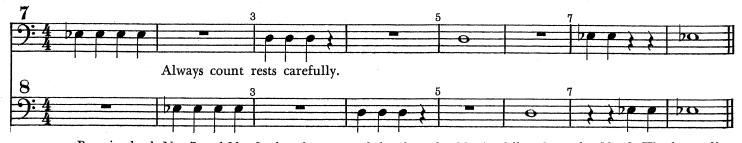
Quarter notes 1 beat each

Play the 4 quarter notes in one breath.

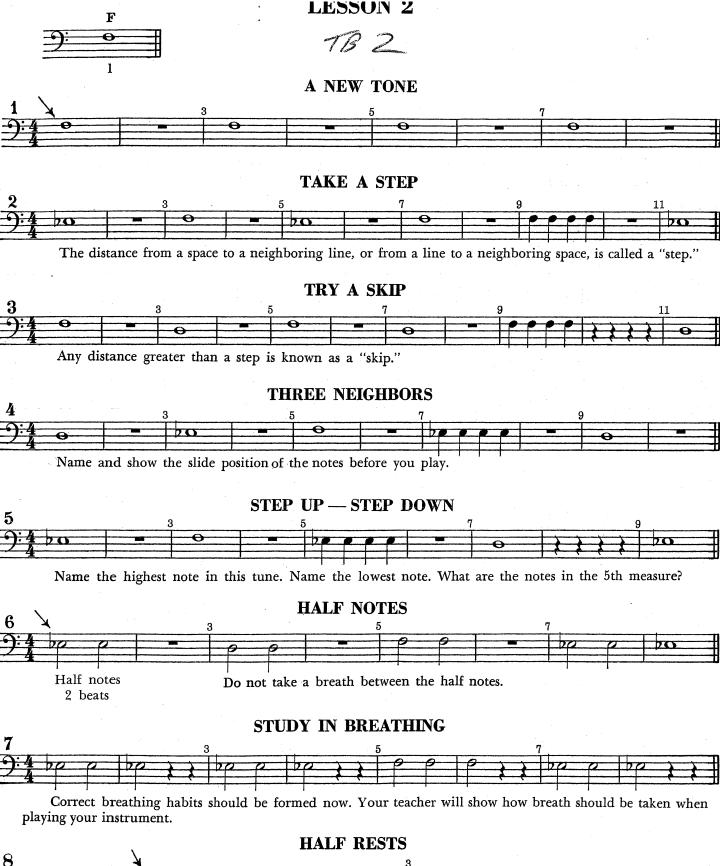


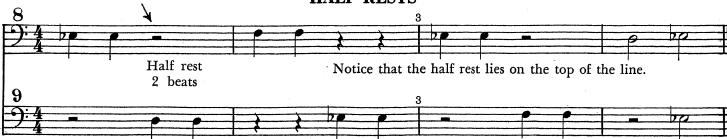


TAKE YOUR TURN



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.





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





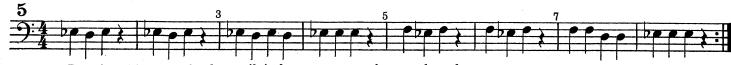
Try to play the three half notes in one breath. How should breath be taken when playing your instrument?

EYE CONTROL



To keep your place in the music, look at each note or rest as you count it.





Practice this tune slowly until it becomes easy, then see how fast you can go.

SOLOIST TRYOUT



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

LET'S HARMONIZE

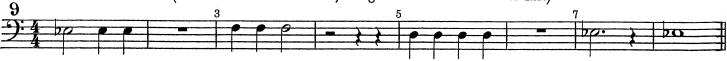


When Nos. 7 and 8 are played together, the first measure will be in unison and the second harmonized. Why? What about the other measures? Listen for the sound of unison and harmony as you play.

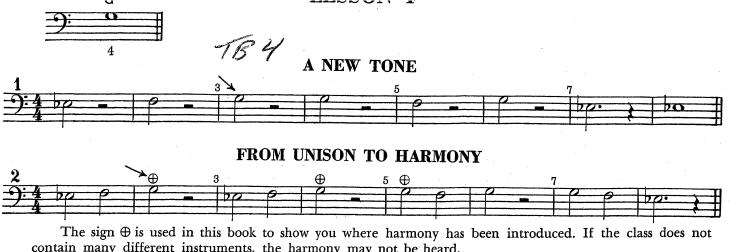


MAKE UP YOUR MIND

(This tune contains everything we have learned this far.)



