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PREFACE

The music student entering a class in harmony is in general insufficiently prepared with respect to basic principles—governing Rhythm, Meter, Intervals, Scales, Notation—and their correct application. In all phases of his teaching, the harmony teacher has to face the fact that his students have no solid foundation to build upon. There is little doubt that, save in a few exceptional cases, the methods by which those basic principles are taught are deplorable. Most musicians pick up what they know of these things at random, along with their accumulating knowledge of more “practical” musical matters. Others do go through courses in Elementary Training, but in general these courses provide hardly more than a certain amount of casual information, and even if in some subsequent courses in Dictation a weak attempt is made to fill the gaps left open in the beginning, no real fundamental knowledge can be gained by so defective a method.

This book seeks to provide exercises which—if applied in the right way—must infallibly supply such fundamental theoretical knowledge. It is by no means the first comprehensive attempt to discuss elementary material. It does not even pretend to present this material in an original form. Its content has been set forth and explained countless times before, and there are some excellent books on the subject in various languages. But in order to understand the best works in this field and to make the proper use of them, one must already be a fairly advanced musician. Such a musician will find in them a remarkably good survey of the basic material, but a beginner will hardly be in a position to digest the overwhelming mass and variety of facts and procedures, or to select what is useful for him. Moreover, the exercises given in such books (when any are given) are insufficient.

There is, on the other hand, no lack of less comprehensive, more specialized works, full of exercises for the beginner. But here the difficulty is that those books that try to give general theoretical instruction are either antiquated, in opinion and approach, or insufficient for a professional's education; and in most cases their exercises seem to be made for the author's satisfaction and self-assertion rather than for the student's profit, or they are so dry that even the most docile user cannot see their relationship to living music.

There are numerous highly specialized text-books on Dictation, Sight-Singing and Sight-Reading, Ear-Training, Clef-Reading, and other subdivisions of our subject. But anyone who wished to collect his knowledge

by picking it grain by grain out of comparatively elaborate books on comparatively minor subjects would have to spend years on that part of his musical education—which, after all, is but a preparation for more important things to come.

A musician brought up on the method of Solfège, as practised in countries under the influence of French or Italian musical culture, will probably deny that there could be any better method. And if one knows the comparatively high standard in sight-reading of melodic and rhythmic patterns (even higher in the rapid pronounciation of the solmisation syllables!) reached by students of this method, one is tempted to agree. But the disadvantages of this method show up later in the musician's course of study: it is extremely difficult to introduce students so trained to a higher conception of harmony and melody, and to bring them to a certain independence in their own creative work. They either cannot take the step out of their narrow concept of tonality (which by the uniform nomenclature for a tone *and* all its derivations is distorted almost to the point where reason turns into nonsense!), or they plunge more easily than others into what is assumed to be a new freedom: tonal disorder and incoherence.

There are still other methods which try to remedy the weakness of Solfège by expressing through all kinds of symbols (in writing, speech, and gesture) the meanings of the scale tones. These range from primitive information for amateurs to most consistently developed "functional" systems. The first category is negligible for the professional musician—unless he wants to specialize in the teaching of amateurs—since it leads him no further than the first steps in the spatial and temporal conception of music. The second category erects in addition to (or instead of) our normal everyday elementary training other systems of theory, the assimilation of which takes more effort and time than the musician not specializing in theory can well afford.

No textbook, whatever the honest intentions of its author, and whatever the quality of its plan and contents, will remain uncriticized. I can easily foresee what the objections to the present book will be.

It will be said that the book is too comprehensive to be used by everyone. The student seeking only some superficial information does not want to digest too many uninteresting things. The highly specialized musician of today, knowing thoroughly the facts and procedures in his particular field of activity, cannot be expected to know everything. Helpful as it may be for a future conductor to have some experience in reading the various clefs, it would be a waste of time for a pianist to bother with such special problems. To sing the right tones at the right time may prove valuable for a singer, but when will a violinist ever be asked to do so? The violinist, in turn, must learn to be fluent in reading

high notes, with many ledger lines, while such fluency can be of no value to a timpanist. Essential prerequisites for a player in an orchestra may be utterly unimportant for a virtuoso; increased knowledge of theoretical facts will not instantly improve a cellist's playing; practical experience in music is not necessarily a criterion for the quality of a composer's or theorist's ideas.

There is only one answer to these objections: they are unfounded. The exercises in this book are, in the first place, not written for the amateur's superficial information (although this kind of work will do him no harm, if he is interested). The words "for musicians" in the book's title define clearly its purpose. On the other hand, objections to all-round elementary training for musicians—such as is attempted in this book—can be voiced only by those who acquiesce in the present wide-spread deterioration in musical education.

Apparently the times are gone when no one was considered a good musician who did not possess, beyond his specialized instrumental or vocal achievements, a thorough knowledge of the subtle mechanism of music. Can the majority of to-day's great virtuosi stand a comparison of their theoretical knowledge with Liszt's, Rubinstein's, or Joachim's? Do not many of them bitterly complain that in their youth they were trained excessively in their special craft and not sufficiently in general musical subjects? Theoretical knowledge certainly will not directly improve a violinist's finger-technique; but is it not likely to broaden his musical horizon and influence his ability to interpret a composition? If our performers—players, singers, and conductors alike—had a better insight into the essentials of musical scores, we would not be faced with what seems to have become almost a rule in the superficially over-polished performances of today: either the rattling through of a piece without any reasonable articulation, without any deeper penetration into its character, tempo, expression, meaning, and effect—or the hyper-individualistic distortion of the ideas expressed in a composer's score.

As for singers, nobody denies that most of them are launched on their careers not because they show any extraordinary musical talents, but because they happen to have good voices. On account of this advantage a singer is usually excused from any but the most primitive musical knowledge—knowledge such as could be acquired by any normal mind in a few weeks of intelligent effort. Rare indeed is the singer nowadays who can do what you would expect to be the most normal of all the activities of a singing musician: hit a tone at any interval, even if it is not part of a simple stepwise progression or an easily understandable broken-chord melody, and even if it is not directly supported by its accompaniment. Would a singer not profit by being led through a severe course of general musical training? It certainly would not hurt his voice to gain some

additional knowledge, which, although it will not immediately further his vocal aims, amounts after all to no more than that minimum of basic facts that a professional musician is supposed to know.

Admittedly, a composer can have wonderful ideas without a background of highly developed practical experience. But is it really imaginable that without such experience he should be able to present his ideas in their strongest form, and exploit them to the fullest extent? Owing to the general decline of such experience, the composer, once venerated as a super-musician, nowadays occupies almost the lowest ranks of musicianship as far as handicraft is concerned. How few are the composers of today whose achievements are based on their activities as players or singers—in bygone times considered the only sound and stable basis for creative work! All too often we see it happen that a fellow who is not good enough—physically or intellectually—for any instrumental or vocal work still finds a comfortable and uncontested place in the field of composition. The decision to become a composer is in many cases based on no better musical talent than that of listening to records and turning them at the right time (when a mechanical record-changer doesn't eliminate even this last remainder of musical "activity"). Is it strange then, that any tootling, key-pounding, or merely victrola- and radio-active high-school boy who has not written his first symphony before he is through his first year of harmony is already looked on with scorn by his classmates?

I should think that in this situation any method would be welcomed that aimed at keeping our noble guild of composers free of the nitwits and the ungifted. No composer-to-be or future theory teacher who after some practising is not able to do the exercises in the present book easily and thoroughly should be admitted to more advanced theoretical work. In a higher sense he ought to be regarded as unfit for any professional musical activity—which process of reckless weeding out could only be advantageous to our entire musical culture.

For those however, who by their natural musical gift and intelligence are eligible for any of the branches of musical activity, such a method will be the sound basis for their further musical development. They will find in the present book all a musician needs as a preparation for higher theoretical and practical studies, offered without detours and evasions. The book does not use solmisation syllables, since they are misleading. It avoids special names and fancy symbols, since they distract attention from the main object: the knowledge of all the basic conventions and facts of musical theory and their traditional representation in written form. This knowledge is presented through the most intensive kind of work: exercises. The great number of exercises compels the student to practise seriously. Thus it will be demonstrated that Elementary Theory cannot

be learned by simply having superficial information handed out for one or two semesters, or without incessant exertion of the student's intellectual capacities. In his very first steps he must be converted from an attentive listener into a working musician. This can be accomplished only by making him articulate. The familiar type of theory class, in which one never hears a tone of music, sung or played, except for the chords pounded out on the piano by the teacher, must disappear! Such classes are as silly as is the usual splitting up of Elementary Training into separate courses of Instruction and Dictation, or of Harmony into "Written" and "Keyboard" courses. It certainly makes more demands upon a teacher to lead a class through an all-round course of theory or harmony, with its constant cross-references to the different sections of the student's activities, than to follow the comfortable, unimaginative path of a split-up course.

A lazy teacher will always present this excuse: How can a beginners' class be articulate if the students can neither sing nor play decently? The answer is that the teacher himself must make them sing and play—not like singers or advanced players, but so that they can open their mouths (willingly!) and produce tones just as any singer in a chorus does. It is quite common to find excellent instrumentalists (not to mention composers) who have gone through six or more years of practical and theoretical studies without ever having opened their mouths for the most natural of all musical utterances! What is true for singing is true for playing, too: every student can strike the keys of the piano enough to play primitive exercises, and if he is not constantly obliged to follow rules of fingering, hand position, and other technical directions, and if we give him time to practise those exercises, he may even develop a kind of unprejudiced, preliminary skill of playing, which can easily be used as a favorable preparation for future regular piano instruction. The same is true for all other instruments, on which, of course, many of the exercises can be played.

After these observations the aim of this book ought to be clear: it is *activity*. Activity for the teacher as well as for the student. Our point of departure is this advice to the teacher: Never teach anything without demonstrating it by writing and singing, or playing; check each exercise by a counter-exercise that uses other means of expression. And for the student: Don't believe any statement unless you see it demonstrated and proved; and don't start writing or singing or playing any exercise before you understand perfectly its theoretical purpose. To produce this kind of compelling activation demands some additional work from the teacher: the *statements* in this book are reduced to their shortest, most condensed form, which in most cases will be too difficult for the average student to understand. Hence the teacher is obliged to dilute and pre-

digest this material, he must find his own way to a more detailed demonstration. The *exercises*, on the other hand, are to be used in the form presented; but, even so, ample opportunity is given for further activities. Frequently enough the teacher will face the necessity of inventing additional exercises, and the student's imagination is constantly spurred by the recurring remark "Invent similar examples." Particularly eager students will find supplementary tests for their wits and their zeal in certain sections of exercises, marked "More difficult."

