# VOCAL COURSE

STUDENT WORKBOOK



ELEVEL 3



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This course is designed to be used as an individual instructional study guide, as well as a class learning tool. Each lesson should take approximately 35 - 45 minutes including teaching and practice time. The suggested times are a guideline only. Not everyone will progress at the same pace. This student exercise book should be used in conjunction with the Instructor's Guide.

Each student should take a placement test before being placed in a level. After a student completes a level, there is a separate final test that should be completed and passed before moving on to the next level. Be sure you have these materials.

In addition, the Vocal Course is designed as a companion to the Music Theory Course developed by Music and Arts Ministries of the Canada and Bermuda Territory. It can be found at https://salvationist.ca/sacbmam. Students should utilize the music theory books to help advance their knowledge of music-making.

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#### Canon



## **Rhythm**

1. Listen as your instructor claps a rhythm. Then you clap it back.

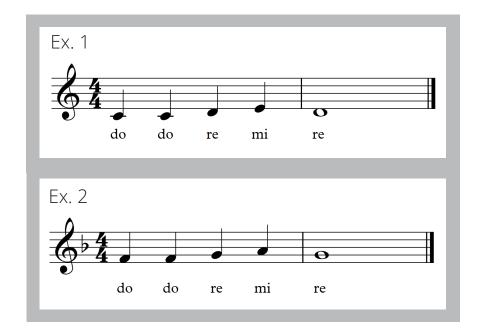
## Melody

1.

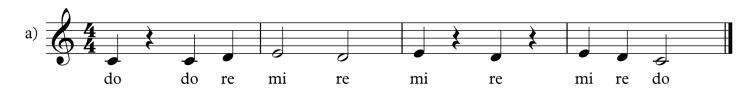


**Tonic:** the first degree of any given scale.

**Key:** when a song is built around a certain major (or minor) scale. For example, if a song is built using the notes of the C major scale, we say that this song is in the key of C major.



# 2. Key of C Major





#### Key of F Major









#### **Performance**

#### Walk in the Light

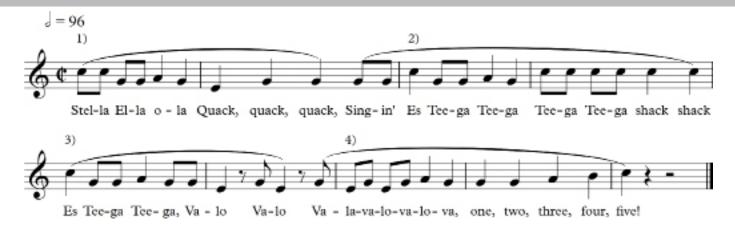
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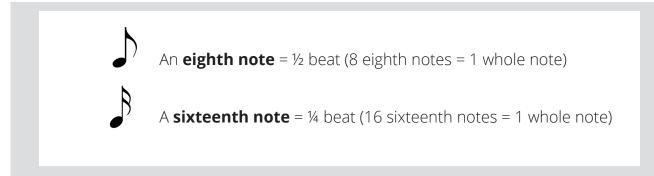
#### **For Fun**

A proper cup of coffee from a proper copper coffee pot.