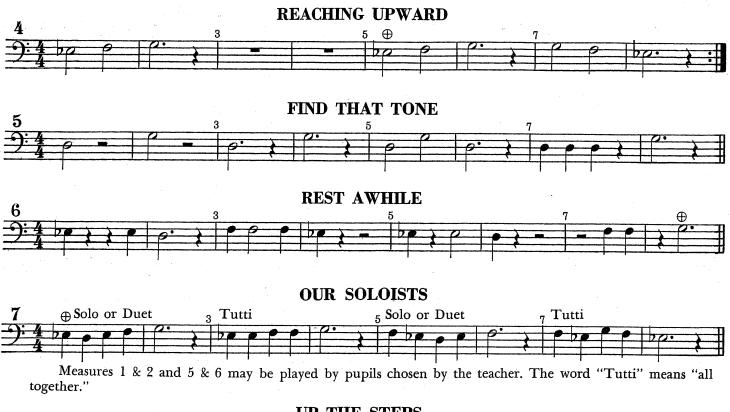
Think before you play-Think as you play-Don't guess!



contain many different instruments, the harmony may not be heard.



The curved line (tie) tells you to carry the sound over into the second note. Do not tongue the second note. Keep your breath steady throughout the tie.







COMPLETE REVIEW OF NOTES AND RESTS



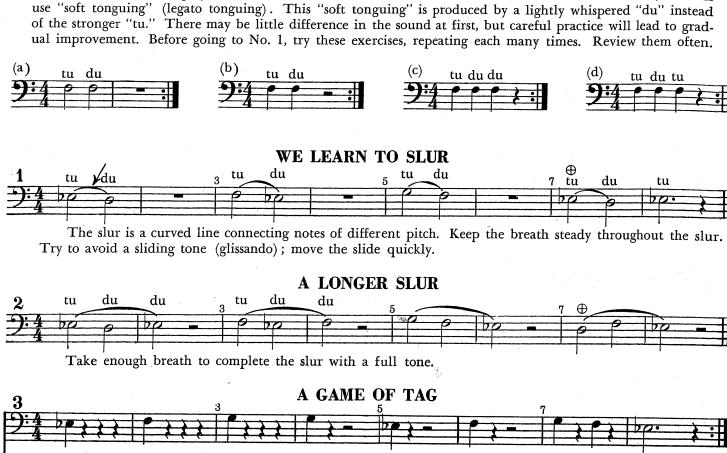
Give the value name of each note and rest, and the number of beats it receives. Next, give the letter name and show the slide position. Then, try to play this review without a mistake.

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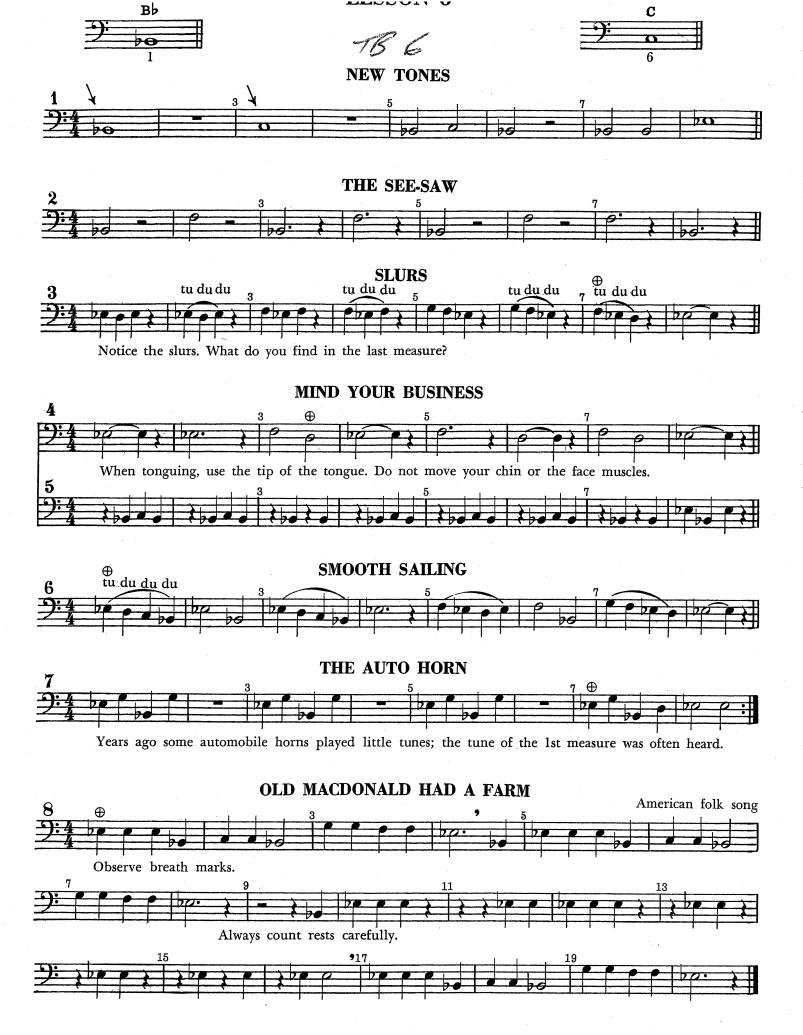
time for a breath.