Each chapter of the book is divided into three sections, *A. Action in Time; B. Action in Space; C. Coordinated Action*. The first section contains exercises in Rhythm and Meter, both in their basic forms. Theories and exercises pertaining to the higher aspect of Rhythm—Musical Form—do not belong in this context of elementary training, but have their place in the curriculum of the advanced student, where they may be taught by the deductive method of Form Analysis, or the inductive method of Composition. (For similar reasons, no historical facts are given.) Action in Space comprises instruction about pitch, intervals, and scales, which in Coordinated Action is combined with the rhythmic and metric experiences of the first section. No information on chords, harmonic progression, or melodic structure is included, since this is likewise a part of more advanced theory courses. Interspersed in all three sections are complete courses in Notation and Dictation. Exercises for the latter, however, are given in the second part of the book, which during instruction in class is to be used by the teacher only, in order to preserve for the student the factor of unfamiliarity, essential to any kind of dictation.

The first two chapters contain exercises which without any effort can be done even by the most ungifted pupil. But from there on the material given can be mastered only by consistent practising, done in class and as homework. Even a talented student will notice that in order to overcome the progressively mounting difficulties he cannot depend on his musical instinct alone, but will be compelled to develop his ability to think logically, his acuteness, and his capacity for combining various elements. If teacher and student attack this task in the right spirit, as a well-coordinated team, the book's material will keep them busy for a year and a half or two years.

The question may arise how this material can be incorporated in a normal student's curriculum. My opinion is that nobody should be admitted to a harmony class unless he is able to do the exercises in at least the first two thirds of this book. The advantages are obvious: a student thoroughly trained in the basic principles of music is undoubtedly better prepared than other students for the understanding of harmonic technique and for rapid progress in mastering it. Such well-prepared

students will not need other auxiliary courses (such as dictation and other *pontes asinorum*).

The book grew out of the demands of my classes in theory, and was written for the benefit of my students. Needless to say, then: all the examples have been tested thoroughly, and only those have been included that have proved their usefulness—this as an answer to the fears of the doubtful and the short-sighted.

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Part One

STATEMENTS AND EXERCISES

Invent similar examples.

5. Instead of singing the tone, play it on an instrument and tap the rhythm with one foot. If you use the piano:


- (a) Play each exercise with the right hand and tap the rhythm;
- (b) Play with the left hand; tap;
- (c) Play with the right hand; tap the rhythm with the left hand;
- (d) Play with the left hand; tap with the right hand.




You will notice that there is a remarkable difference in difficulty between (c) and (d), and in similar cases throughout the book. Try each of these reversed-hands examples in very slow tempo at first, increasing the speed with each playing. More than any other exercises these will prove a touchstone for your independence of physical action and mental coordination.

6. Do all these examples in an accelerated tempo.

— DICTATION 1

NOTATION: The rhythms and the different lengths of tones in the preceding exercises can be represented by notes:


○ = *whole-note*; corresponds with the tones whose duration was four claps or taps (metric beats), 

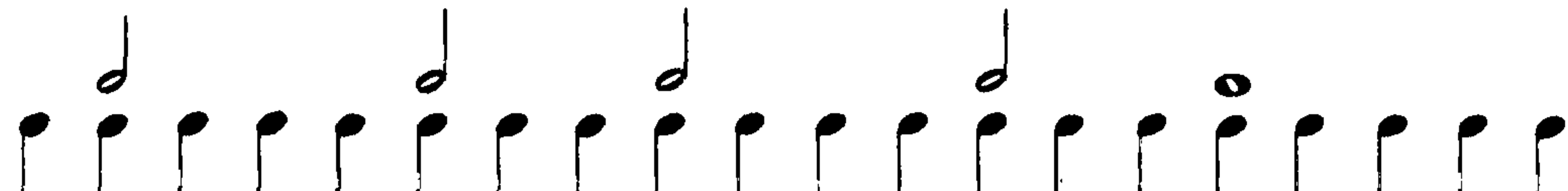
 or  = *half-note*; duration of two beats:  The dash is called a *stem*. Up-stems are attached to the right side of the note-head, down-stems to the left.

 or  = *quarter-note*; one beat |

— EXERCISE 2 —

1. Sing and tap as before:

(a) 

(b) 

(c)

(d)

(e)

— *DICTION 2* —

NOTATION: (1) The omission of tones or rhythms is indicated by *rests*:

= silence equalling
 =
 =

(2) The ending of each example is marked by a *double bar*:

— EXERCISE 3 —

1. Play and tap as before:

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)



2. Invent, sing, and play similar examples.

— *DICTION 3*

B. Action in Space




The most primitive form of “spatial” action in music is expressed by singing or playing tones of different *pitch*.


— EXERCISE 4 —

1. Sing one steady tone of a few seconds’ duration at a pitch comfortable for your voice; then sing a tone of a somewhat higher pitch; go back to the first tone; sing a tone somewhat lower; go back to the first tone.
2. The three tones may be marked m (middle), h (high), l (low). Now sing the following exercises:
 - (a) m m h m
 - (b) m l m l m
 - (c) m h m m l m
 - (d) m l l m h h m
 - (e) h m l m h m
 - (f) l m l m h m l m h m
 - (g) h l m l h m h l m
 - (h) l h h l l h m

3. Invent similar exercises.

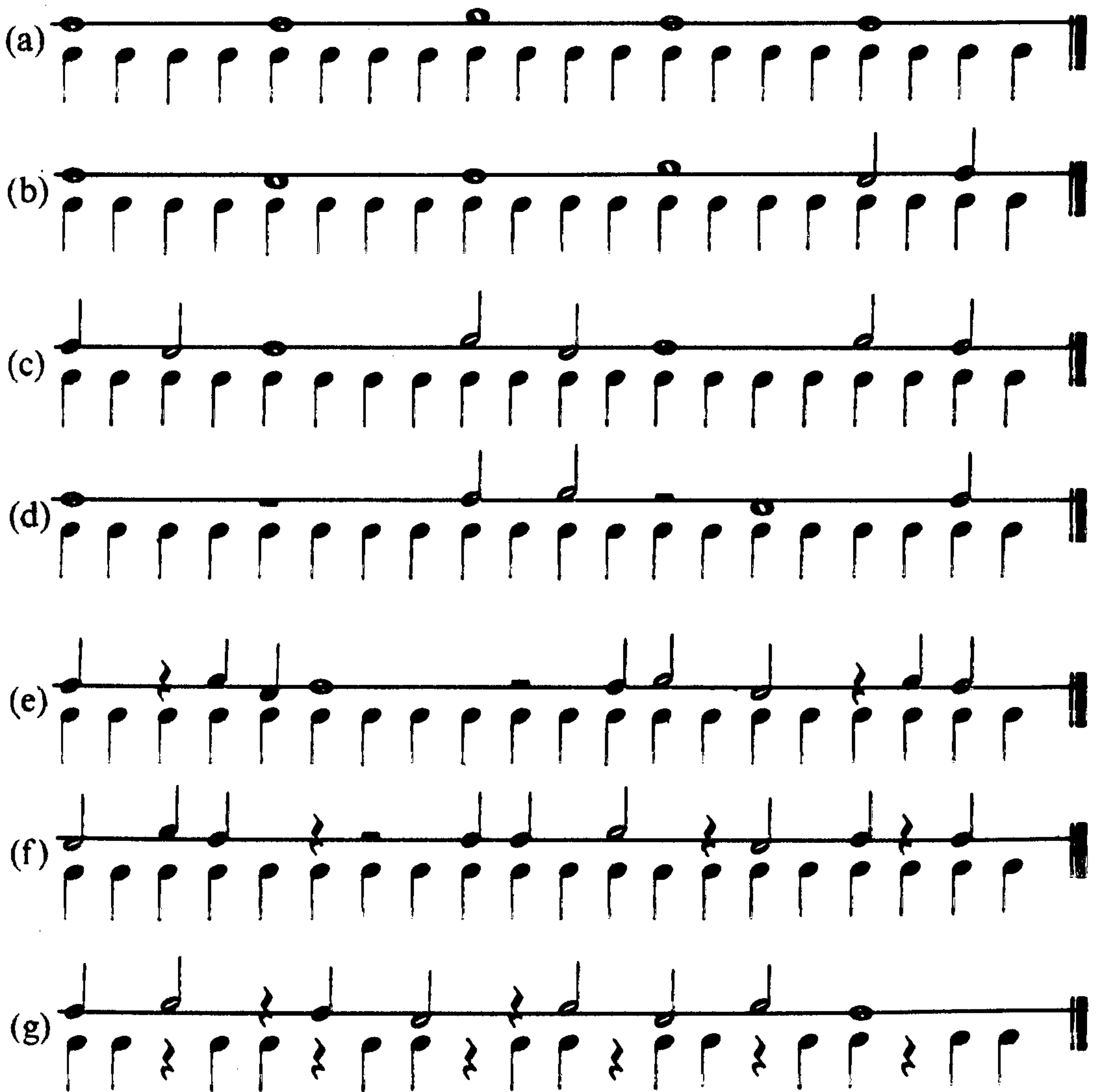
C. Coordinated Action

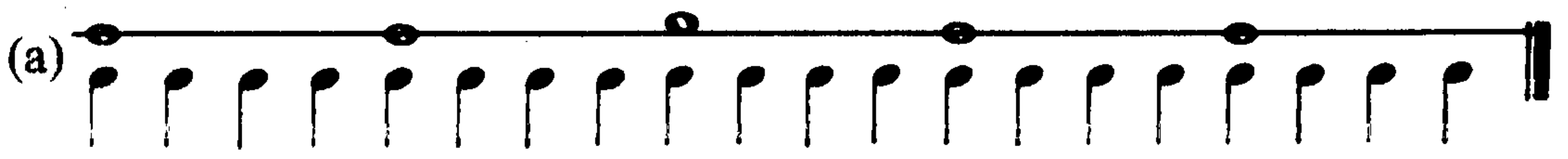
Our three symbols of note-values (, , ) may be placed upon, above, or below a line, marking the position of the middle, high, or low tone.

