

# THE FIRST SIGHT-READING BOOK FOR BAND

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# BEFORE YOU PLAY YOUR FIRST NOTE...

Sight-reading music is an important skill in playing any instrument! It helps you develop habits that you will use every time you play. Even professional players use the same sight-reading skills that you will begin to develop from this book.

But before you play your first note, you'll need to:

- ✓ Look at the key signature of the piece
- ✓ Look at the time signature of the piece
- ✓ Look at the tempo (speed) of the piece
- ✓ Find the highest and lowest notes, and any accidentals
- ✓ Find the most difficult rhythms and figure them out
- ✓ Look for red flags: changes in time, tempo, key signatures, repeats, or other unusual things

Once your conductor sets a good tempo, count a measure silently and then play through the entire piece with no stops. Pick up on dynamics as you go. Fix a few spots if you need to, and then play through the entire piece again.

## THE GOAL

Get *everything* right, (notes, rhythms, dynamics, expression) with everyone playing together the first time through the piece.

*Sound easy?* **Give it a try.**

# No. 1

**Moderate**

Snare Drum

8

**A**

Bass Drum

*p*

12

*f*

16

**B**

6

**C**

*f*

# No. 2

**Allegro**

Snare Drum

Bass Drum

*mf*

5

**A**

4

12

**B**

6

**C**

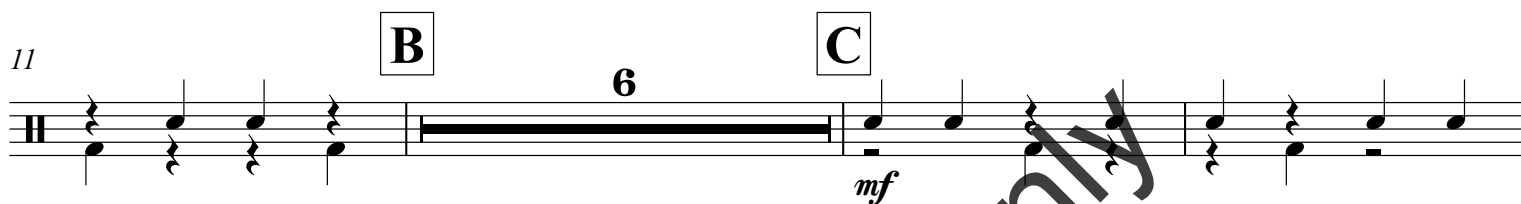
*f*

21

# No. 3

Adagio

Snare Drum



# No. 4

Lyrical

Snare Drum



# No. 5

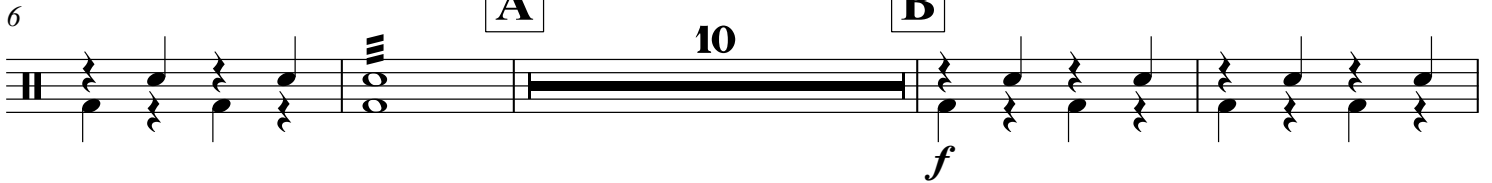
## Chorale

Snare Drum



*mf*

Bass Drum



# No. 6

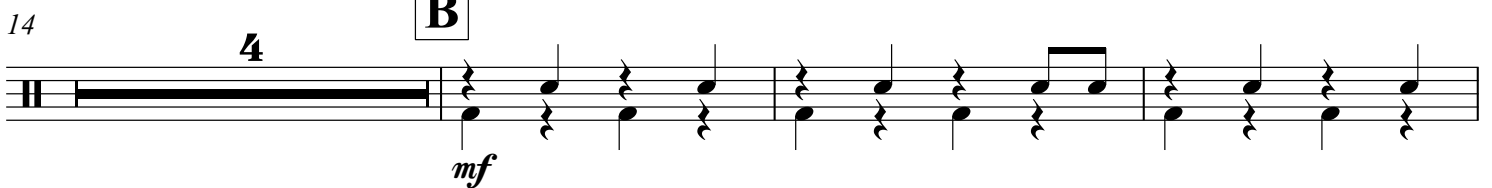
## Legato

Snare Drum



Bass Drum

*pp*



## No. 7

Majestically

Snare Drum

4/4

2

Bass Drum

*f*

7

**A**

*mf*

11

**B**

*p* *pp*

4

18

**C**

2

*f*

2

## No. 8

March

Snare Drum

4/4

7

Bass Drum

*pp*

**A**

10

14

**B**

4

**C**

*mf*

21

# No. 9

## Waltz

Snare Drum



*mf*

Bass Drum

7

A



*p*

13

B



*mf*

19



# No. 10

## Lyrally

Snare Drum



Bass Drum

*pp*

11

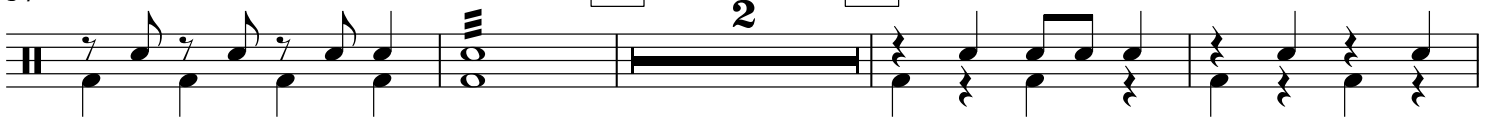


14

B

2

C



*f*

20



# No. 11

Battery Percussion