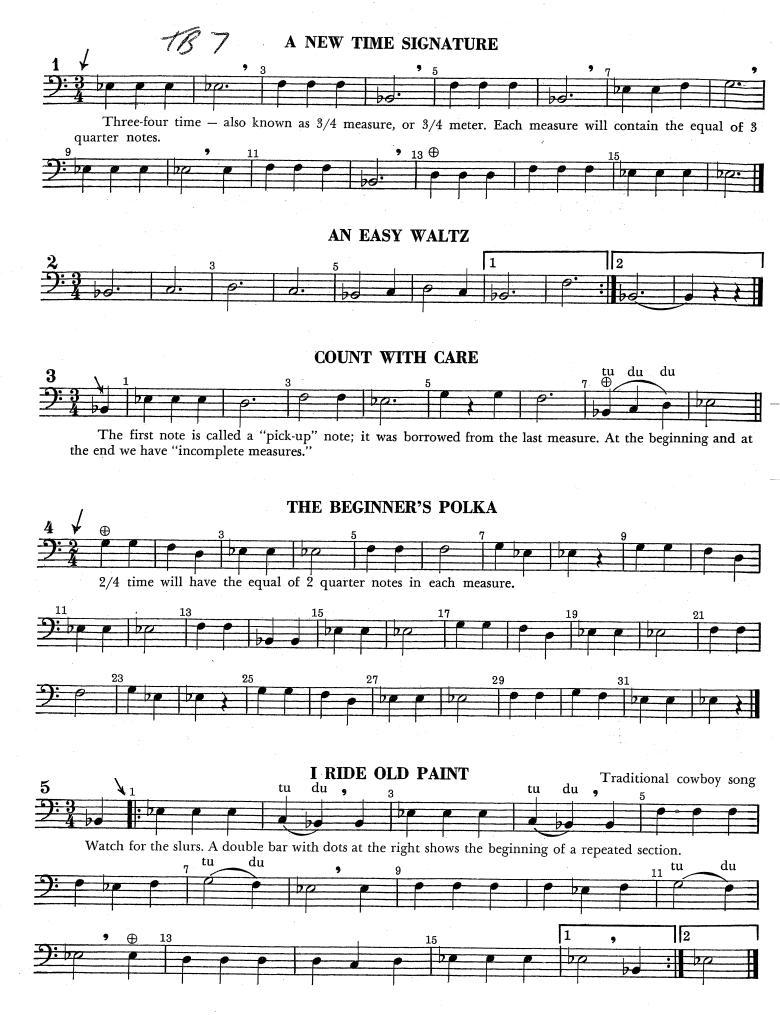
9 (Harmony)

The slide trombone player will not, at first, make the slur in the same manner as other instruments, but will use "soft tonguing" (legato tonguing). This "soft tonguing" is produced by a lightly whispered "du" instead of the stronger "tu." There may be little difference in the sound at first, but careful practice will lead to grad-







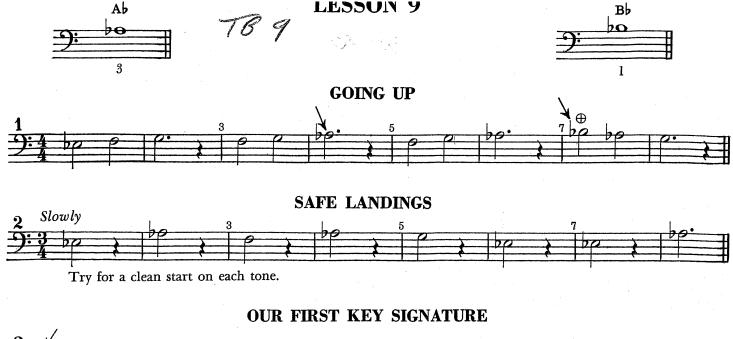


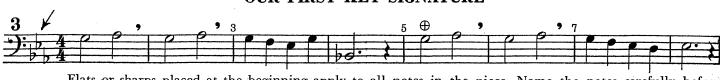
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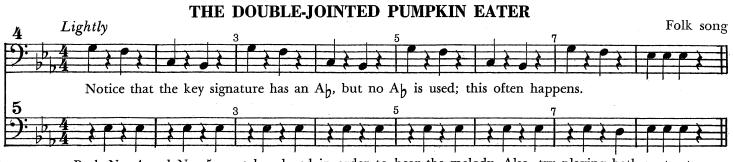
Many homes and public buildings have clocks which play a chime melody every 15 minutes — the melody becomes longer as the hour passes. Grandfather's clocks usually play the melodies given here. Try to imagine the sound of chimes as you play.