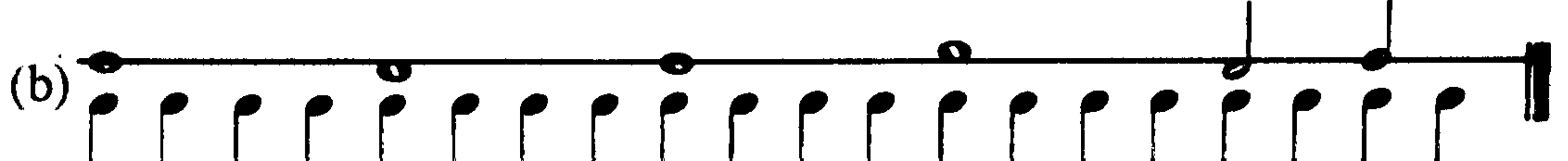
NOTATION: The rest equivalent to  (whole-rest) is written hanging down from the line; the half-rest sticks up from the line; the quarter-rest can be placed above, on, or below the line.

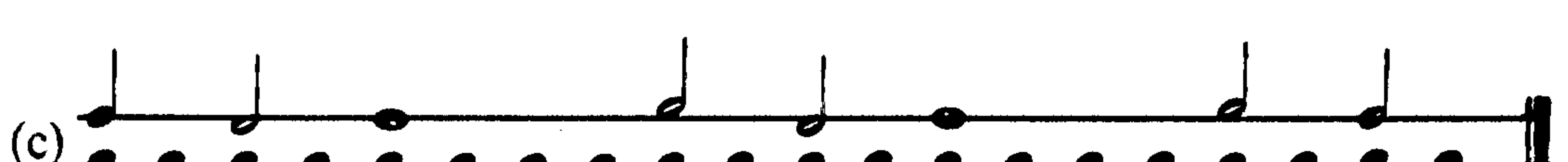
— EXERCISE 5 —


1. Sing the notes; tap the beats:





(a) 


(b) 

(c) 

(d) 

(e) 

(f) 

(g) 

CHAPTER II

A. Action in Time

The rhythmic values of \circ , \circ and \bullet , and the equivalent rests may be organized in regular groups of two or four beats.

NOTATION: (1) Such groups are divided by *bar-lines*: $| \quad | \quad |$ The space

between two bar-lines is called a *measure*.

(2) The constant number of beats between two bar-lines is indicated at the beginning of each example by the numerator of a common fraction (*time-signature*). The denominator shows what unit is to be counted as one beat

($\bullet = \frac{1}{4}\circ$): $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{4}{4}$. $\frac{4}{4}$ -time may also be marked **C**

(3) The rest for a complete measure is always ▬ , whatever the time-signature may be, and it is always placed in the middle of the measure.

A note filling a complete measure is also placed in the middle of the measure except when shorter notes are written above or below it, to be sounded simultaneously with it. In such cases the long note is placed at the beginning of the measure.

— EXERCISE 6 —

1. Play (any tone) and tap. (In playing the piano follow the instructions given in Ex. 1, par. 5, p. 4.)

(a) $\frac{2}{4}$

(b) $\frac{4}{4}$

(c) $\frac{2}{4}$

(d) C

2. Invent similar examples, write them down, and play them.

3. Play and count aloud (instead of tapping):

(a) $\frac{2}{4}$

(b) $\frac{4}{4}$

(c) $\frac{2}{4}$

(d) C

4. Invent similar examples, write them down, and play them.

— *Dictation 5*

5. Sing. Instead of counting aloud, count mentally.

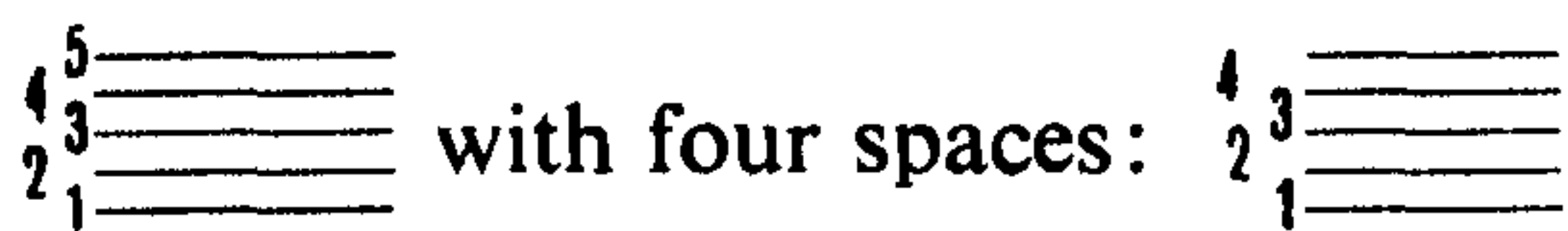
(a) $\frac{4}{4}$

B. Action in Space

The middle, high, and low tones used in the preceding chapter are now to be used as tones of fixed pitch, having a fixed pitch-relationship to one another.

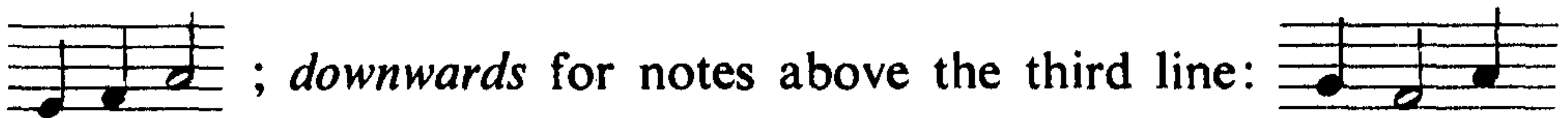
The middle tone is the tone *a*, which is to be found by using a tuning fork that produces this tone. In examples to be sung, women's and children's voices sing this tone; men's voices sing the tone *a* in the register comfortable for them (one octave lower).

NOTATION: (1) The one line used before is insufficient for higher purposes. We replace it by the *staff*, consisting of 5 lines:



(2) The tones are represented by the note-values (○ ♪ ♫) placed upon the lines or in the spaces:

(3) The stems of notes are drawn *upwards* for notes below the third line:



The stems of notes on the third line may be drawn in either direction, but are more often drawn downwards.

(4) The name and meaning of the notes are determined by *clefs*.

The *g*- or *treble* clef: winds around the second line: , the note on this line being called *g*:

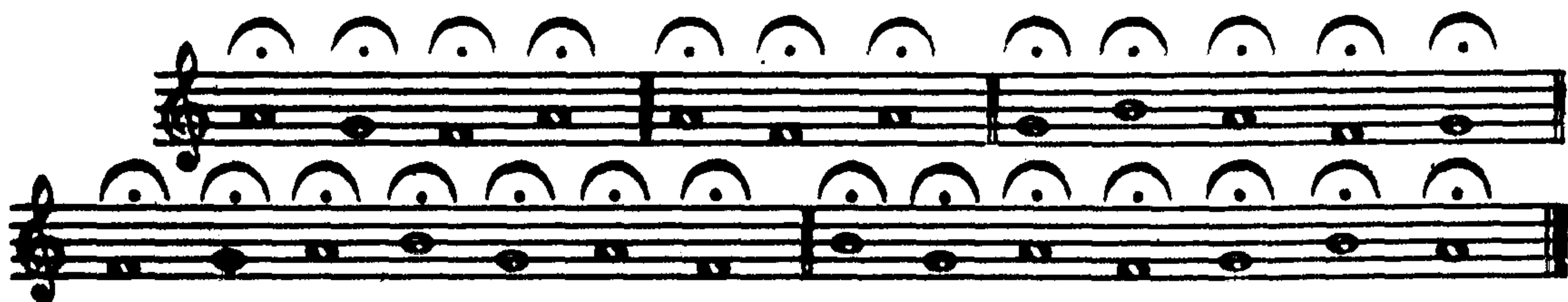
(5) This tone *g* is the lower neighbor of the tone *a*, produced by the tuning

fork: The highest of our three tones is *b*:

In examples to be sung, the procedure is always as follows:

- (a) strike the tuning fork;
- (b) taking its tone, *a*, as a starting-point, try to hear in your imagination the first tone of the example;
- (c) sing this tone first; then the other tones of the example.

2. Sing:



— DICTATION 7

C. Coordinated Action

— EXERCISE 9 —

1. Sing, clapping or tapping:

(Whenever you find two lines of notes in this book, the lower one, not written on a staff, is to be tapped or clapped.)

(a) Musical notation for exercise (a). It consists of two staves. The upper staff has notes with stems pointing down. The lower staff has notes with stems pointing up.

(b) Musical notation for exercise (b). It consists of two staves. The upper staff has notes with stems pointing down. The lower staff has notes with stems pointing up.

(c) Musical notation for exercise (c). It consists of two staves. The upper staff has notes with stems pointing down. The lower staff has notes with stems pointing up.

(d)

Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes with beams. The bottom staff provides a bass line with quarter notes and eighth notes, including rests.

2. Play (as in Ex. 1, par. 5, p. 4):

(a)

Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes with beams. The bottom staff provides a bass line with quarter notes and eighth notes, including rests.

(b)

Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes with beams. The bottom staff provides a bass line with quarter notes and eighth notes, including rests.