Flowing

Snare Drum



*mp*

Bass Drum

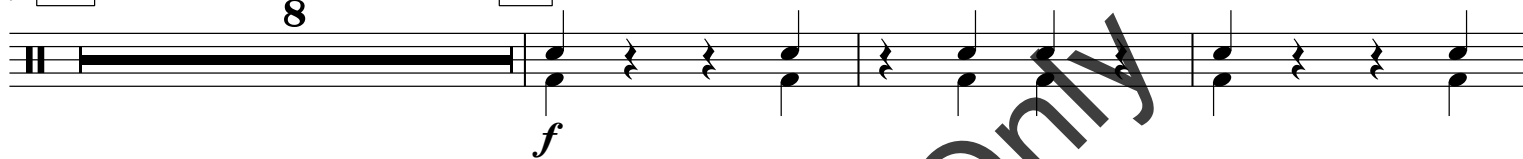
5



9 **A**

8

**B**



*f*

20



# No. 12

Lightly, with movement

Snare Drum



*mf*

Bass Drum

7



*pp*

13



*f*

19





# No. 13

**Maestoso**

Snare Drum

8

**A**

**Dolce**

Bass Drum

*pp*

11

15

**B**

**Maestoso**

8

# No. 14

**Light Waltz in 1**

Snare Drum

*p*

Bass Drum

6

**A**

9

**B**

*p*

20

# No. 15

**Allegro**

Snare Drum

7 **A** 7 **B**

Bass Drum

*pp*

17 **C**

*mf*

21

# No. 16

**Con moto**

Snare Drum

7 **A** 7 **B**

Bass Drum

*pp*

17 **C**

*mf*

21

# No. 17

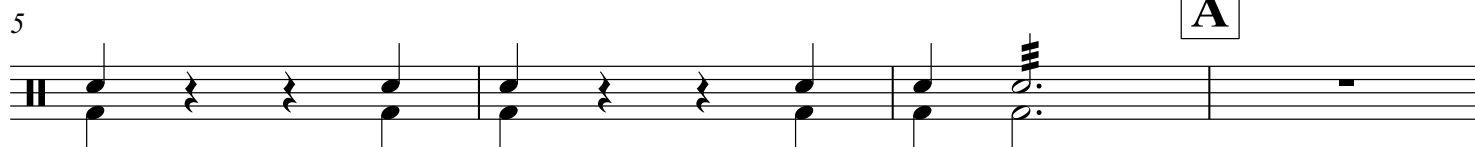
## Heroic

Snare Drum



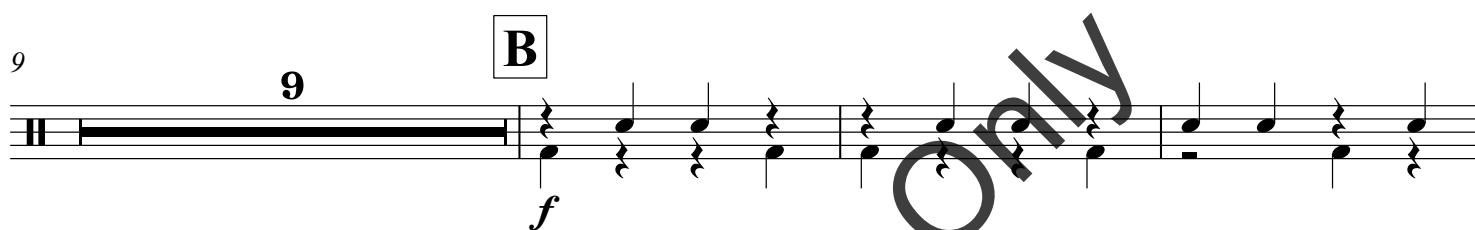
*f*

Bass Drum



5

A



9

B

*f*

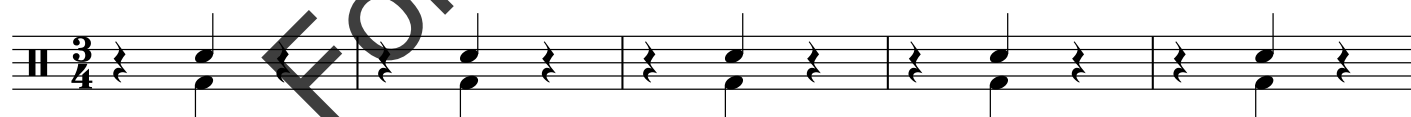


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# No. 18

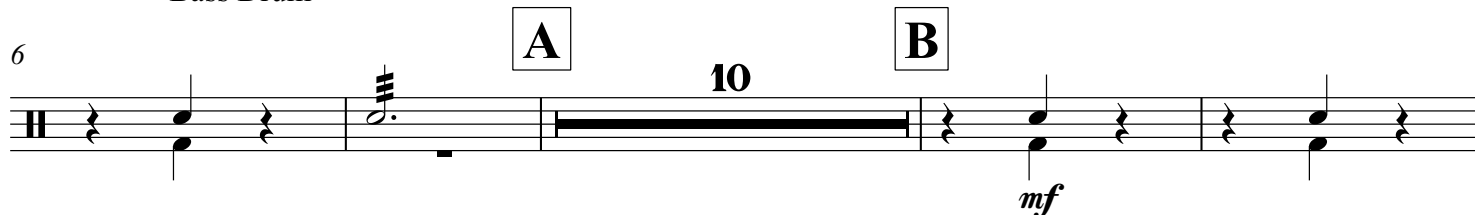
## Allegro

Snare Drum



*mf*

Bass Drum



6

A

10

B

*mf*



20

# No. 19

Moderate

Snare Drum

8

A

Bass Drum

*p*

11

14

B

9

# No. 20

Joyful!

