Easy Piano Songs With Letter Notes

20 songs, all out of copyright, sorted by how long you've been playing. Right hand only, unless a left hand is shown.



Middle C is the C nearest the middle of the keyboard, marked C4. Every C sits just left of a pair of black keys.

The letters name the white keys going up: C D E F G A B, then C again. A ♯ after a letter means the black key just to its right.

A line (|) ends each bar.

First week

The right hand only, on five neighboring white keys, with no black keys.

Hot Cross Buns

Traditional

Three notes, C to E, right hand only.

E D C | E D C | C C C C D D D D | E D C

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Traditional

Four notes, C to G, right hand only.

E D C D | E E E | D D D | E G G | E D C D | E E E E | D D E D | C

When the Saints Go Marching In

Traditional

Five notes, C to G, right hand only.

C E F | G | C E F | G | C E F G E | C E | D | E E D | C C | E G G | F E F | G E | C D | C

Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven

Five notes, C to G, right hand only.

E E F G | G F E D | C C D E | E D D | E E F G | G F E D | C C D E | D C C

Jingle Bells (chorus)

James Lord Pierpont

Five notes, C to G, right hand only.

E E E | E E E | E G C D | E | F F F F | F E E E | E D D E | D G | E E E | E E E | E G C D | E | F F F F | F E E E | G G F D | C

First month

One hand that moves out of those five keys.

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Traditional

The right hand only, C to A: your hand moves out of one five-key position.

C C G G | A A G | F F E E | D D C | G G F F | E E D | G G F F | E E D | C C G G | A A G | F F E E | D D C

London Bridge Is Falling Down

Traditional

The right hand only, C to A: your hand moves out of one five-key position.

G A G F | E F G | D E F | E F G | G A G F | E F G | D G | E C

Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Traditional

The right hand only, C to A: your hand moves out of one five-key position.

C C C G | A A G | E E D D | C | C C C G | A A G | E E D D | C

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

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The right hand only, C4 to C5: your hand moves out of one five-key position.

C C | C D E | E D E F | G | C C C G G G | E E E C C C | G F E D | C

Happy Birthday

Mildred J. Hill and Patty Hill

The right hand only, G3 to G4: your hand moves out of one five-key position.

G G | A G C | B G G | A G D | C G G | G E C | B A F F | E C D | C

Brahms' Lullaby

Johannes Brahms

The right hand only, D4 to C5: your hand moves out of one five-key position.

E E | G E E | G E G | C B A A | G D E F | D D E F | D F B A G B | C

Morning Mood Edvard Grieg

The right hand only, C to A: your hand moves out of one five-key position.

G E D C | D E G E | D C D E | D E G E | G A E A | G E D C

Amazing Grace Traditional American tune (New Britain)

The right hand only, G3 to G4: your hand moves out of one five-key position.

G | C E C | E D | C A | G G | C E C | E D | G | G E | G E C | E D | C A | G G | C E C | E D | C

Joy to the World Lowell Mason (the tune Antioch)

The right hand only, C4 to C5: your hand moves out of one five-key position.

C B A | G F | E D | C G | A A | B B | C

Silent Night Franz Xaver Gruber

The right hand only, E4 to D5: your hand moves out of one five-key position.

G A G | E | G A G | E | D D | B | C C | G | A A | C B A | G A G | E

Deck the Halls Traditional Welsh carol

The right hand only, B3 to G4: your hand moves out of one five-key position.

G F E D | C D E C | D E F D E D | C B C | G F E D | C D E C | D E F D E D | C B C

First three months Both hands together, black keys, or more than an octave.

Für Elise (opening) Ludwig van Beethoven

The right hand only, with black keys (D♯ and G♯).

E D♯ | E D♯ E B D C | A C E A | B E G♯ B | C E E D♯ | E D♯ E B D C | A C E A | B E C B | A

Minuet in G Christian Petzold

The right hand only, with black keys (F♯).

D G A B C | D G G | E C D E F♯ | G G G | C D C B A | B C B A G | F♯ G A B G | A

Canon in D (simplified, in C) Johann Pachelbel

Both hands together: the left hand plays one note at a time under the tune.

Right hand E D | C B | A G | A B

Left hand C G | A E | F C | F G

Chopsticks Euphemia Allan

Both hands together: the left hand plays one note at a time under the tune.

Right hand G G G | G G G | G G G | G G G | B B B | B B B | C

Left hand F F F | F F F | E E E | E E E | D D D | D D D | C

Listen first.
Play it on our website to hear its rhythm, then play along with the letters.

Then the right hand.
Learn each song with the right hand alone.

Then the left hand.
When you can play it without stopping, try the left hand on its own, then put the two together slowly.

Songs I can play

Song	Started	Plays it slowly	Plays it without stopping

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