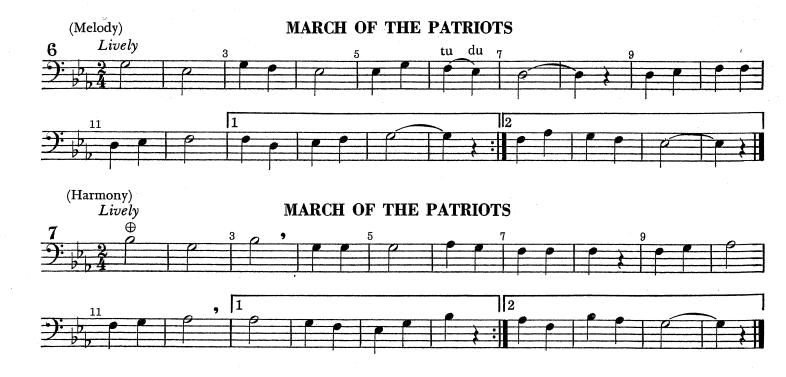




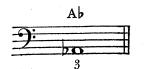
Flats or sharps placed at the beginning apply to all notes in the piece. Name the notes carefully before you play.



Both No. 4 and No. 5 must be played in order to hear the melody. Also, try playing both parts at once.



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MELODY IN MINOR

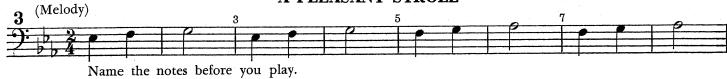


It is usually easy to hear the difference between minor and major melodies. Listen for this minor or major sound as you play No. 1 and No. 2.

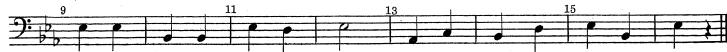






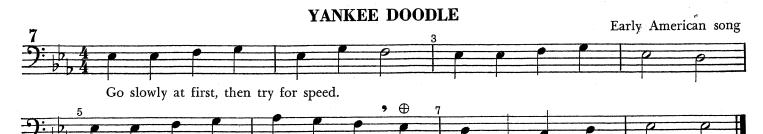




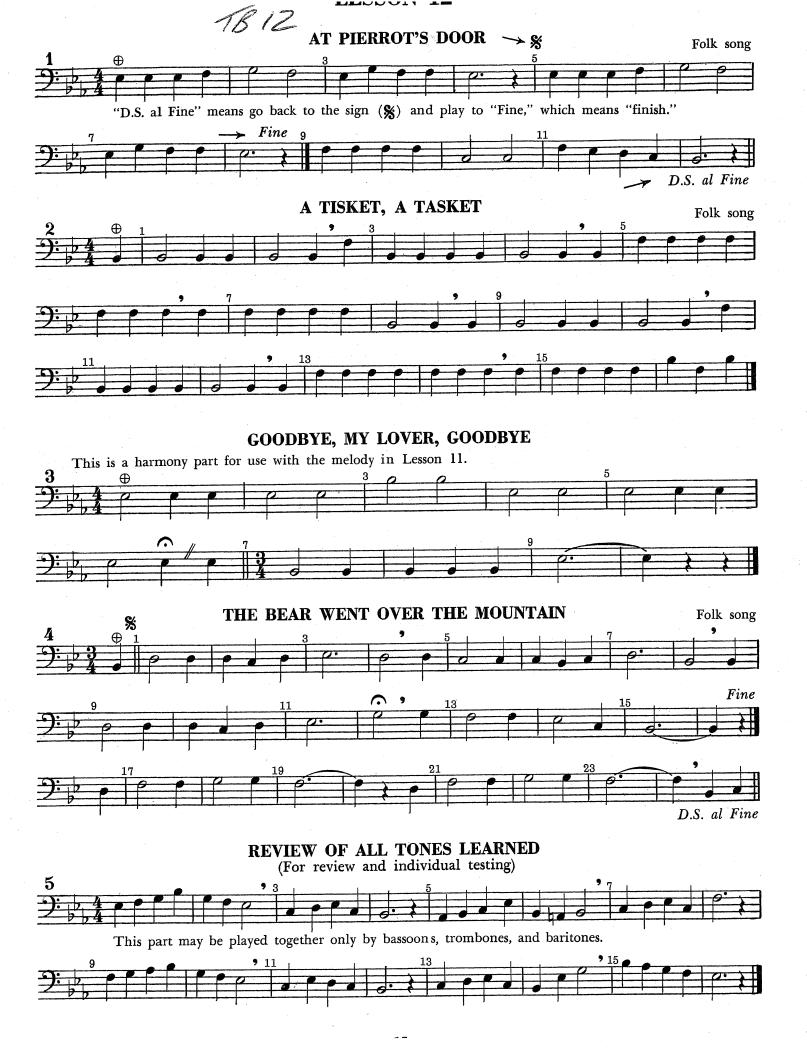


THE BAND CONTEST



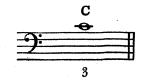






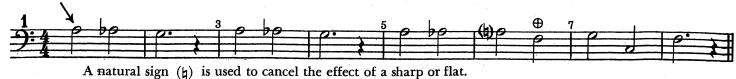




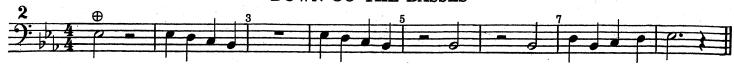




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DOWN GO THE BASSES



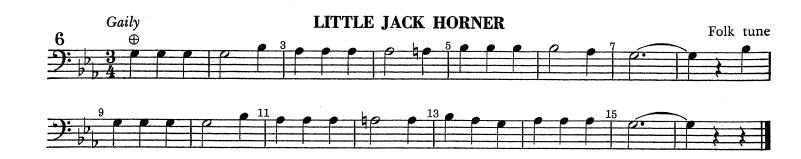
The word "basses" sometimes applies to the bass horns; at other times it refers to all the low instruments.











