

Sounds of Spain

BOOK ONE

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Over the years I have had many requests from teachers for more Spanish-style pieces. Two of my solos, NIGHTS IN SPAIN and EL CONQUISTADOR, have been selected for several competitions and festival lists and have received a very enthusiastic response. The pieces are at an intermediate level and very manageable technically, yet they feature expressive melodies and dramatic sections that sound quite difficult and showy. While I had thought of composing a few more pieces in this style, I decided to write an entire collection devoted to Spanish-style pieces after giving a workshop in Oklahoma. A teacher there described her students' successful performances of these two solos so effusively that I was convinced of the need for more pieces like them. Once I started working on ideas for a new collection, many pieces evolved and it was rewarding exploring the different elements that make up the colorful Spanish music tradition. Soon these ideas grew into two new collections!

In these pieces I have tried to include the diverse and colorful sounds of Spain. Listen for the rolled chords and plucked staccatos that emulate the guitar. There are strong dance rhythms that emanate from the many dance forms that influence Spanish music, including Flamenco and Tango. The expressive melodies have harmonies that reflect the Moorish presence that permeates Spanish music.

My hope is that these pieces will elicit expressive, rhythmic and dramatic performances from those who play them. Most importantly, however, *por favor disfrutenlo* (please enjoy)!



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7 Colorful Early Intermediate to Intermediate Piano Solos in Spanish Styles

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Fire Dance

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Fast, with energy and spirit

Musical score for measures 1-6. The piece is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Fast, with energy and spirit'. The dynamics are *f*, *mf*, *mp*, and *p*. The right hand plays chords with fingerings 5, 3, 1. The left hand plays a bass line with notes G2, B2, D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, G30, A30, 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The Matador

Fairly slow and singing, with expressive freedom

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Musical notation for measures 1-4. Treble clef, 3/4 time signature, key signature of two flats. The piece begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The right hand features a melodic line with a slur over measures 1-4, including a triplet in measure 3. The left hand provides a bass line with fingerings 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 3. A first ending bracket spans measures 3 and 4.

Musical notation for measures 5-8. Measure 5 is boxed with the number 5. The right hand continues the melodic line with a slur. The left hand has fingerings 5, 1, 5, 1, 3, 5. A first ending bracket spans measures 7 and 8. Dynamics include *mf* and *mp*, with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking in measure 8.

Musical notation for measures 11-15. Measure 11 is boxed with the number 11. The tempo changes to "Fast and energetic". The right hand has a slur over measures 11-15, with a "RH 1" marking in measure 11. The left hand has fingerings 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1. Dynamics include *p*, *mp*, and *mf*. A *simile* marking is present at the end of the section.

Musical notation for measures 16-20. Measure 16 is boxed with the number 16. The right hand has a slur over measures 16-20, with a "1" marking in measure 16. The left hand has fingerings 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1. A first ending bracket spans measures 19 and 20. Dynamics include *mp*, *p*, and *mf*. A "LH over" marking is present in measure 19.