

Skipping Rocks: song construction...

This song is a study in intervals called 10ths.
These are very cheerful intervals on the piano!

Try practicing a C scale in 10ths. Then move down an octave--sounds even better!

Musical notation for a C scale in 10ths, showing the treble and bass clefs with notes in 4/4 time. The treble clef starts on middle C (C4) and the bass clef starts on the C below (C3). The notes are: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4 in the treble; and C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3 in the bass.

Here's a little melody with the LH harmony in 10ths...

Musical notation for a melody with LH harmony in 10ths. The treble clef has a melody of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The bass clef has a harmony of quarter notes: C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4.

Variation 1: different rhythm

Variation 2: different rhythm, more notes

Musical notation for two variations of the melody with LH harmony in 10ths. Variation 1 shows a different rhythm for the melody (e.g., eighth notes and quarter notes). Variation 2 shows a different rhythm and more notes in the melody (e.g., eighth notes and quarter notes).

New melody--try your own variations for this one

Musical notation for a new melody with LH harmony in 10ths. The treble clef has a new melody of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The bass clef has a harmony of quarter notes: C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4.

Now have fun creating your own ideas with 10ths!