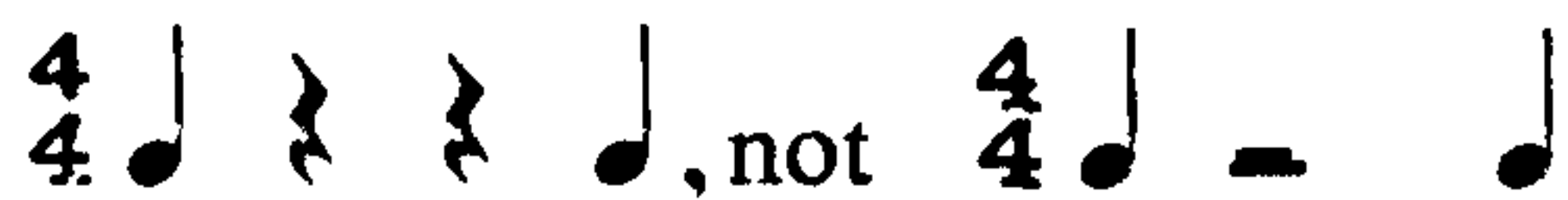
(c)

Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes with beams. The bottom staff provides a bass line with quarter notes and eighth notes, including rests.

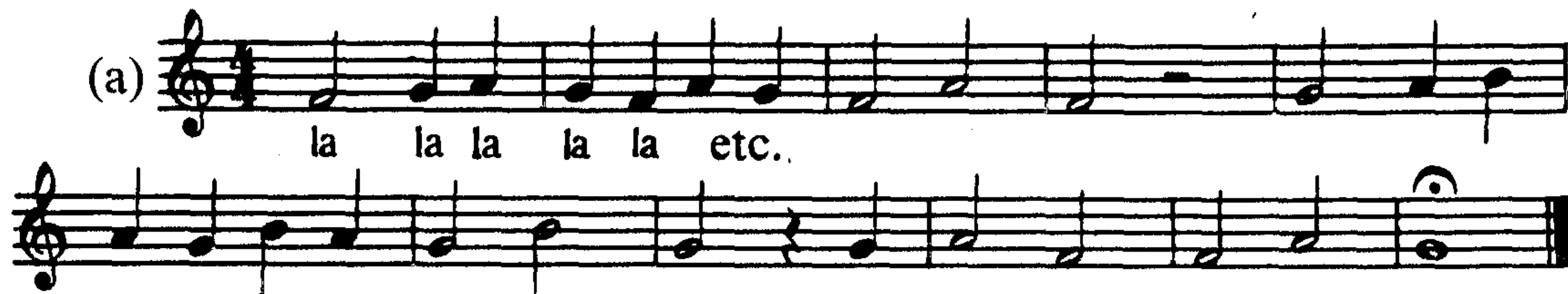
(d)

Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes with beams. The bottom staff provides a bass line with quarter notes and eighth notes, including rests.

NOTATION: A rest for the two middle quarters of a $\frac{4}{4}$ measure is written:



3. Sing rather fast, counting mentally:

(a) 




(b) 


(c) 


(d) 

CHAPTER III

A. Action in Time

In the preceding exercises the unit of a rhythmic beat was indicated by , the quarter-note. The two other note-values counted two beats () and four beats () respectively. Instead of multiplying the quarter-note, we can divide it into *eighth*-notes or *sixteenth*-notes.

NOTATION: (1) Single eighth-notes are written like quarters, but with a *flag* or *hook* added to the stem: . The flag is always attached to the right-hand side, regardless of the upward or downward direction of the stem.

Single sixteenth-notes have two flags: . The corresponding rests are

 and  *

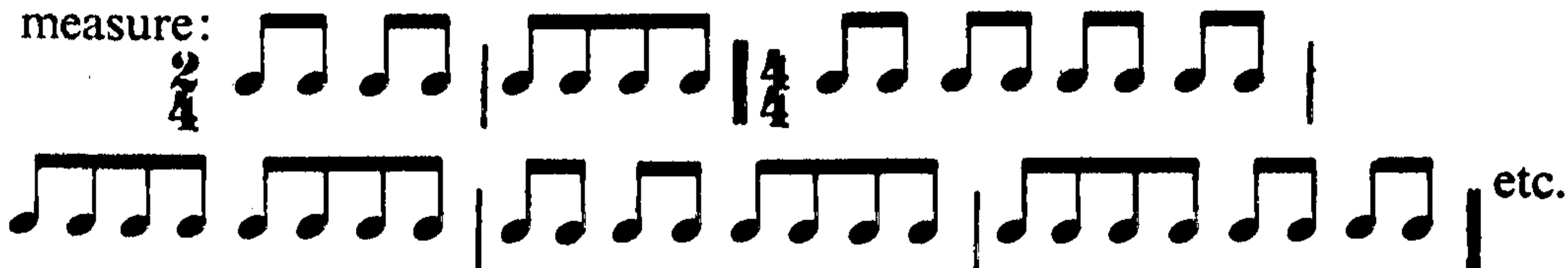
(2) Two or more  or  may be connected by a *beam*:



also in combinations:



(3) The beams of eighth-notes mark either the quarters or the halves of a measure:





Less desirable:



Not:



*The eighth-rest  is easily confused with  which in some French, Italian, and English editions is used as a quarter-rest.

The beams of sixteenth-notes mark the eighths or quarters:



Less desirable:



In $\frac{4}{4}$ time they do not connect the second and third quarters. Not:



For combined beams the quarter is generally used as the unit in $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{4}{4}$:



Less frequently: $\frac{4}{4}$ etc.

(4) The distribution of the beams in $\frac{4}{4}$ follows the rule that the two halves of a $\frac{4}{4}$ measure must be recognizable. In measures where no beams occur it is not always possible to maintain this division strictly. Sometimes it can be maintained only in less perfect form when one note ($\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$) is placed in the middle of the measure, so that one half of its value belongs to the second beat and the other to the third:



But the following, which completely contradicts this rule, is very unclear:



The notation of such complex rhythmic patterns will be explained in Chapter IV.





(5) Direction of stems in groups connected by beams: upwards or downwards according to the general statement on page 12 (Notation, par. 3). In groups of notes some of which would require upward and some downward stems, all stems are drawn in the same direction, which is that required by the note farthest from the middle line:



In doubtful cases, downward stems are generally preferable:

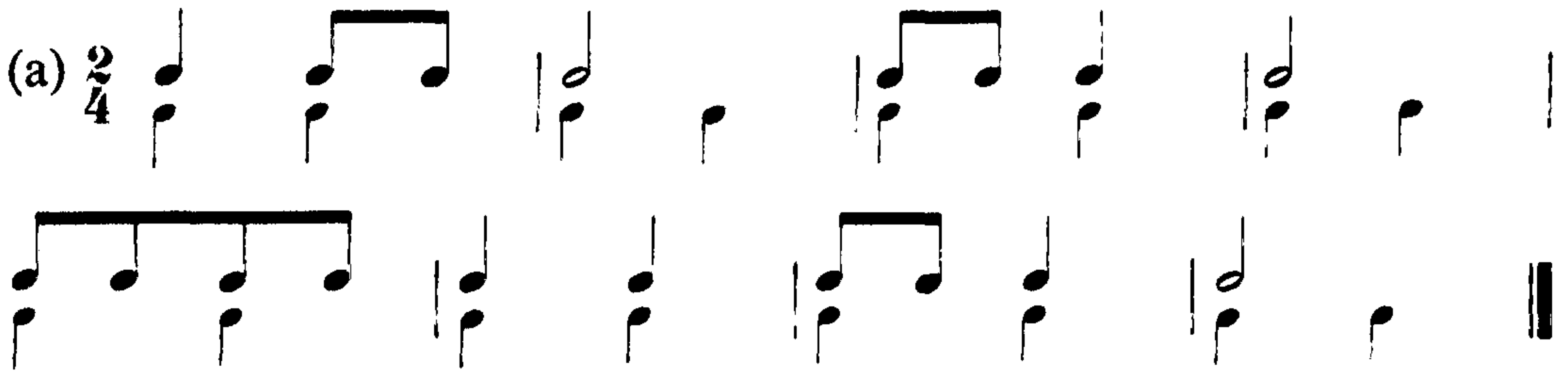


Question: What is the number of

- (a) eighths in , in 
- (b) sixteenths in , in 

— EXERCISE 10 —

1. Sing:

(a) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

(b) C 

(c) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

(d) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

More difficult:

(e) $\frac{4}{4}$

(f) $\frac{2}{4}$

(g) $\frac{2}{4}$

(h) C

NOTATION: A rest for the two middle eighths in $\frac{2}{4}$ time or in one of the halves

of a $\frac{4}{4}$ measure is written

not

2. Play:

(a) $\frac{2}{4}$

(b) $\frac{4}{4}$

(c) $\frac{2}{4}$

(d) C

More difficult:

(e) $\frac{2}{4}$

(f) C

(g) 2/4

— DICTATION 10

3. Sing, counting mentally:

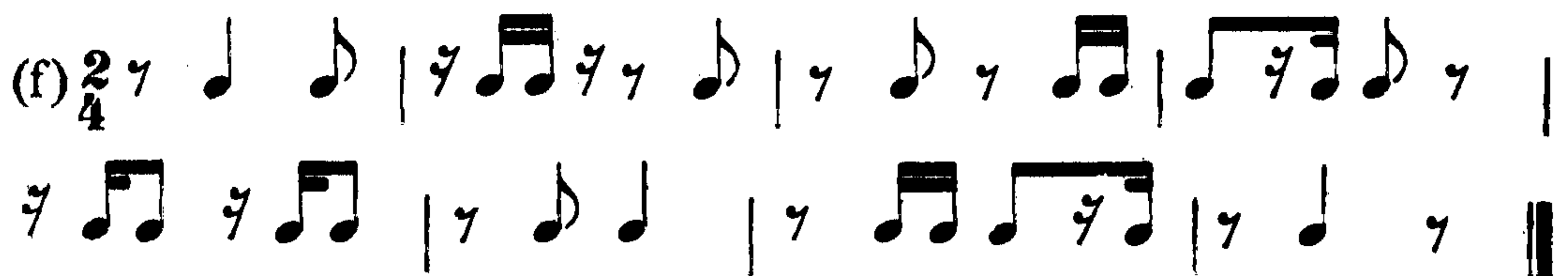
(a) 2/4

(b) 4/4

(c) 2/4

(6) Sometimes the beams are written bridging over a bar line. This is to be regarded as abnormal, however, and should be applied only when a complicated rhythmic distribution of notes would gain in legibility by this kind of notation.

