

March Breve

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Keys to this piece:



Listen for a good dynamic balance; the LH should sound like a soft drum beat.



Exaggerate the articulation; keep fingertips firm for a crisp staccato; listen for a smooth legato when indicated.



Imagine soldiers marching as you keep a steady tempo and a strict dotted rhythm.

Allegro marcia (♩ = 108–116)

lean in and begin with a crisp gesture

sit up straight

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major). The score includes various dynamic markings (p, mf, f, ff, mp, sf), articulation marks (arc, LN), and performance instructions (sit up straight, sit up, sit up tall, gradually begin sitting up, sharp dramatic gesture). The piano part features a steady dotted rhythm in the left hand, often described as a 'soft drum beat'. The vocal line includes lyrics: 'Here come the sol-diers, watch them march. See how they stand so tall.' The score is numbered with measure numbers 5, 9, 13, and 17. The final measure is marked '8va'.