

High 5's

Happily and steady (not too fast)

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Musical notation for measures 1-4. The piece is in 5/8 time. The right hand plays a continuous eighth-note melody, and the left hand plays a steady bass line of dotted quarter notes. The dynamic is marked *mf*.

Musical notation for measures 5-8. The melody continues with a slight change in phrasing. The left hand continues with dotted quarter notes. A fingering '1' is indicated under the final note of measure 8.

Musical notation for measures 9-14. The melody becomes more rhythmic with eighth-note patterns. The left hand continues with dotted quarter notes. A *cresc.* marking is present in measure 12.

Musical notation for measures 15-19. The melody continues with eighth-note patterns. The left hand continues with dotted quarter notes. The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 19.

20

f

(l.h.)

(r.h.)

(l.h.)

(r.h.)

25

ff

p

30

mp

p

34

mf dim.

p

ff (sub.)

This is a cheerful, carefree kind of piece that needs to be played with a firm hand position with a slightly accented finger action especially for the staccato notes. It is important that all the eighth notes have the same volume which can be difficult because the fifth finger is often weaker than the others. In bars 9 to 20, it is suggested that both the left hand notes at the beginning of the bar be played with the side of the thumb to help reach the leap down to the quarter note that follows.