Snare Drum

7

A

4

Bass Drum

12

B

*p*

16

2

C

*mf*

21

# No. 21

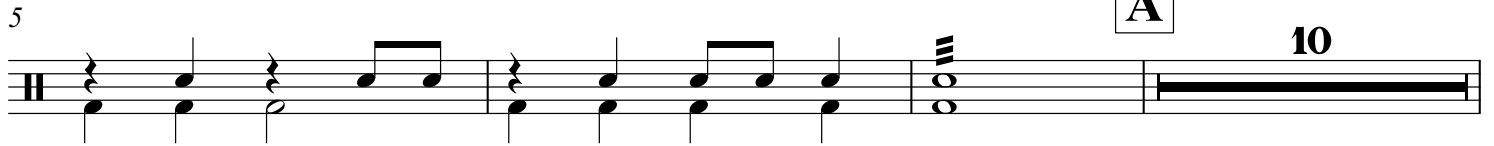
**Allegro**

Snare Drum



*mf*

Bass Drum



# No. 22

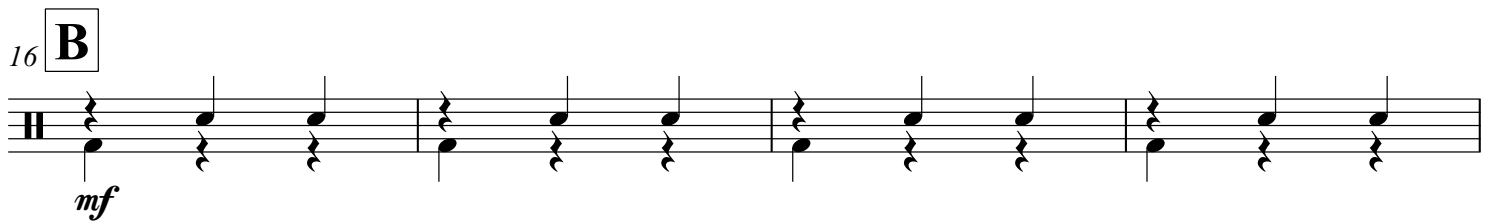
**Moderate Waltz**

Snare Drum



*mf*

Bass Drum



# No. 23

**Allegro**

Snare Drum

8 **A**

Bass Drum *mp*

11

4

17 **B**

*f*

21

# No. 24

**Andante sostenuto**

Snare Drum

*mf*

Bass Drum

5

9 **A** 8 **B**

*mf*

21

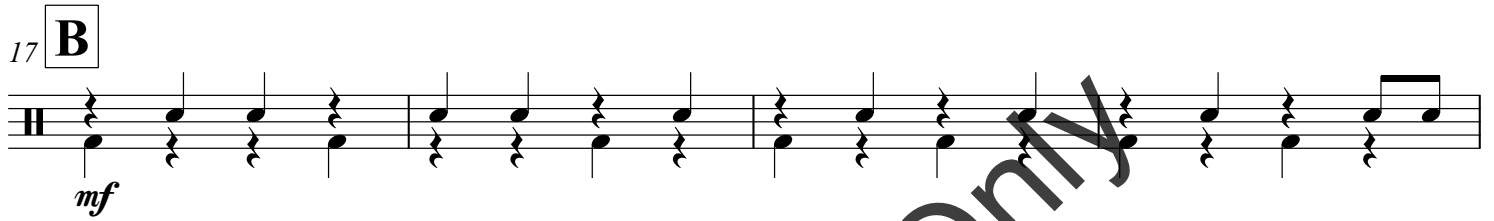
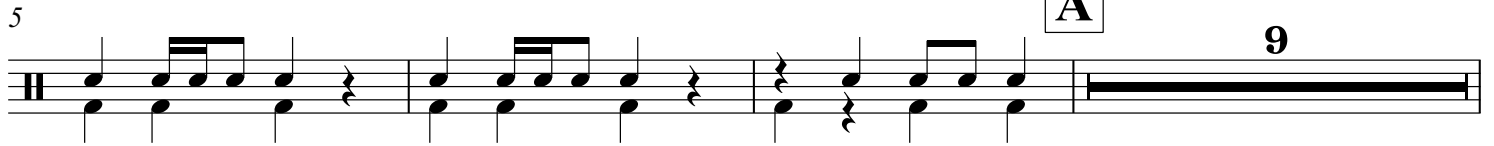
## No. 25

