

# The Children's Harp Hymn Chart

## *Exciting Discovery . . .*

When our Children's Harp hymnal arrived, I looked through it and placed it with our other hymnbooks. Several weeks later when I was looking for another hymn for a young student to play, the exciting truth hit me . . . here was a collection of hymns appealing to young minds and in simplified arrangements! What a perfect opportunity for beginning piano students! The next challenge was to organize the songs in the book in a way that would make it simple to decide which songs to assign each student at their individual level.

## *Explanation of Chart*

- Every song in the Children's Harp hymnal is represented in the Hymn Chart.
- Songs are categorized by key signatures and then further divided into three levels. The levels correspond roughly with Levels 1-3 of a general piano method series (such as Bastien or Schaum or Alfred). The levels are somewhat arbitrary, so you may disagree with me on a few.
- NOTE: The Levels 1-3 of this Children's Harp chart DO NOT correspond with the Levels 1-3 of the previous hymn charts that I made for the Hymns of Zion, Zion's Harp, etc. In fact, in many cases, Level 3 in the Children's Harp Chart is similar to Level 1 in the other books.
- The song number is preceded by a few key words from the title. (Since we are not very familiar with the song numbers and corresponding titles in this new book, I wanted to include more than just the numbers; however, typing the titles in their entirety would have taken up too much room.)
- A "\*" after a song number: The hymn is conducive to adding chords for harmony in the bass clef. For beginning students, playing a chord at the beginning of each measure is usually sufficient.
- A "+" after a song number: The hymn can easily be played as a duet (often with one student playing the treble clef and the other student playing the bass clef). Actually, any of numbers in Level 3 could also work as a duet.

## *Suggested Uses of the Chart*

### The basic idea

- Each student should have their own copy of the chart. There is a place for their name on the first page.
- The boxes may be used to check off songs as they are played. Obviously, this is used only as a guide and for a record. Students are not required to complete all the songs in one level or key signature before moving on to the next.

- I would also recommend hi-lighting (or somehow marking) a hymn when it has been memorized.
- Some students like to put the date (month/year) in the box.

For your beginning students:

1. When choosing the next hymn to assign, try to correspond the key signature and level with what the student is working on in their method book.
2. Make sure that the song does not contain a type of note that they have not learned yet (such as a dotted quarter note or sixteenth note).
3. A chart with over a hundred hymns listed may look overwhelming. Offer a small reward (a sticker, a stick of gum, etc.) for every \_\_\_ number (maybe 5) of hymns mastered.
4. For songs (many in Level 1) with only a melody line, pencil in the chords for them to play for the bass clef harmony.
5. Pencil in finger numbers if needed.
6. Before moving on, make sure that they know the song well enough to sing along. That's when it gets fun!

For your more advanced students:

1. Use the hymns that they are not familiar with as sight-reading material.
2. Use the hymns marked with a "\*" to have your students determine the proper chords and add in their own harmony.
3. For hymns with only a treble clef, let the student experiment with different ways to add in harmony (broken chord, block chord, octave with a broken chord, parts of the chords, etc.) and then have them write their version of the bass clef harmony on staff paper.

*Final Note*

Of course, I do not profess that the chart is without errors. If you find any, feel free to let me know. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please communicate those to me also. (330-925-8328)

Anyone wanting additional copies of this chart may photocopy it themselves or request it through me at: Kendra Ramsier, 2377 Eastern Rd, Rittman OH 42270. Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. (Note: If you would like my earlier hymn charts which categories the hymns from the Hymns of Zion, Zion's Harp (both versions) and Gospel Hymns, you may send a SASE and \$1.50 OR if you know someone who has one, you may photocopy them yourself.)

May God bless you in your efforts to provide your students with the skills to praise and honor God through playing hymns!

Pianist's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Key of C** (no sharps or flats)

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Garden – 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Drop of H2O – 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Whatsoever – 42
<input type="checkbox"/> God Made – 11*	<input type="checkbox"/> Joy, Joy – 36*	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavenly Father – 54+
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Lamb – 14*	<input type="checkbox"/> Samuel – 83	<input type="checkbox"/> Lullaby – 99
<input type="checkbox"/> B-I-B-L-E – 23*	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 Disciples - 86	<input type="checkbox"/> Little Baby – 100
<input type="checkbox"/> Word Hid – 25*	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas – 107*	<input type="checkbox"/> Burdens Rolling - 126
<input type="checkbox"/> The Day – 41*	<input type="checkbox"/> Pretty Lilies – 114*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Song – 50*	<input type="checkbox"/> All Glory – 128	
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Light – 61*		
<input type="checkbox"/> All Have – 93		
<input type="checkbox"/> Raindrops – 113*		
<input type="checkbox"/> Jesus Living 125*		