More difficult:



— DICTATION 11

B. Action in Space

To our four tones *f g a b* we add one higher tone (*c*) and one lower (*e*). The distance between each of these two tones and its neighbor (*c-b* and *e-f*) is, unlike that between any other two adjacent tones used hitherto, not a whole-tone, but a *half-tone*.


— EXERCISE 11 —


1. Try to sing: *a* (use the fork) *b c*; check the *c* on the piano; *a g f e*; check the *e*.

NOTATION:

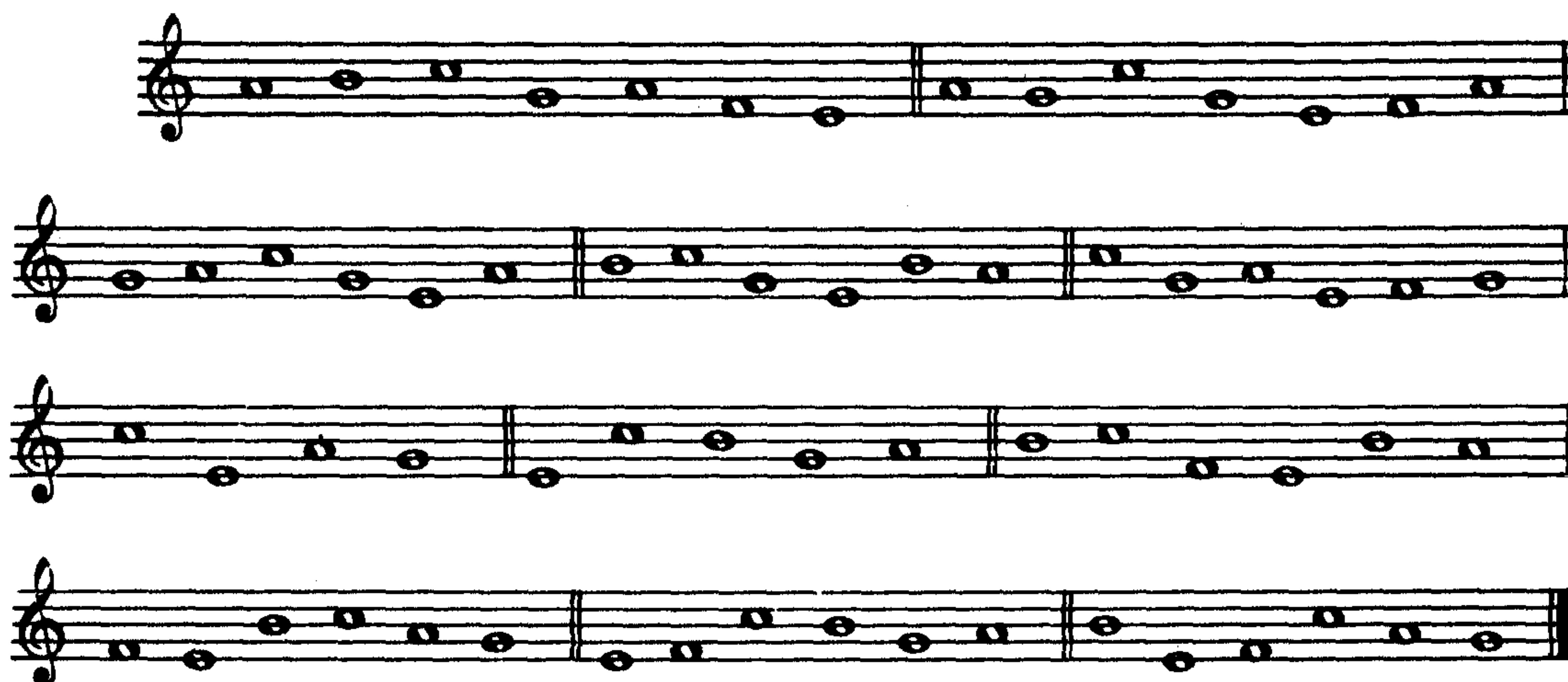


In notation there is no distinction between whole-tone and half-tone steps. Compare the notation of the whole-tone step *g-a* with that of the half-tone

b-c:  (in both cases: a line and the next higher space).
space).

Similarly: 

2. Sing with a hold or fermata on each tone:



— DICTATION 12

C. Coordinated Action

— EXERCISE 12 —

1. Sing:



(b)

Exercise (b) consists of two staves of music in common time (C). The upper staff features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including some beamed eighth notes. The lower staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes, often using rests to indicate specific rhythmic patterns.

(c)

Exercise (c) consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time. The upper staff has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff has a rhythmic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes, including some rests.

More difficult:

(d)

Exercise (d) consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time. The upper staff features a more complex melodic line with sixteenth and thirty-second notes. The lower staff has a rhythmic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes, including some rests.

(e)

Exercise (e) consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time. The upper staff has a melodic line with sixteenth and thirty-second notes. The lower staff has a rhythmic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes, including some rests.

(f)

Exercise (f) consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time. The upper staff has a melodic line with sixteenth and thirty-second notes. The lower staff has a rhythmic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes, including some rests.

2. Play (see remark 5 on page 4):

(a)

Exercise (a) consists of two staves of music in 2/4 time. The upper staff features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including some beamed eighth notes. The lower staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes.

(b)

Exercise (b) consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The upper staff contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The lower staff features a rhythmic accompaniment with quarter notes and rests.

(c)

Exercise (c) consists of two staves of music in 2/4 time. The upper staff has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including some beamed eighth notes. The lower staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with quarter notes and rests.

More difficult:

(d)

Exercise (d) consists of two staves of music in 2/4 time. The upper staff features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including some beamed eighth notes. The lower staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with quarter notes and rests.

(e)

Exercise (e) consists of three staves of music in 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The second and third staves continue the melodic and rhythmic patterns with various note values and rests.

(f)

Exercise (f) consists of two staves of music in 2/4 time. The first staff features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The second staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes and rests.

— *DICTATION 13*

3. Play, counting the beats aloud. (Don't sing.)

(a)

Exercise (a) consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Below the first staff, the numbers "1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 etc." are written to indicate beat counting. The second staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment.

(b)

Exercise (b) consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The second staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes and rests.

In order to facilitate the counting of complicated rhythmic patterns, one may count each beat with two syllables, thus:

one-and, two-and, etc.

(c) Musical notation for exercise (c) in 2/4 time. The first staff shows a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes and rests. Below the staff, the counting syllables are written: "1 and 2 and 1 and 2 and etc.". The second staff continues the pattern.

Continuation of the musical notation for exercise (c) on a second staff.

More difficult:

(d) Musical notation for exercise (d) in 4/4 time. The first staff shows a complex rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Continuation of the musical notation for exercise (d) on a second staff.

(e) Musical notation for exercise (e) in 2/4 time. The first staff shows a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

Continuation of the musical notation for exercise (e) on a second staff.

(f) Musical notation for exercise (f) in 4/4 time. The first staff shows a complex rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Continuation of the musical notation for exercise (f) on a second staff.

4. Sing, counting mentally:

CHAPTER IV

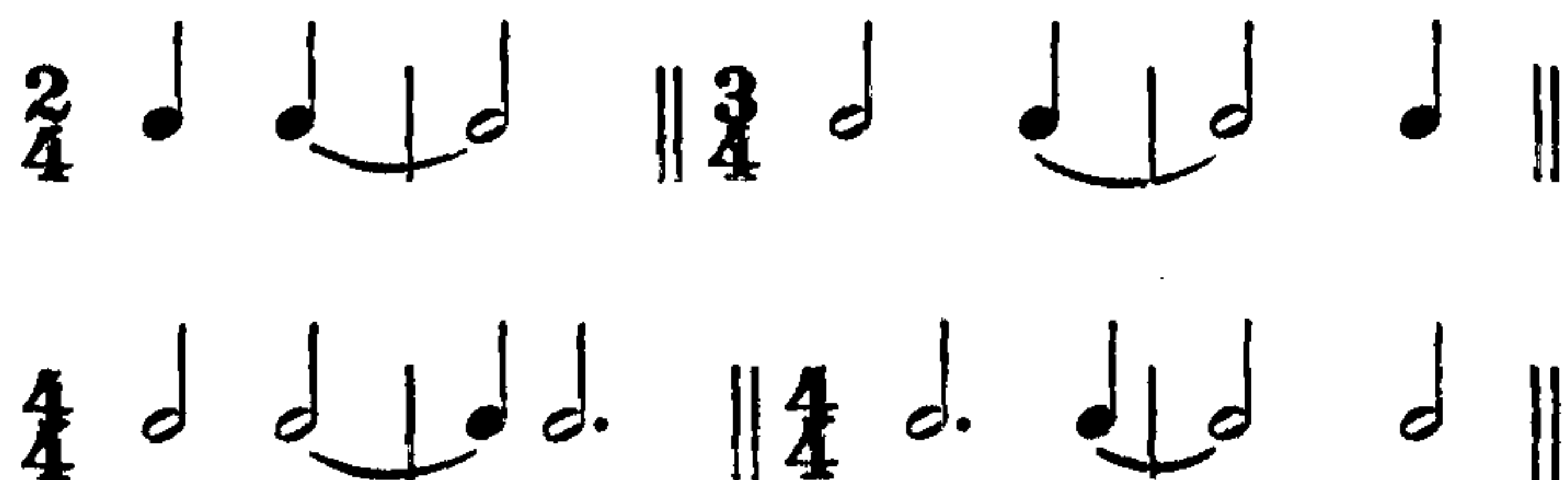
A. Action in Time

We use tones with a duration of three beats.

NOTATION: (1) There is no independent rhythmic symbol for such a tone. We write it with the next smaller (two-beat) value and add a dot. The dot adds to the note one half of its rhythmic value (*augmentation dot*):

$\text{♩.} = \text{♩} + \text{♩}$; consequently: one ♩. contains ♩ , and
 ♩ (fill in).