Moderate

Snare Drum

*mf*

Bass Drum



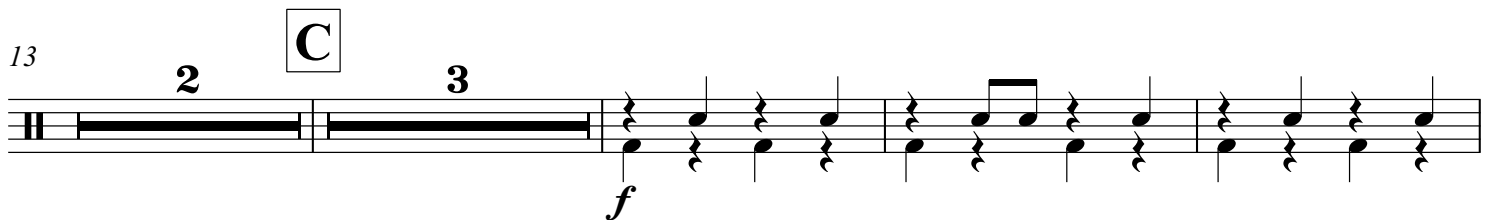
## No. 26

March

Snare Drum

*mf*

Bass Drum



# No. 27

Battery Percussion

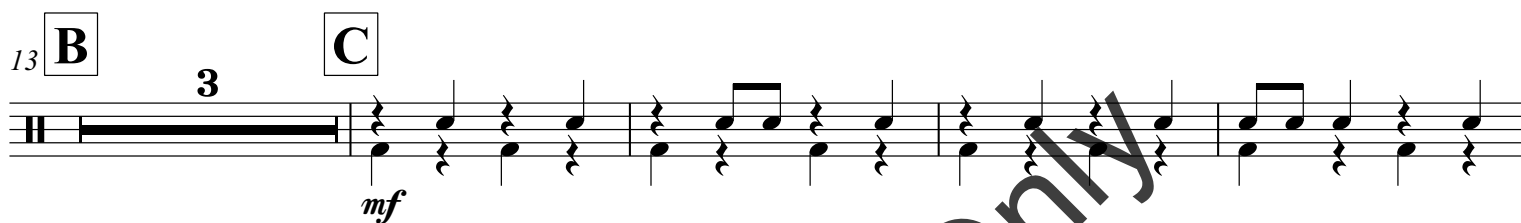
Andante

Snare Drum



*mf*

Bass Drum



# No. 28

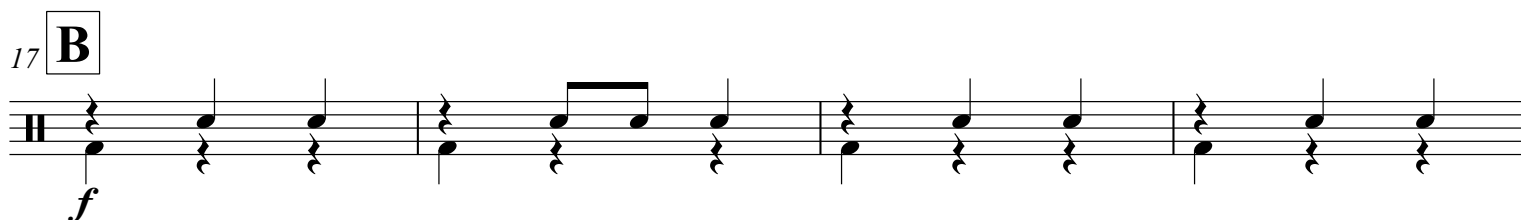
Medieval Waltz

Snare Drum



*f*

Bass Drum





# No. 29

Hymn-like  
Snare Drum

8

**A**

Bass Drum

*mp*

11

14

17 **B**

*f*

21

# No. 30

Presto  
Snare Drum

8

**A**

Bass Drum

*pp*

12

3

*p*

18 **B**

3

*f*

# No. 31

Battery Percussion