**Key of F** (B flat)

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Lamb – 15*	<input type="checkbox"/> God Sees – 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Savior – 39
<input type="checkbox"/> Nearness – 19*	<input type="checkbox"/> Clock – 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Candle – 60+
<input type="checkbox"/> Softly Walk -- 29*	<input type="checkbox"/> Love Church –27	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Jesus – 49
<input type="checkbox"/> Come & Go – 30*	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunlight – 37*	<input type="checkbox"/> Thank Thee – 52
<input type="checkbox"/> Go Church – 31*	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishers – 87	<input type="checkbox"/> Gentle – 56
<input type="checkbox"/> Trust – 46*	<input type="checkbox"/> Shadrach – 80*	<input type="checkbox"/> Help Remember – 57
<input type="checkbox"/> Into Heart – 47*	<input type="checkbox"/> David – 81*	<input type="checkbox"/> Gideon – 82
<input type="checkbox"/> Worship – 48*	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold – 95	<input type="checkbox"/> Manger – 98
<input type="checkbox"/> Careful – 68*	<input type="checkbox"/> Everybody - 121	
<input type="checkbox"/> WorkTogether–74*	<input type="checkbox"/> At the Cross – 120	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mustard – 91*		
<input type="checkbox"/> Zaccheaus – 94*		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Jesus – 101*		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sleep, Baby – 103		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bible Tells – 109*		
<input type="checkbox"/> Can it Be – 116*		
<input type="checkbox"/> Love Jesus – 124*		

### Key of Bb (B and E flat)

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Wide, Wide – 22*	<input type="checkbox"/> Creation –1	<input type="checkbox"/> Yesterday –28
<input type="checkbox"/> Climb – 59*	<input type="checkbox"/> Loves Little – 20	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Like Me – 51
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Us Happy – 71*	<input type="checkbox"/> Dare to be – 79
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hosanna! – 123+

### Key of Eb (B, E, and A flat)

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Fly High – 8*	<input type="checkbox"/> God Can do - 33*	<input type="checkbox"/> Father's Word – 7
<input type="checkbox"/> God For Us – 34*	<input type="checkbox"/> Little Children–106	<input type="checkbox"/> Jesus Loves- 17
<input type="checkbox"/> Brave Daniel– 78*	<input type="checkbox"/> Story – 84	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Happy – 72
<input type="checkbox"/> CallsDisciples-88*	<input type="checkbox"/> Little Hand – 67	<input type="checkbox"/> Praise Him – 40
<input type="checkbox"/> Give Him – 111*	<input type="checkbox"/> Soldier – 65	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk With Me - 55
<input type="checkbox"/> Corner – 58	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Morn - 108
<input type="checkbox"/> Children Do – 66*		

### Key of Ab (B, E, A and D flat)

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Loves Little – 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Beauty – 9+
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sing, Shine – 63	<input type="checkbox"/> Love Jesus – 38
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Story –85	<input type="checkbox"/> Helpers – 70
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping – 104	<input type="checkbox"/> Noah – 76
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Glad Easter – 127

### Key of Db (B, E, A, D and G flat)

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> The Birds - 2

### Key of G (F sharp)

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Loves Me – 16*	<input type="checkbox"/> Which Way – 21	<input type="checkbox"/> Name is Love – 12
<input type="checkbox"/> Praise God – 32*	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunbeam – 62*	<input type="checkbox"/> Whisper - 43
<input type="checkbox"/> Read Bible – 26	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver & Gold – 90	<input type="checkbox"/> Solid Rock – 44
<input type="checkbox"/> Moses – 77*	<input type="checkbox"/> God Loved – 122	<input type="checkbox"/> Bids us Shine – 64
<input type="checkbox"/> Sailboat – 89*	<input type="checkbox"/> The Wise Man - 92	<input type="checkbox"/> Love God – 75
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive Trees – 105*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas – 97
<input type="checkbox"/> Loves Sing – 112*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Loves Me – 118
<input type="checkbox"/> Fairest Lord – 115		
<input type="checkbox"/> Long Ago – 119*		

### Key of D (F, and C sharp)

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
<input type="checkbox"/> God Good – 10*	<input type="checkbox"/> Cometh – 24*	<input type="checkbox"/> High in Glory – 53
<input type="checkbox"/> Jesus Lamb – 13	<input type="checkbox"/> Kind Words- 73*	<input type="checkbox"/> Heart - 69
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> Christmas – 110	<input type="checkbox"/> Best Gift – 102+	

### Key of A (F, C, and G sharp)

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost Sheep – 96*	<input type="checkbox"/> Wonderful – 35*	<input type="checkbox"/> Glory - 117
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School - 45	