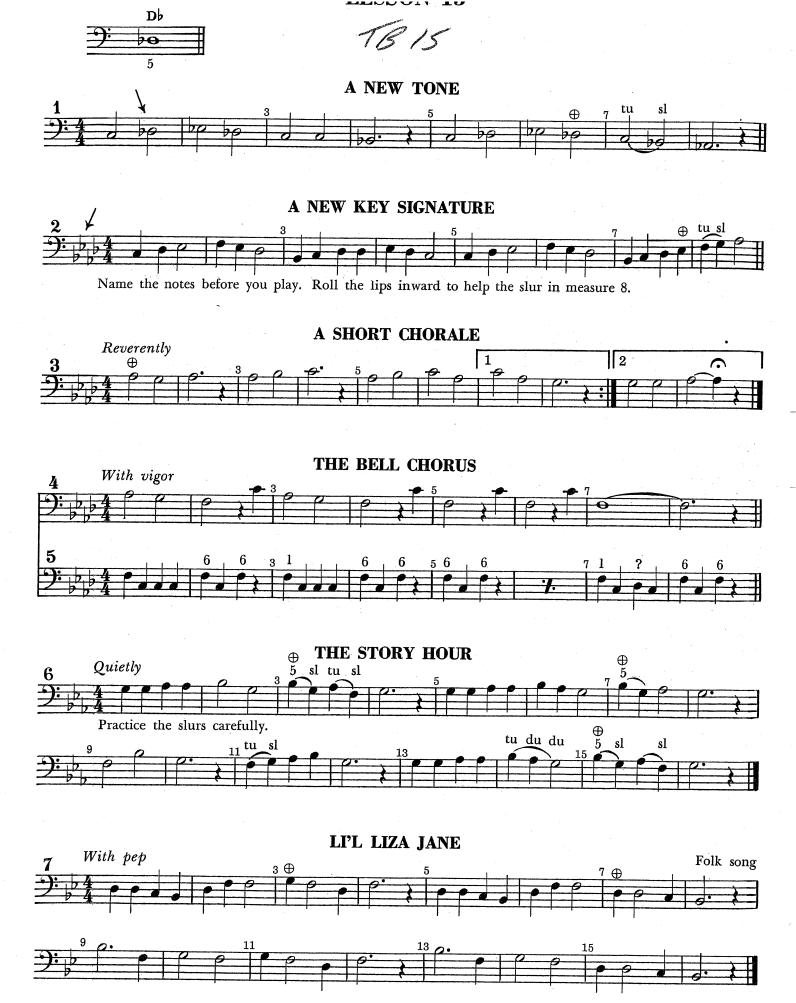
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A trombone player can omit the soft tonguing when making a slur if -

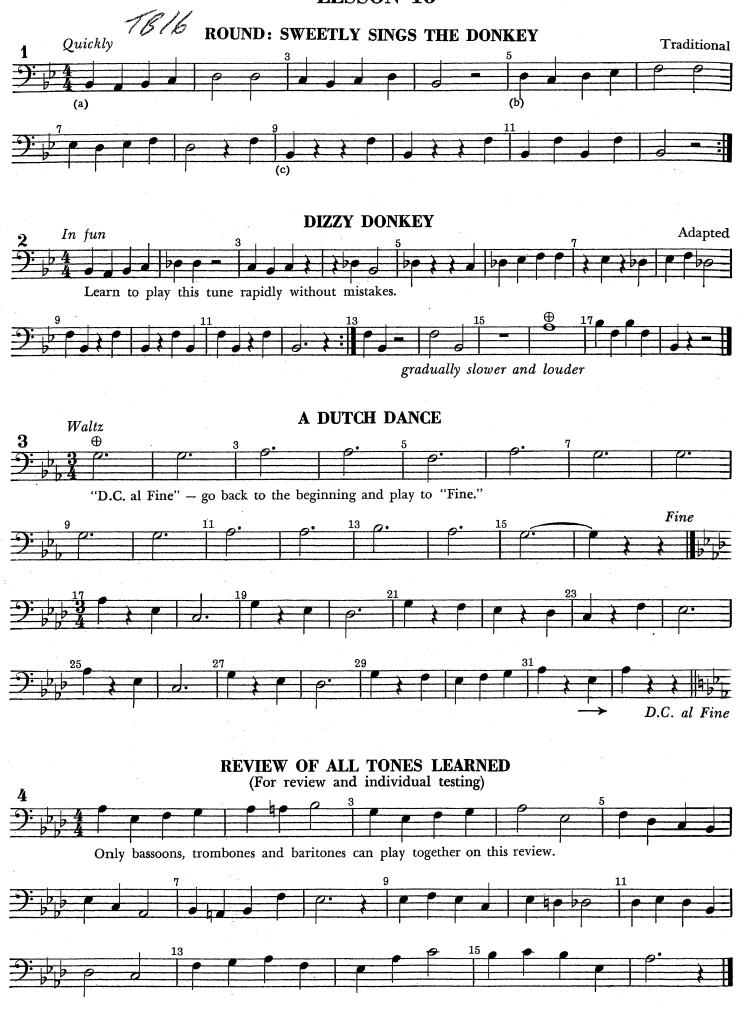
- (a) The slide does not move for the new tone.
- (b) The slide moves inward for a tone that moves downward.
- (c) The slide moves outward for a tone that moves upward.