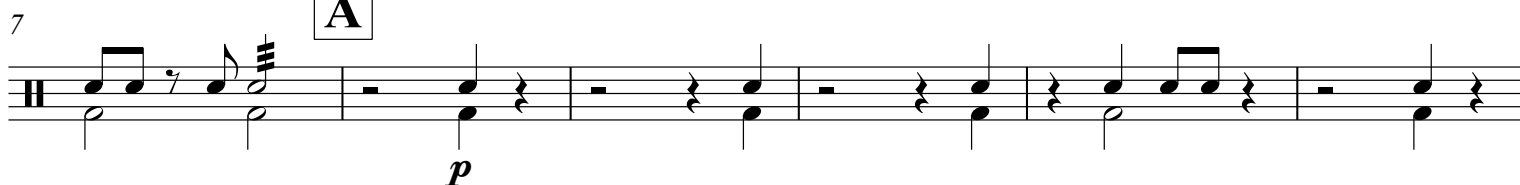
## Moving forward

Snare Drum



*mf*

Bass Drum

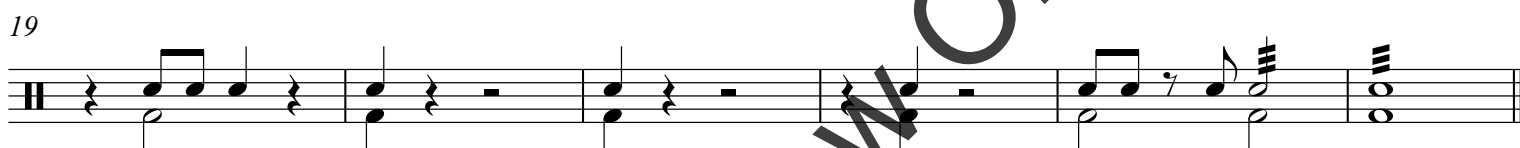


*p*

**B**



*mf*



# No. 32

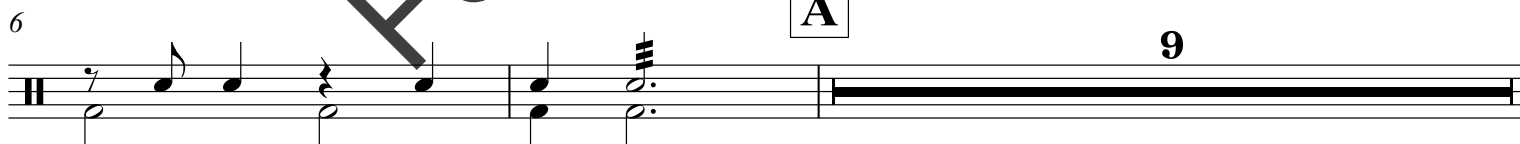
## Confidently

Snare Drum



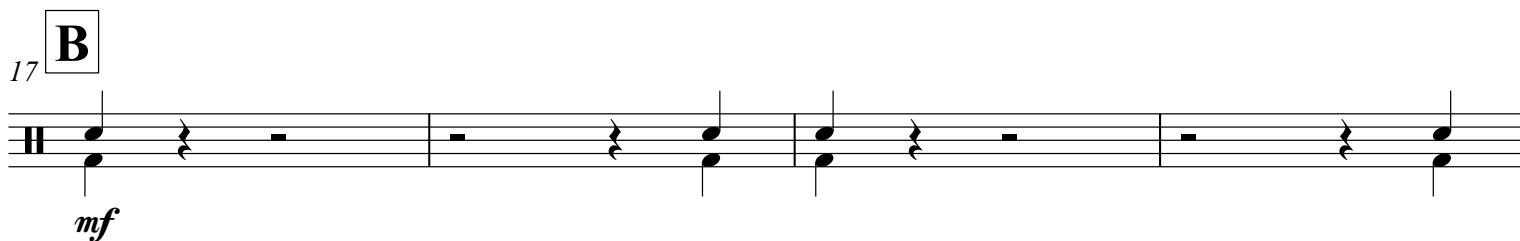
*mf*

Bass Drum



**A**

**9**



*mf*



*p*

# No. 33

**Legato**

Snare Drum

7 **A**

Bass Drum

*p*

10

14

4 **B**

*mf*

21

# No. 34

**Con moto**

Snare Drum

8 **A**

Bass Drum

*f*

11

**B**

*mf*

16

20

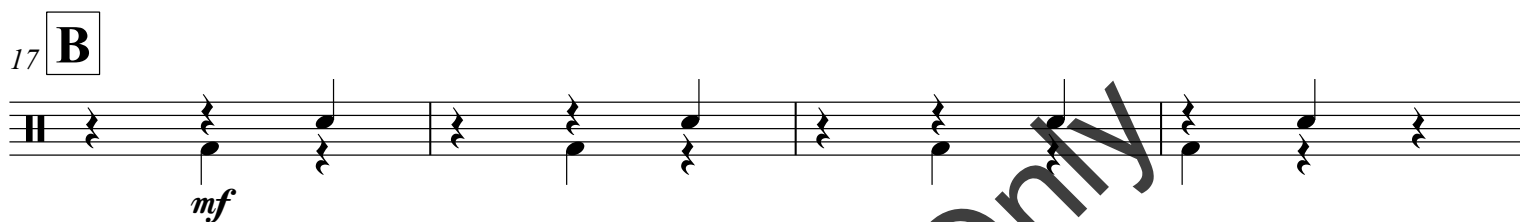
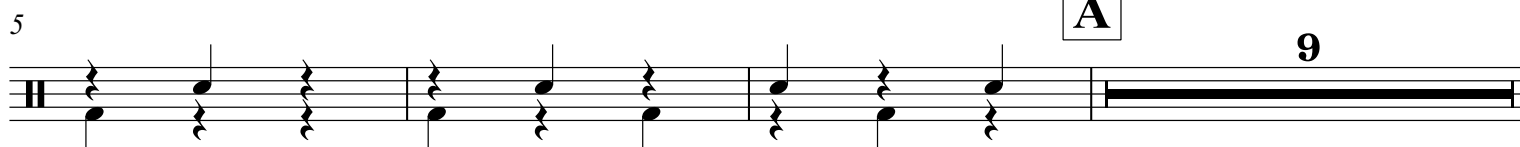
# No. 35