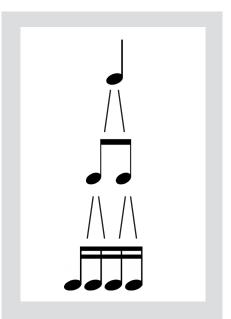
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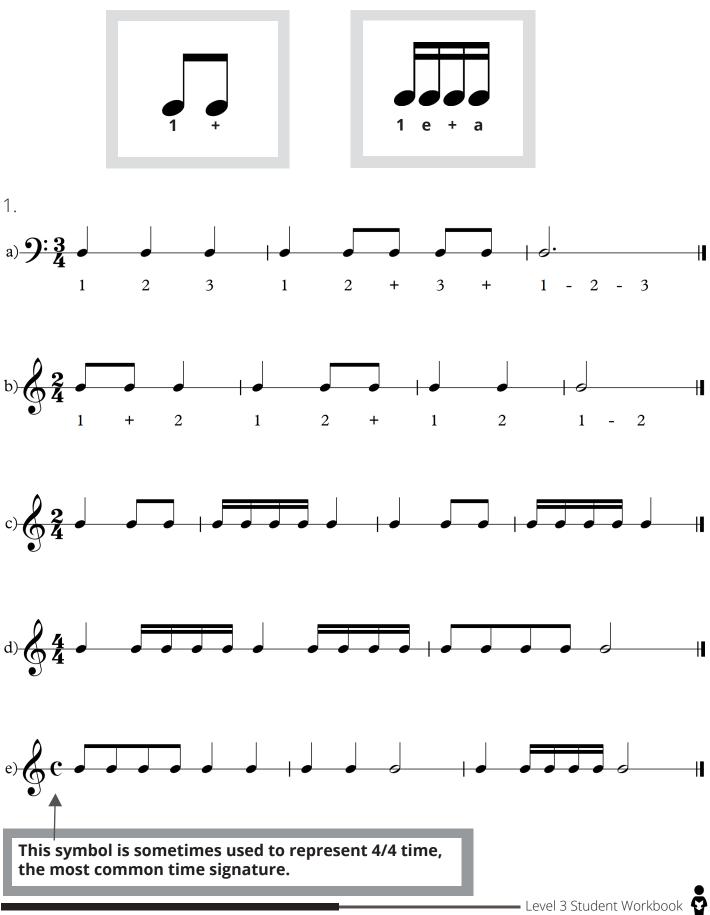


## **Rhythm**



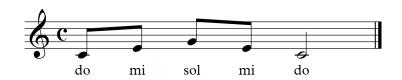
**Beam**: can be used to join individual eighth notes and sixteenth notes. This makes them easier to read.





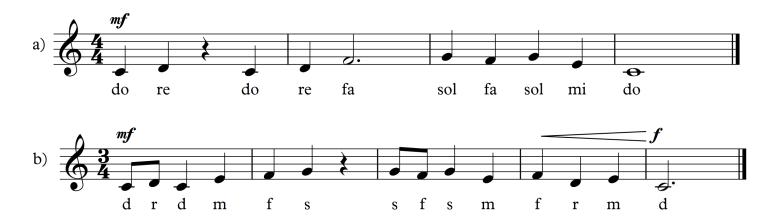
1. Sing the major scale using solfege.

2.



pianissimo <b>pp</b>	Very soft
piano <b>p</b>	Soft
mezzo piano <b>mp</b>	Medium soft
mezzo forte <b>mf</b>	Medium loud
forte $m{f}$	Loud
fortissimo <b>f</b>	Very Loud
crescendo	Gradually get louder
diminuendo (decrescendo)	Gradually get softer

3. Key of C Major

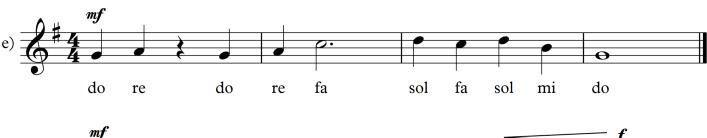


#### Key of F Major





#### Key of G Major





## **Performance**

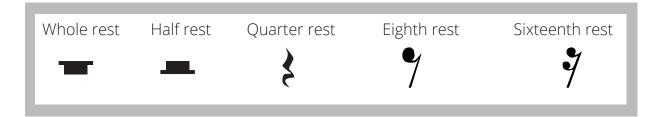
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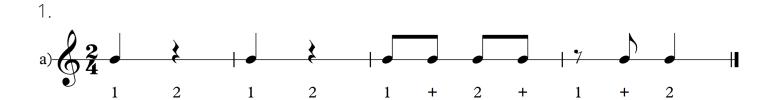
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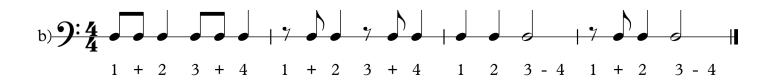
**Fermata:** hold the note longer than its written value.