(2) The dotted half-note (♩.) may fill an entire measure; the time-signature for such a measure is $\frac{3}{4}$. Or it is put into the context of $\frac{4}{4}$ or $\frac{2}{4}$ measures. It may be so placed that its duration is divided by the bar line into unequal parts, in $\frac{3}{4}$ as well as in $\frac{2}{4}$ or $\frac{4}{4}$. In such cases the augmentation dot is replaced by a *tie*:



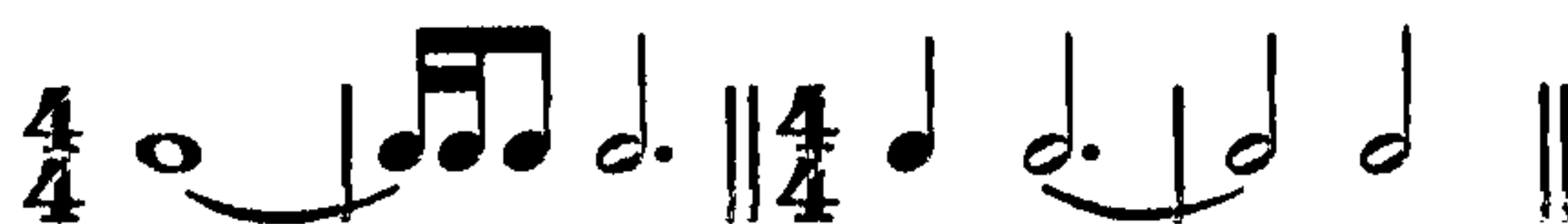
$\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and $\frac{4}{4}$ are called *simple meter*.

A dotted half-note cannot be used as the middle note in a $\frac{4}{4}$ measure so that $\frac{3}{8}$ of its value are a part of the first half of the measure, and the other $\frac{3}{8}$ of the second. (See p. 18, Notation 4.) Not $\frac{4}{4}$ $\text{♩} \text{♩.} \text{♩}$ | When this rhythmic

figure occurs it can only be written with tied notes which show clearly the distribution of note-values in a $\frac{4}{4}$ measure as mentioned before:



(3) The tie is also used when any other note-value extends from one measure into the next, divided by the bar-line into either equal or unequal parts:



(4) Augmentation dots are not used in combination with half-rests, in simple meter.* The equivalent of ♩ in $\frac{4}{4}$ is $\text{—} \text{♪}$, or $\text{♪} \text{—}$, always so placed that the two halves of the measure are recognizable. Thus:



In $\frac{3}{4}$ the — is not used, a rest of two beats always being written $\text{♪} \text{♪}$, and a rest of three beats being written — since it fills a whole measure.

(5) The beams of eighth-notes in $\frac{3}{4}$ time mark the rhythmic unity either of the whole measure (♪♪♪♪♪), or of the quarters and halves



*Cf. p. 106.

 etc. Beams of sixteenth-

notes mark the eighths or quarters:

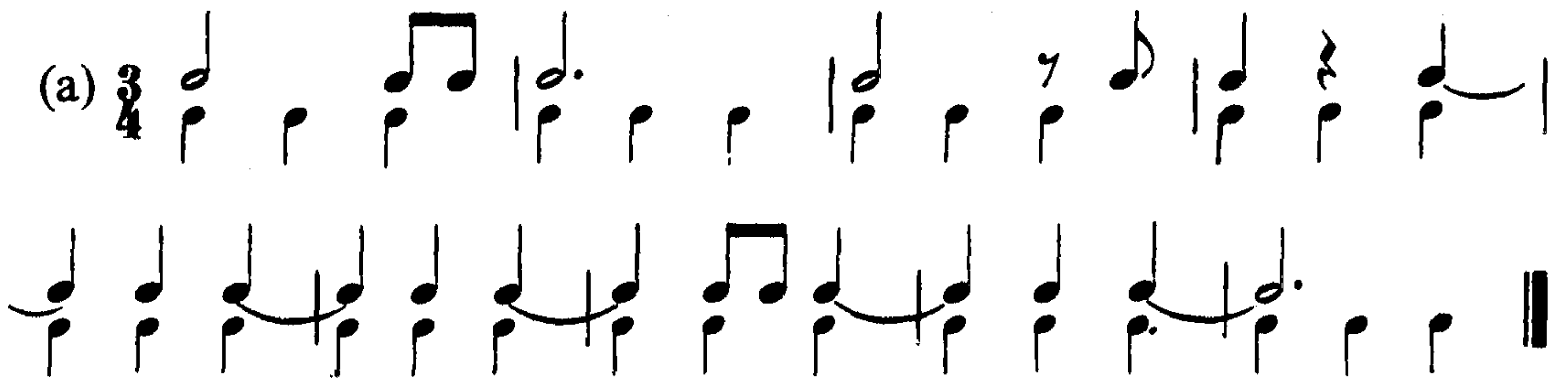
 etc. Less desirable:

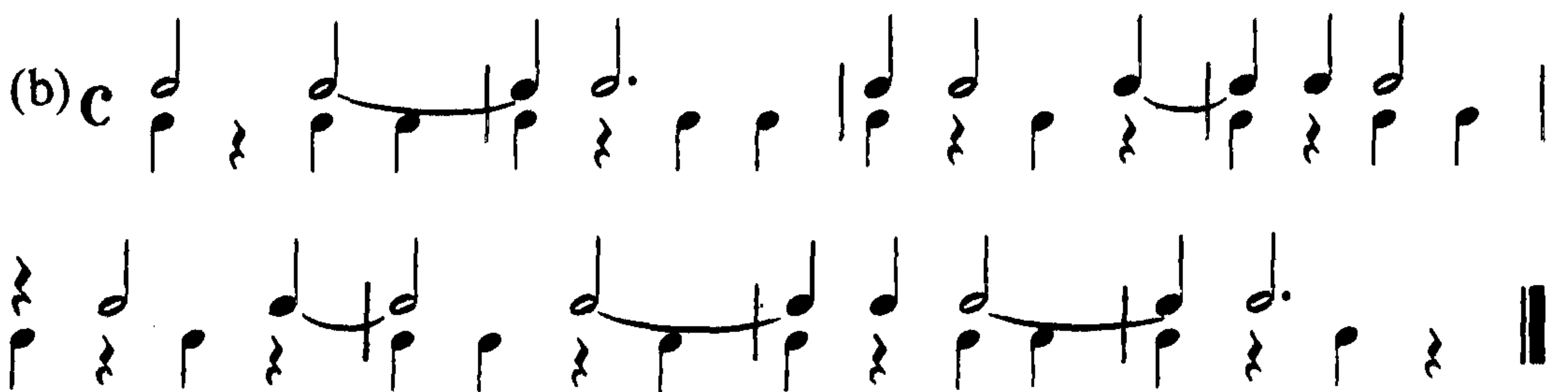



 etc.

— EXERCISE 13 —

1. Sing:

(a) $\frac{3}{4}$ 

(b) C 

(c) $\frac{2}{4}$ 


More difficult:

(d) $\frac{3}{4}$



Musical notation for exercise (d) in 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The music features eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, and includes various accidentals such as flats and naturals. The second and third staves continue the piece with similar rhythmic complexity and melodic lines.

(e) $\frac{2}{4}$



Musical notation for exercise (e) in 2/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, and features various accidentals. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

2. Play:

(a) $\frac{4}{4}$



Musical notation for exercise (a) in 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, and features various accidentals. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

(b) $\frac{3}{4}$



Musical notation for exercise (b) in 3/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, and features various accidentals. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

(c) $\frac{2}{4}$

— *DICTION 14*

NOTATION: Ties are used not only to connect the values of notes before and after a bar-line, but also to connect notes within the same measure when the metric divisions of the measure would not be clear with other notation:

$\frac{4}{4}$, not: $\frac{4}{4}$

$\frac{2}{4}$, not: $\frac{2}{4}$

$\frac{3}{4}$, not: $\frac{3}{4}$

More difficult:

