

Playing a Lead Sheet

A *lead sheet* consists of a melody with **chord symbols** shown above the staff. The chord symbols indicate the harmony to be played with your left hand.

Directions for The Blue Danube:

1. Play the melody alone (page 45).
2. Now play the Blocked Chord Warm-up below.
3. Next, play the melody with **blocked chords** on beat 1 of each measure. Follow the chord symbols!



Blocked Chord Warm-up

D D/F# bass* G A7 D

mf 1/3/5 1/3/5 1/3/5 1/2

*The letter after a slash mark indicates the **bass note** of a chord inversion.

4. Practice this Broken Chord Warm-up.
5. Lastly, play the melody slowly with this L.H. accompaniment. See the example below.

Broken Chord Warm-up

D D/F# G A7 D

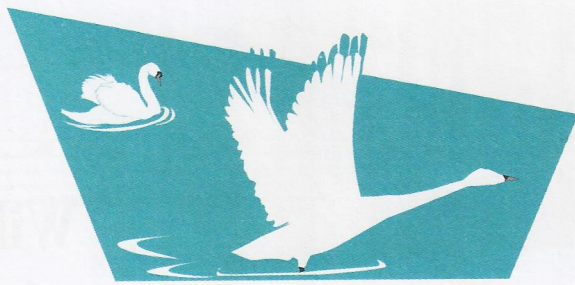
mp 5 1/3 5 1/3 5 1/3 5 1/3

Example:

(No Chord) N.C. D N.C. A7

1 3 5 1 5

5 1/3 5 5 1/3



Lead Sheet for The Blue Danube*

Key of ___ Major

Johann Strauss II
(1825-1899, Austria)

Moderato

N.C. (No Chord) D

N.C. [5]

Musical notation for measures 1-5. Measure 1: *mp*, fingerings 1, 3, 3. Measure 2: *pp*, fingering 5. Measure 3: *pp*, fingering 5. Measure 4: *mp*, fingering 1. Measure 5: *mp*, fingering 1.

Musical notation for measures 6-9. Measure 6: *pp*, fingering 5. Measure 7: *mp*, fingering 1. Measure 8: *pp*, fingerings 2, 3. Measure 9: *pp*, fingering 5.

Musical notation for measures 10-13. Measure 10: *mp*, fingerings 3, 1. Measure 11: *mp*, fingerings 2, 3. Measure 12: *pp*, fingering 5. Measure 13: *mp*, fingerings 2, 1.

Musical notation for measures 14-21. Measure 14: *mf*, fingerings 1, 2, 3. Measure 15: *p*, fingering 5. Measure 16: *p*, fingering 5. Measure 17: *mp*, fingerings 2, 1. Measure 18: *mp*, fingering 5. Measure 19: *mp*, fingering 5. Measure 20: *mp*, fingering 2. Measure 21: *mp*, fingering 2.

Musical notation for measures 22-25. Measure 22: *mf*, fingering 5. Measure 23: *p*, fingering 5. Measure 24: *mp*, fingerings 3, 1. Measure 25: *mp*, fingering 1. Measure 26: *mf*, fingering 1. Measure 27: *mf*, fingering 1. Measure 28: *mf*, fingering 1. Measure 29: *mf*, fingering 1. Measure 30: *mf*, fingering 1.

Musical notation for measures 31-34. Measure 31: *mf*, fingering 5. Measure 32: *p*, fingering 3. Measure 33: *mp*, fingering 1. Measure 34: *mp*, fingering 2. Measure 35: *mp*, fingering 1. Measure 36: *mp*, fingering 5. Measure 37: *mf*, fingering 1. Measure 38: *mf*, fingering 2. Measure 39: *mf*, fingering 2. Measure 40: *mf*, fingering 2.

*The Danube River is the second largest river in Europe.