Andante

Snare Drum



Bass Drum



# No. 36

Very steady

Snare Drum



Bass Drum

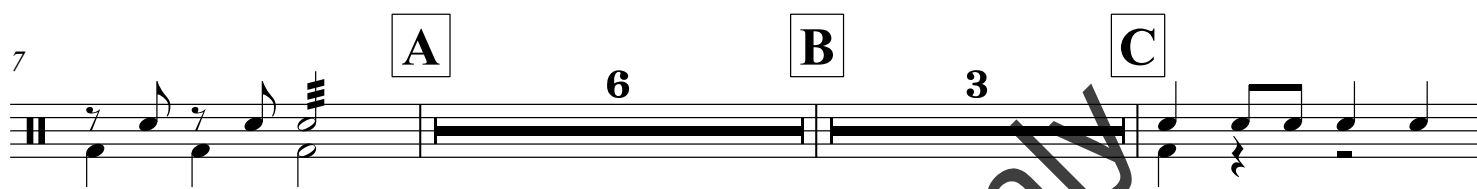


# No. 37

**Dance-like**  
Snare Drum



***f***  
Bass Drum

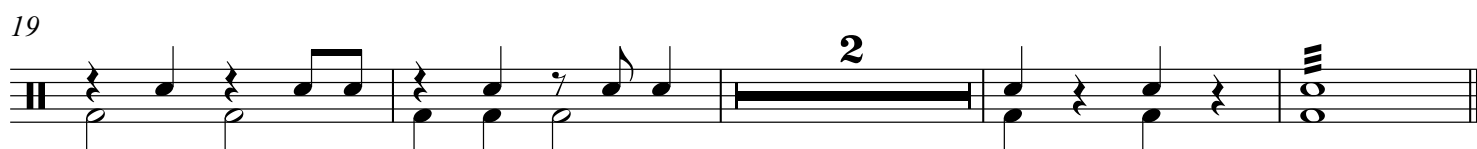
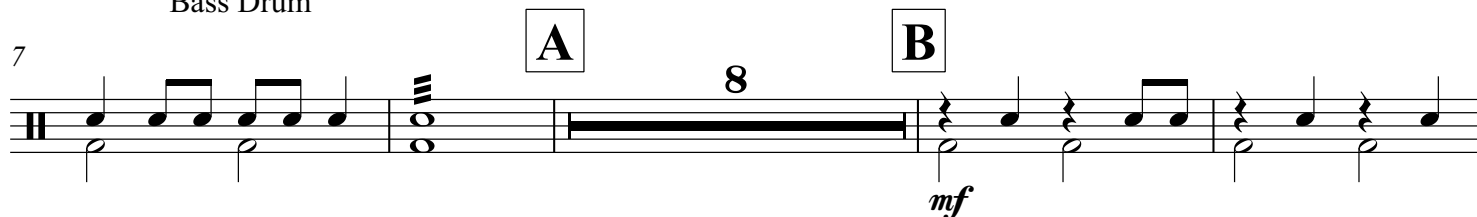


# No. 38

**Poco lento**  
Snare Drum



***mf***  
Bass Drum



# No. 39

Battery Percussion

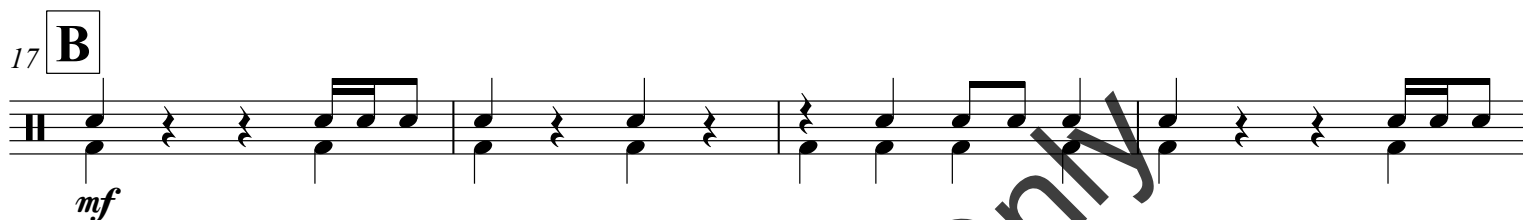
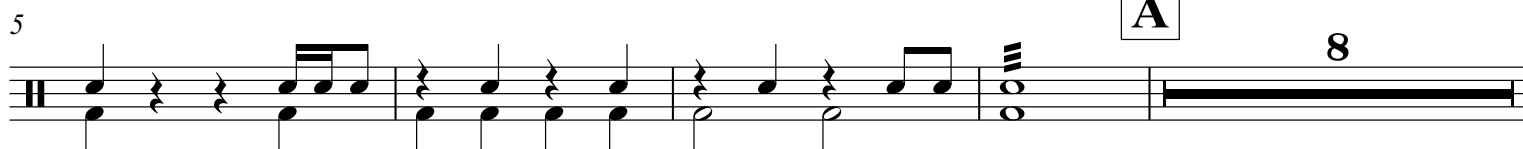
Triumphantly

