# Piano suite Classroom

Chapter 2: Lesson 11

## **Chapter 2: The Grand Staff**

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This lesson plan was written for use with Piano Suite Premier software, and is intended as a guideline and procedure for 1 week (6 hours) of music instruction. For specific information on Piano Suite Premier and how to purchase, please visit one of the following links:

http://www.adventus.com/purchase/premier.html http://www.adventus.com/purchase/bundle.html

#### **Lesson Overview**

- The student will receive a score of "Excellent" while practicing the songs "Michael Row the Boat Ashore (1)" and "On Top of Old Smokey (1)".
- The student will make a score of "Very Good Work" (or better) on the songs "Sing Tu Yoo (1)", and "Trot Along My Little Pony (1)".
- The student will review the following in Theory Thinker: The Grand Staff page iv: "One Hand After the Other".
- The student will play the "Semitone Says" game.
- The student will achieve a score of "Good Work" (or better) on the following new song: "Get Up (1)".
- The student will practice the songs "Michael Row the Boat Ashore (1)" and "On Top of Old Smokey (1)" and get a score of 85 % (or higher).
- The student will complete Test #2.

#### **New Material**

#### Song:

• Get Up (1)

#### **Review Material**

## Theory:

• 1-4: The Grand Staff page iv: "One Hand After the Other".

#### Songs:

- Michael Row the Boat Ashore (1)
- On Top of Old Smokey (1)
- Sing Tu Yoo (1)
- Trot Along My Little Pony (1)

## **Procedure**

Begin by opening the Piano Player and selecting the song "Michael Row the Boat Ashore (1)". Practice this song using "Wait for Note" until you can get a score of "Excellent". Practice the song "On Top of Old Smokey (1)" in the same manner to achieve a score of "Excellent".

Review the two songs that were introduced in the last lesson using "Wait for Note". Practice to receive a score of "Very Good Work" (or better) on the songs "Sing Tu Yoo (1)", and "Trot Along My Little Pony (1)".

Proceed to the Theory Thinker and review the following: The Grand Staff page iv: "One Hand After the Other". Make sure you know the names of the notes which have been used thus far and the position of these notes on the grand staff. ;-)





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the Theory Thinker select the game "Semitone Says". (bottom game on the far right) Click on the menu item "Options" which is located at the top of the game. Choose "Song Feed" and then "New Song". See if you can play the correct notes and

One Hand After The Other

complete the song.

It's time to learn a new song! Practice the following song and achieve a score of "Good Work" (or better) using "Wait for Note": "Get Up (1)".

You have already scored an "excellent" on the songs "Michael Row the Boat Ashore (1)" and "On Top of Old Smokey (1)". You will now practice each songs using the "Notes and Timing" method until you can get a score of 85 % (or higher).

You will now write test # 2. Complete all of the answers on the test and then have the test corrected.

If you make a 90 % or higher, go back and find the answers to the questions that were answered incorrectly, review this information, and then continue on to lesson 12.

If you made 89 % or lower, find the answers to the questions which were answered incorrectly and study this information so that you can get a higher mark when you rewrite the test. Also, practice any of the songs which you have found to be more difficult over the past six lessons. When you can achieve the scores which have been outlined for each of these songs, rewrite the test.

You must get a 90 % or higher on the test before continuing on to the next lesson. Lessons 1 - 11 contain the basic building blocks which will help you to learn how to read music and play the correct notes on the piano keyboard. Go back and review these lessons and related materials if you are still finding it difficult to achieve the score of 90 % on test # 2.

#### **Indicators of Success**

- You make a score of "Excellent" on the songs "Michael Row the Boat Ashore (1)" and "On Top of Old Smokey (1)".
- You make a score of "Very Good Work" (or better) on the songs "Sing Tu Yoo (1)", and "Trot Along My Little Pony (1)".
- You can remember the sequence of some or all of the notes of a song in the "Semitone Says" game.
- You achieve a score of "Good Work" (or better) on the following new song: "Get Up (1)".
- You get a score of 85 % (or higher) on the songs "Michael Row the Boat Ashore (1)" and "On Top of Old Smokey (1)".
- You complete Piano Suite Classroom Test 2.

#### **Hints**

\* Don't forget that if you are having trouble playing a song that is written on the grand staff, you can practice one hand at a time. Work on the right hand part until you can play it without any mistakes. Then practice the left hand part until you can play this part without any errors. When you can play both parts separately, try playing both parts together as written. You may, at first, find it difficult to coordinate the rhythms between both of your hands. Try playing the rhythm of the song only by clicking on the "Rhythm" button. Click on the play button tp hear the piece. Now click on the "Notes and Timing" button to practice the rhythms along with the metronome.

<sup>\*</sup> If you think you know the song that is being played in "Semitone Says", click on the menu item "File" and select "Let Me Play the Whole Piece". You can now play the entire song without waiting for the computer to assist you. If you play the entire song correctly, you will be rewarded with a surprise! Good Luck!