Many tones can be made in more than one position; these "alternate positions" often help in slurring. In future lessons, alternate positions may be marked over a note — use and learn these positions. The letters "sl" will be used to show that the slur is to be made without the help of soft tonguing.

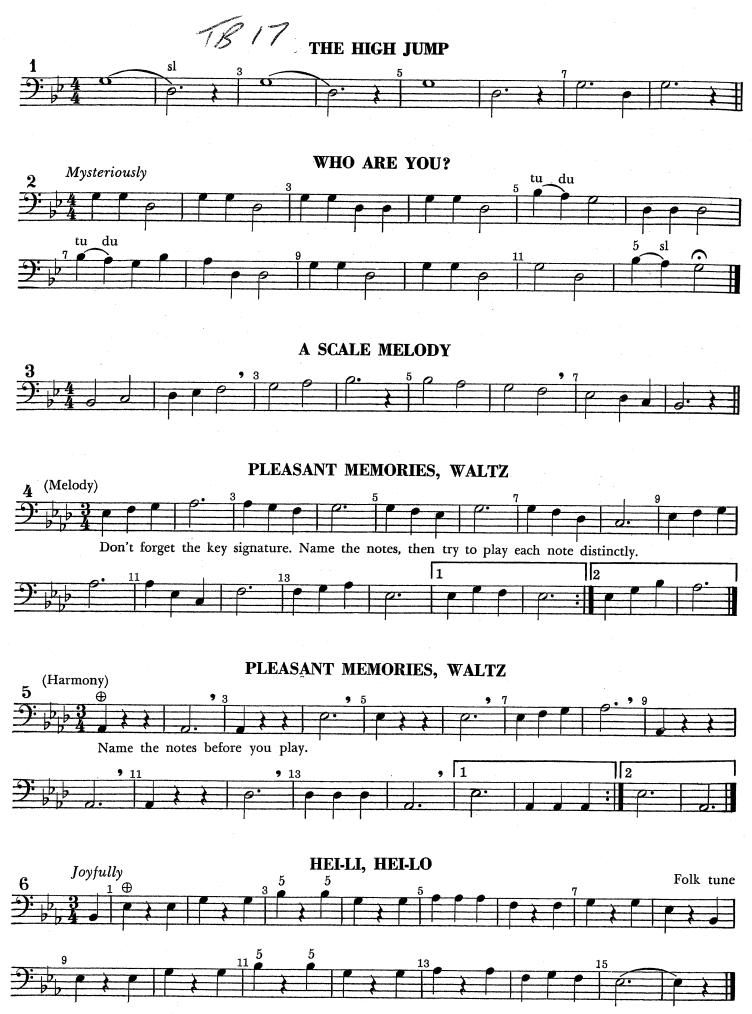




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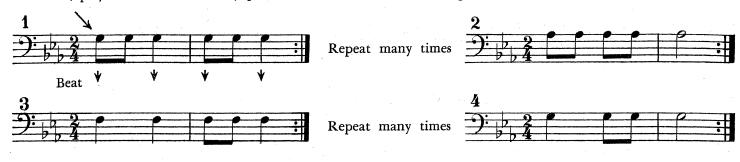
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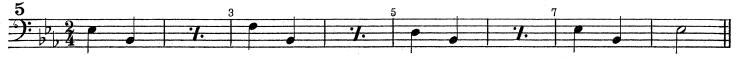
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Two eighth notes are played in the time of a quarter note. The eighth notes must be equal in length with the first one sounding exactly on the beat. Learn these four studies thoroughly and review them often. Also, play all four without any pause between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



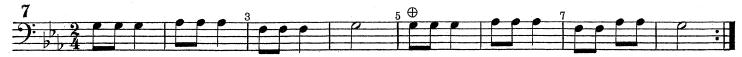




Let some of the class play Nos. 1 through 4 without repeats while others play No. 5.