(d) $\frac{2}{4}$

(e) $\frac{3}{4}$



3. Sing, counting mentally:

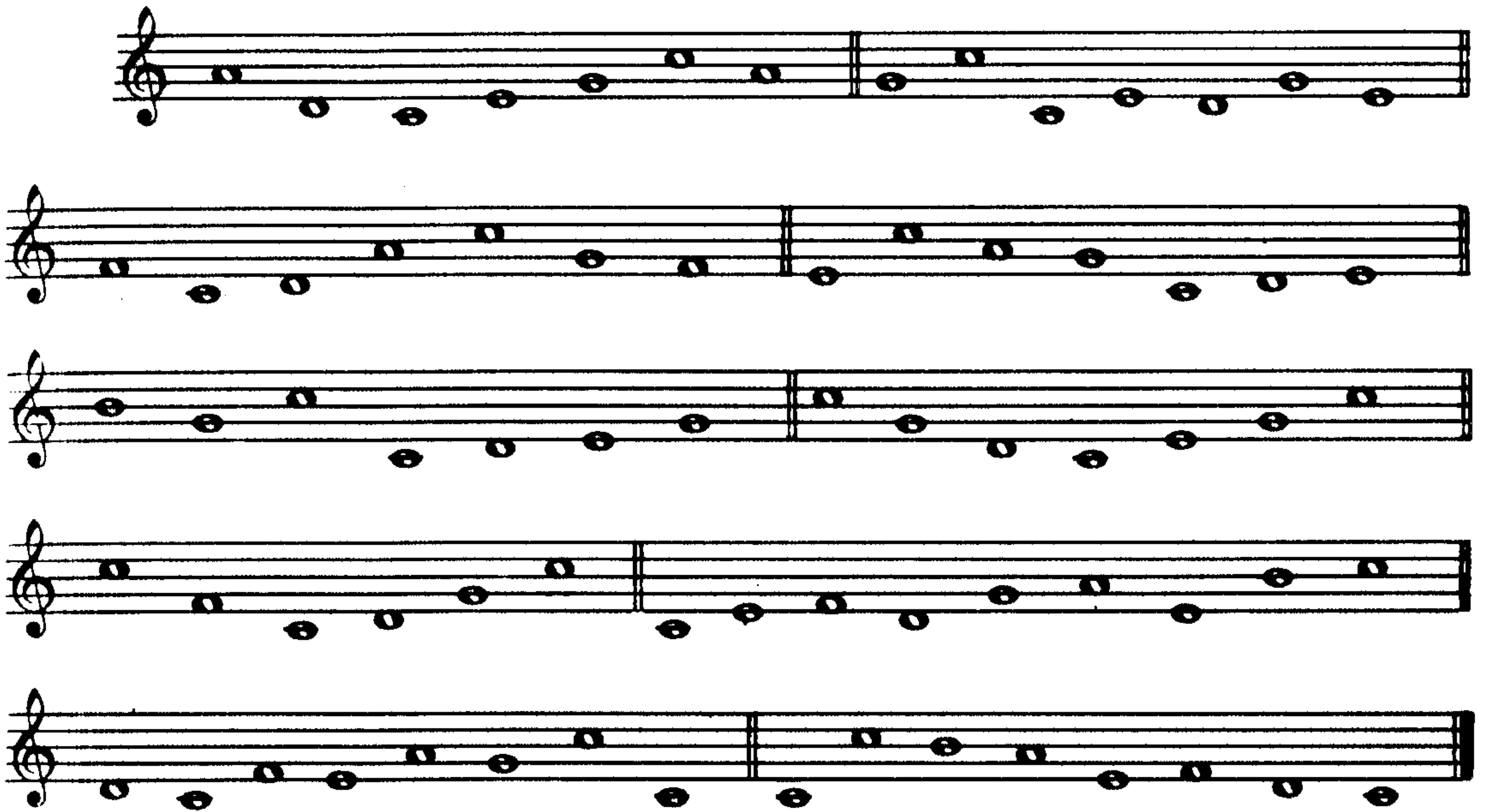


— EXERCISE 14 —

1. Sing tones with holds:



Check the *d* and *c* on the piano.

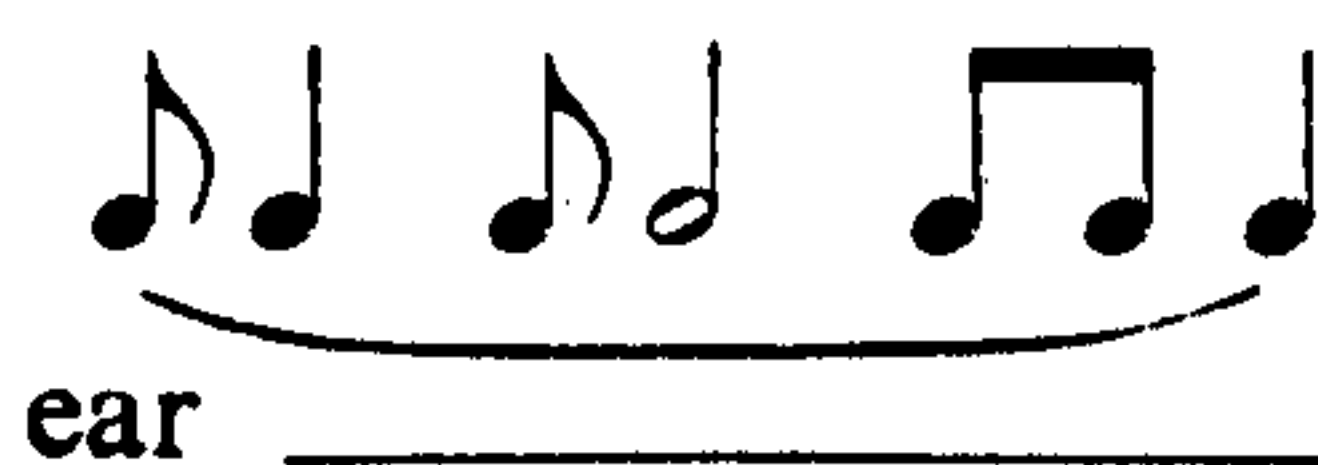


2. Invent similar examples.

— DICTATION 16

NOTATION: (1) A *slur*, connecting two or more notes of different pitch (*Question*: What does a tie do?) indicates that the tones represented by these notes are to be produced without interruption or individual articulation. The effect of slurring is especially obvious in singing, where the slur demands that a single syllable extend over all the slurred tones, instead of the more usual procedure in singing: one syllable to each tone.

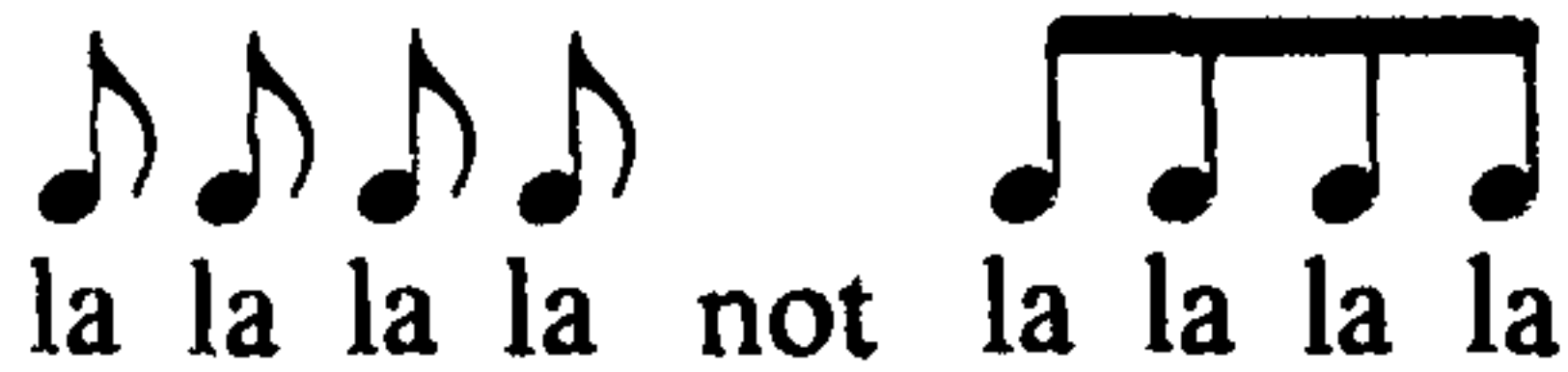
(2) In writing text to slurred notes, a horizontal line after a monosyllabic word, or the last syllable of a polysyllabic word, marks the coincidence of word and slur:



while division of words is shown by repeated hyphens:

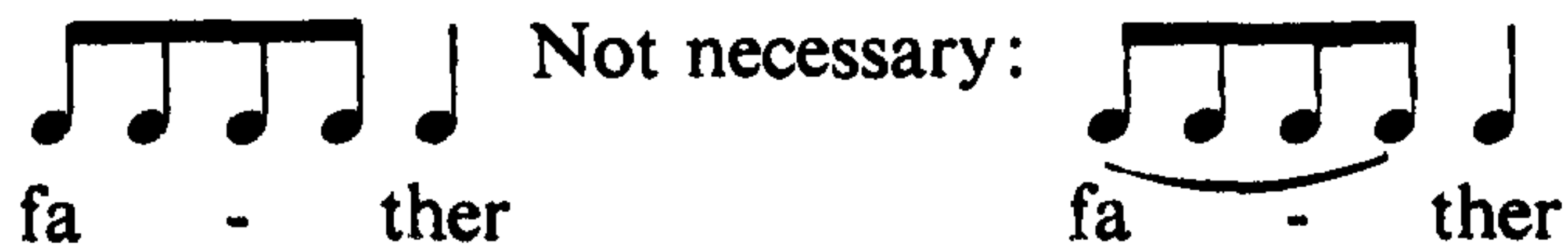


(3) Unslurred eighths and sixteenths with separate text-syllables are written with flags instead of beams:

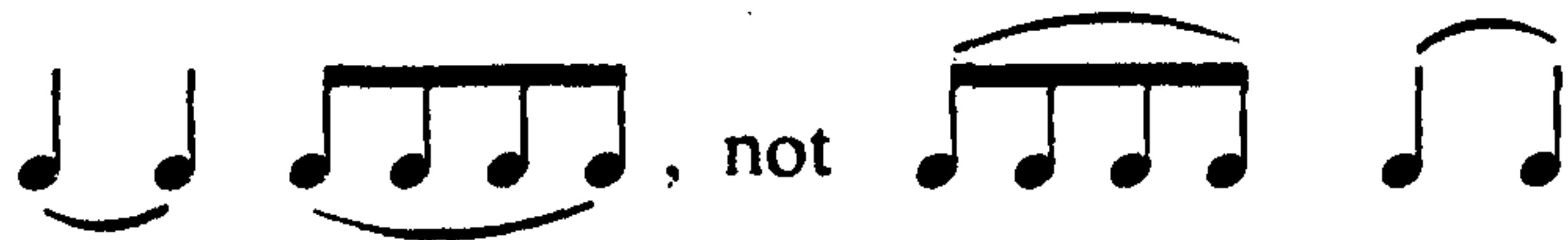


This rule is not observed very consistently, however, especially when a great number of flagged notes would result in a definitely lower degree of legibility than notation with beams. But in the notation of the melodies to be sung we shall adhere from now on strictly to the rule.