Snare Drum



*mf*

Bass Drum



# No. 40

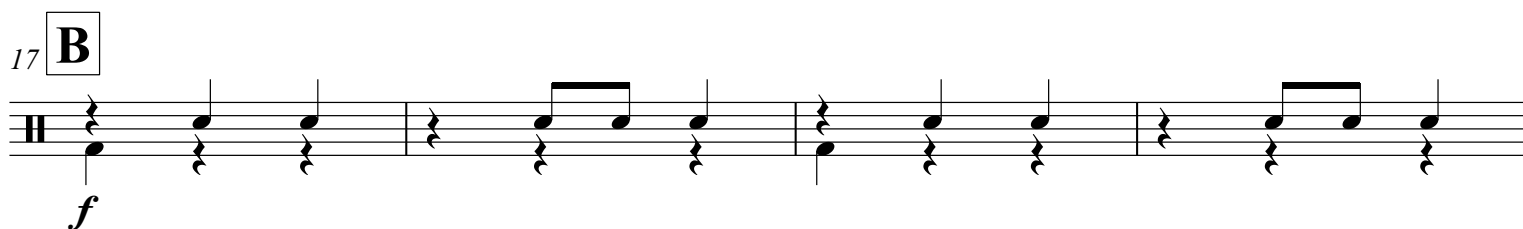
Legato

Snare Drum



*mf*

Bass Drum



# No. 41

**Dramatically**  
Snare Drum

7

**A**

Bass Drum

*pp*

10

17 **B**

5

*f*

# No. 42

**Pesante**

Snare Drum

8

**A**

Bass Drum

*pp*

12

**B**

*mf*

17

21

# No. 43

Battery Percussion

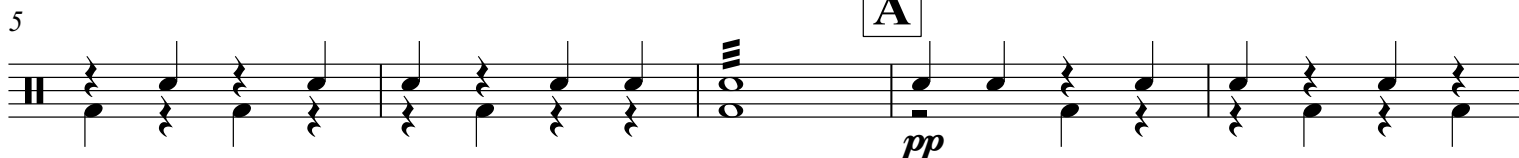
Very steady

Snare Drum



*mf*

Bass Drum



# No. 44

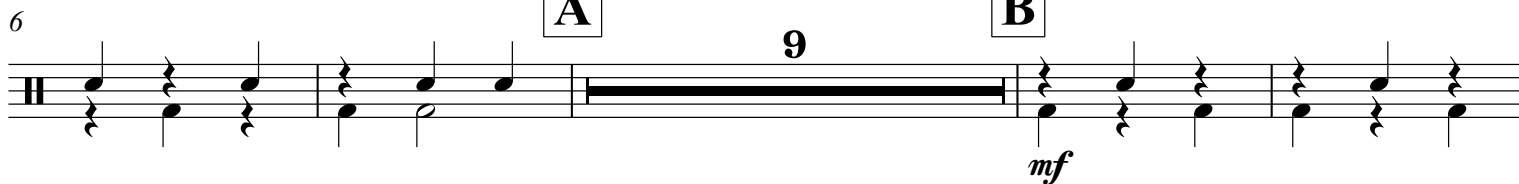
Slow Waltz

Snare Drum



*mf*

Bass Drum





# No. 45

**Jazzy**

Snare Drum

7

**A**

Bass Drum

*pp*

11

16

**B**

*mf*

21

# No. 46

**Brightly**

Snare Drum

*mf*

Bass Drum

5

**A**

5

13

**B**

5

*mf*

21

## No. 47

## March

Snare Drum

Bass Drum

5

**A**

8

17 **B**

*mf*

21

## No. 48

## Allegro

Snare Drum

Bass Drum

*p*

**A**

*mf*

**B**

4

12 **C**

7

**D**

*mp*

21

*f*

# No. 49

**Proudly**

Snare Drum

7 **A**

Bass Drum

*mp*

10

**B** 3

15

**C** 3 **D**

*mf*

21

**Humoresque**

Snare Drum

*mf*

Bass Drum

4

8

**A** 10 **B**

*mf*

21

# No. 50

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