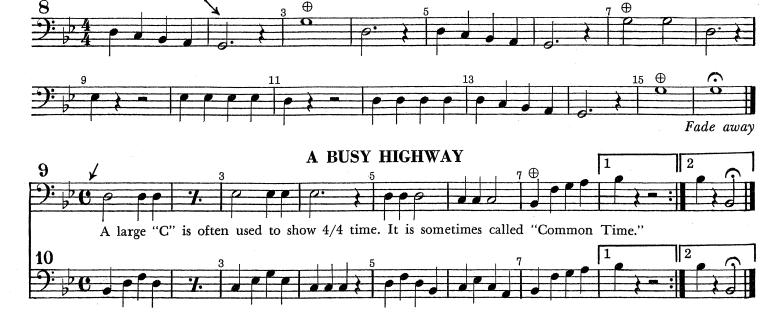


AN EIGHTH NOTE MELODY



Point out where each beat will fall, then be sure you are right when you play.



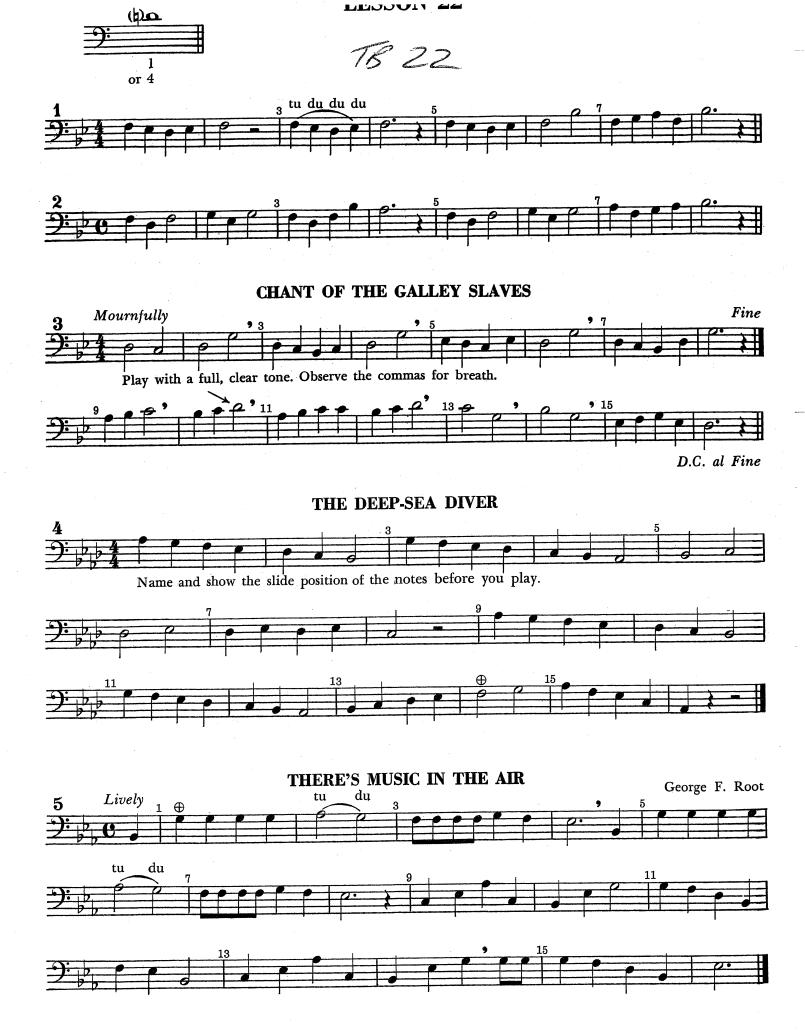




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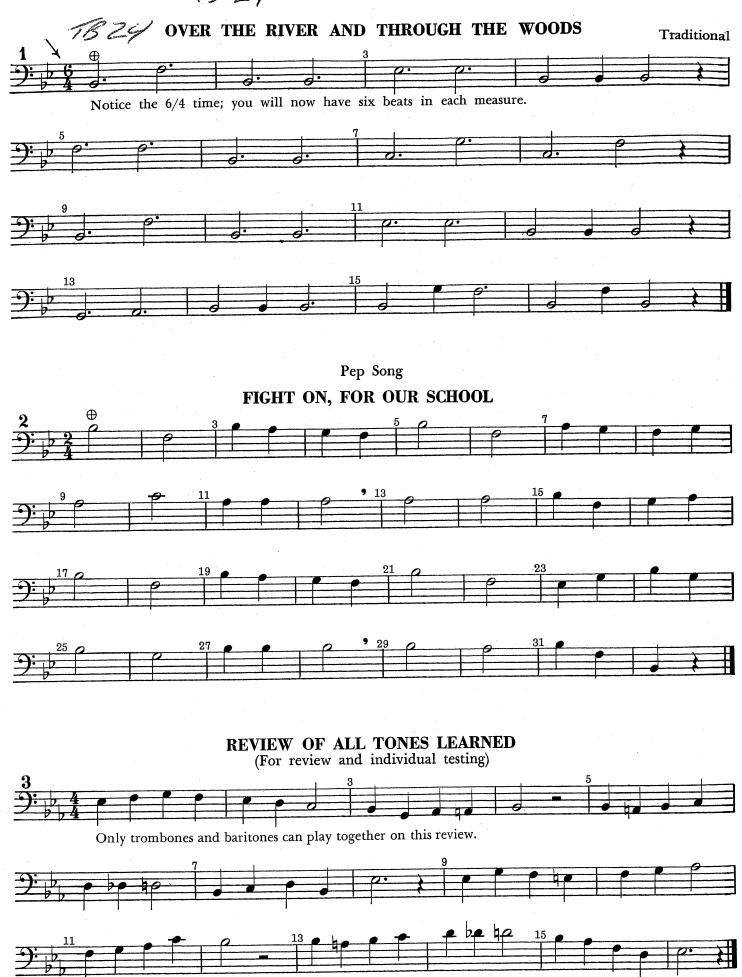