# Rhythm



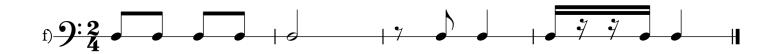












- 1. Sing the major scale using solfege.
- 2. Sing the major triad using solfege.

3.



**Key signatures:** used at the beginning of the music, they indicate which notes are always to be sung as a sharp or flat.

4. Key of C Major





#### Key of F Major





#### Key of G Major





#### **Performance**

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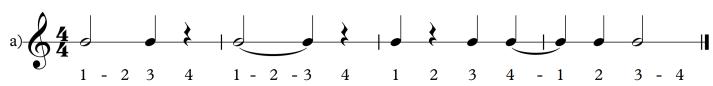
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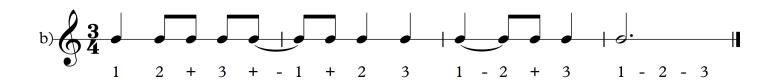


## **Rhythm**

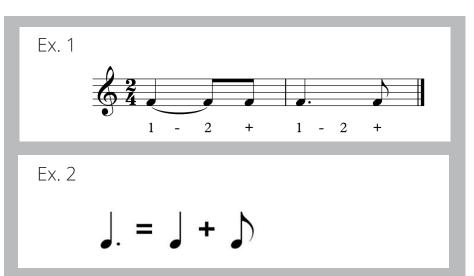
**Tie:** a small curved line that joins together two notes of the same pitch. When this happens, the sound is held for the total value of notes tied together.

1.





**Dot:** add half the length of the original note.



2. 2 2 2 1 2 2 ∦

- 1. Sing a major scale using solfege.
- 2. Sing a major triad using solfege.
- 3. Sing a major arpeggio using solfege.

**Accelerando (accel.):** when the music gradually becomes faster. **Rallentando (rall.):** when the music gradually becomes slower.

4.









#### **Performance**

\*\*See Appendix 1 (p. 17)

#### **For Fun**

Five frantic frogs fled from fifty fierce fishes.

#### Canon

Sing both canons from previous lessons (p. 4 and p. 11). Try each of them at different speeds and as a round.

## Rhythm

1.



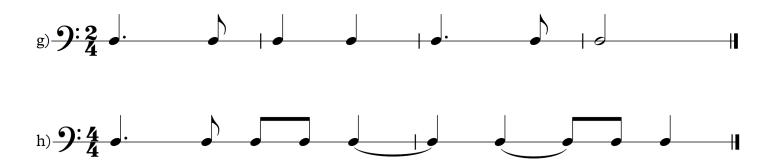












- 1. Sing a major scale using solfege.
- 2. Sing a major triad using solfege.
- 3. Sing a major arpeggio using solfege.
- 4. Sing the following examples using solfege.









#### **Performance**

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# **Appendix 1**

#### WALK IN THE LIGHT

(high voice)







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# **Appendix 2**

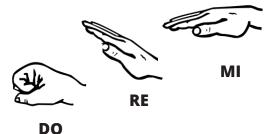
# **Additional Information for Students**

Learning to sing can be a fun and rewarding experience. The following are tips to help improve your singing.

#### **Curwen Hand Signs**

The Curwen hand signs can accompany the solfege system. Hand signs give a physical placement for vocal pitches that helps with memory and singing on pitch. The low "do" begins at your midsection. Each pitch is then above the previous one. The upper "do" is at eye level.

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## **Song Examples for Various Intervals**

Interval	Ascending	Descending
Minor 2nd	Theme from Jaws	Joy to the World
Major 2nd	Happy Birthday	Mary Had a Little Lamb
Minor 3rd	O Canada	Frosty the Snowman
Major 3rd	When the Saints Go Marching In	Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Perfect 4th	Amazing Grace	O Come, All Ye Faithful
Tritone	The Simpsons Theme Song	
Perfect 5th	Twinkle Twinkle Little Star	Theme from The Flintstones
Minor 6th	The Entertainer	Theme from Love Story
Major 6th	My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean	Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen
Minor 7th	Somewhere (from West Side Story)	
Major 7th		
Octave	Somewhere Over the Rainbow	

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