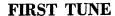
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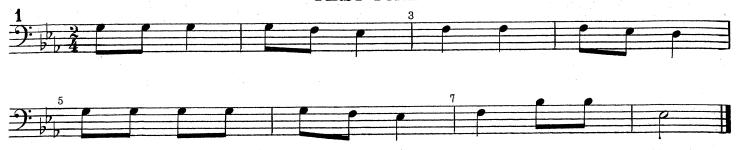


1325 Three Tunes Using Moving Eighth Notes

In these tunes, the second eighth note often moves to a new position. When this is true, be careful to count, or beat, correctly. (Study the 2nd measure of Nos. 1, 2, & 3.)

These tunes show how it is possible to change a few notes when trying to improve a melody. Which melody do you like best? Can you make other changes and write your melody?





SECOND TUNE



THIRD TUNE

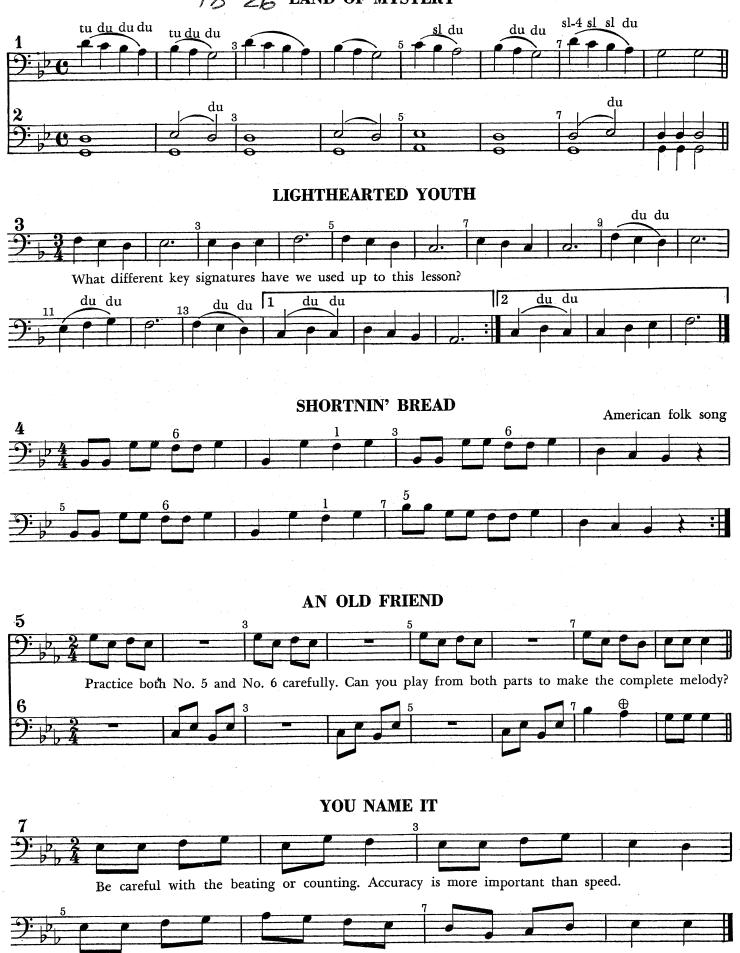


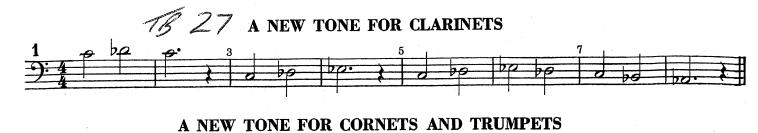
Sometimes notes are crowded together as in No. 3. When this is true, group them correctly with your eyes — you must not think of them as a jumble of notes.

ENCHANTED ISLE



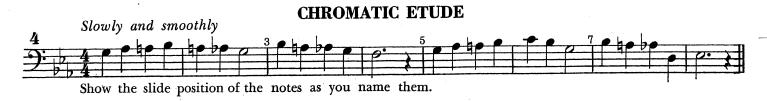














A dot placed over or under a note tells you to make the tone shorter without changing the speed of the beat. A dash tells you to hold the tone to its full length.