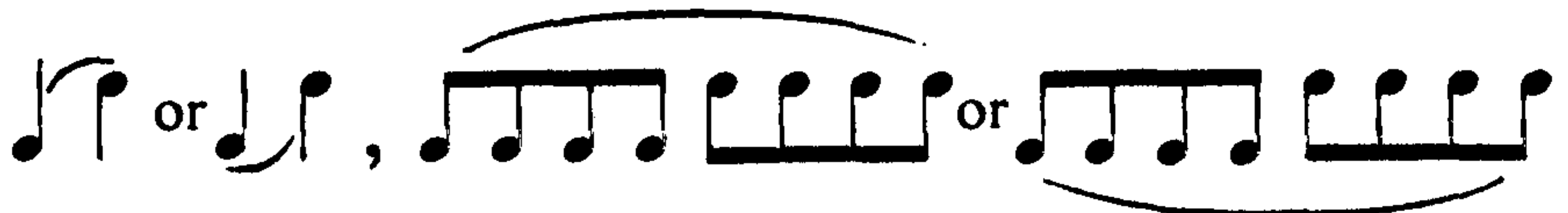
(4) In groups of notes connected by one beam it is not necessary to indicate an extended syllable by slurs. Thus:



(5) Notes with stems are slurred preferably at the heads of the notes, not at the stem-ends:



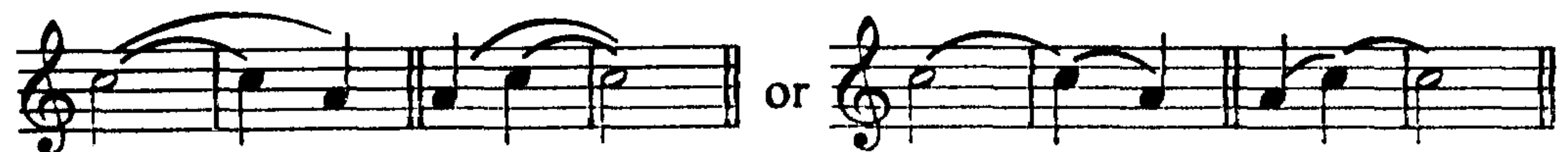
For groups with stems in both directions, there is no hard and fast rule:



Less desirable:



(6) Slurs starting or ending with tied notes can be written in either of two ways:



A tie included in a slur is unaffected by it:



(7) In instrumental music slurs serve several different purposes. As symbols of *articulation* they tell the player of

wind instruments: "play the slurred notes without interruption."

stringed instruments: "play them with a single stroke of the bow."

keyboard instruments: "don't interrupt by lifting the fingers from the keys between the tones; play as 'legato' (evenly sustained, connected) as possible."

As symbols of *phrasing* (especially in keyboard music) they indicate the sections of melodic lines of some length.

C. Coordinated Action

— EXERCISE 15 —

1. Sing:

(a) *la* _____ *la* _____ *la* _____ *la la la* _____
la _____ *la - la - la* etc.

(b) _____ *la - la la* etc.



More difficult:



— *DICTION 18*

Pieces need not begin on the first beat. Instead, they may begin on any fractional part of the measure.

NOTATION: The full measure, however, has to be written out (beginning with one or more rests) when the sounding fractional part is more than one half measure in $\frac{2}{4}$ or $\frac{4}{4}$, and more than two quarters in $\frac{3}{4}$. In all other cases—i.e., one half measure or less in $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{4}{4}$; two quarters or less in $\frac{3}{4}$ (*up-beats*)—no rests are written. In shorter pieces the “up-beat” and the ending measure complement one another to make one full measure.



2. Sing, counting mentally. (These and similar exercises are easier to sing if certain important tones are accented. Wherever two or more notes are tied, any accent should be applied only to the first, except where otherwise expressly indicated.)


NOTATION: An accent is written > (in some editions ^).



More difficult:

(c) 
 la _____ la _____ la etc.



(d) 
 la la _____ la la _____ la la etc.



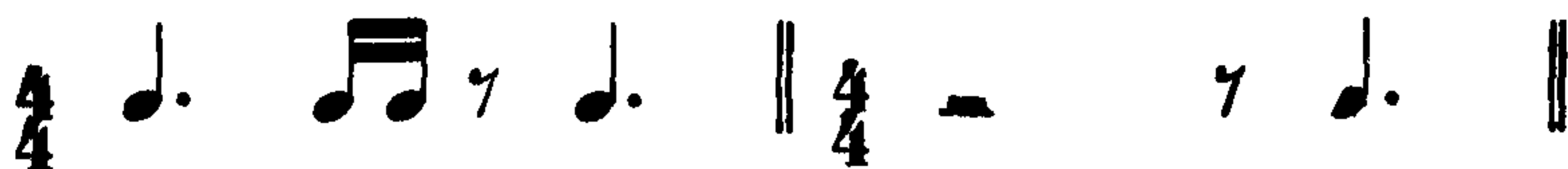
CHAPTER V

A. Action in Time

NOTATION: Besides the note-values of $\frac{3}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{16}$, caused by tying-over quarter-, eighth-, and sixteenth-notes, as discussed in the preceding chapter, other (untied) $\frac{3}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{16}$ values are obtained by adding the augmentation dot to the quarter- and eighth-note respectively.



A ♩. with additional note- or rest-values can be used in $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and $\frac{4}{4}$ time whenever a half-note would be possible.



Less desirable:



Frequently used:



although the beats of the $\frac{3}{4}$ meter are not shown clearly.

Poor legibility, which in certain cases may result from using the ♩. , can be avoided by applying the tie instead of the dot:



The rest having the value of $\frac{3}{8}$ is ⏏ . In simple meter it is never used except as the beginning of a $\frac{2}{4}$ or $\frac{4}{4}$ measure, or as the beginning of the second half of a $\frac{4}{4}$ measure:



In all other cases the combination $\text{⏏} \text{ ♩}$ or $\text{♩} \text{ ⏏}$ is used.

The $\frac{1}{16}$ is used similarly to the $\frac{1}{8}$, namely with an additional $\frac{1}{16}$ or $\frac{7}{16}$ making up the value of a quarter note. This rule, however, is not followed too strictly, and frequently—legibility permitting—one finds a $\frac{1}{16}$ in groups that add up to the value of a $\frac{1}{8}$, especially when the $\frac{1}{16}$ is part of a group united by beams (the beams in such cases being applied according to the rules given on p. 17.)

$\frac{2}{4}$ etc.
 $\frac{3}{4}$ etc.
 $\frac{4}{4}$ etc.

Not recommended: $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ etc.
 $\frac{4}{4}$ etc.

The $\frac{3}{16}$ rest ($\frac{7}{16}$) serves exclusively as the beginning or ending of a quarter unit.

Not: $\frac{2}{4}$ etc.

— EXERCISE 17 —

1. Sing. In exercises to be sung, mark with a ' the points where you breathe, and in repeated singing of an exercise always breathe at the same place.

(a) $\frac{3}{4}$

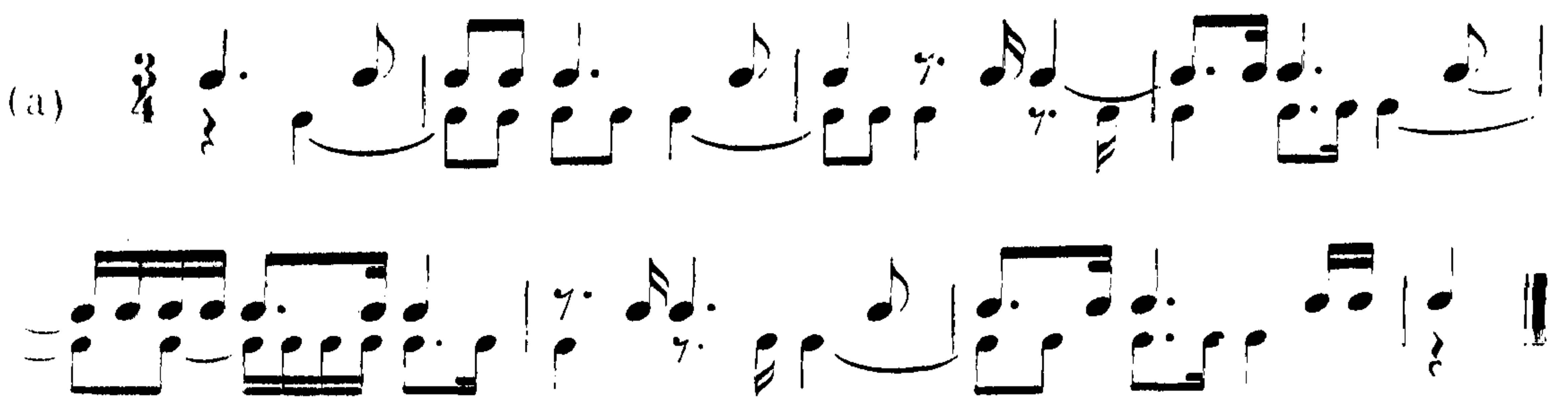
(b) $\frac{3}{4}$



More difficult:



2. Play:



(b) $\frac{3}{4}$

More difficult:

(c) $\frac{2}{4}$

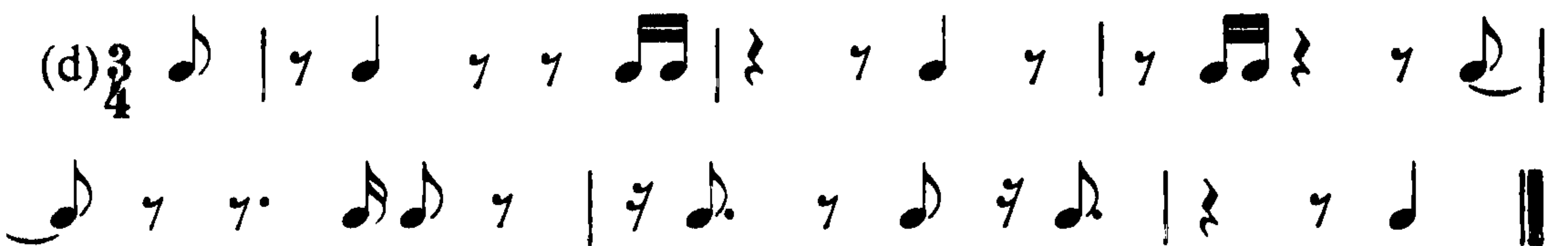
(d) $\frac{4}{4}$

3. Play, counting the beats aloud:



(a) $\frac{4}{4}$



More difficult:



NOTATION: (1) If the regular number of beats in the measures of a piece changes, a change of time-signature has to be marked after the bar-line. In case the change occurs after the final measure of a staff, the new time-signature has to be marked both after the last bar-line on the old staff, and at the beginning of the new staff.

(2) The *repetition sign*  implies that a piece or section is to be repeated. If the repetition goes back to the beginning of a piece, no additional sign is necessary. But for repetitions of middle sections the start of the section to be repeated has to be marked thus: 

The repetition sign may take the place of a bar-line but does not necessarily count as one. Consequently a measure may be interrupted by it and continue after it.

4. Sing, count mentally:

(a) $\frac{2}{4}$ 7 Musical notation for exercise (a) in 2/4 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line has four measures: 7 eighth notes, 7 eighth notes, 7 eighth notes, and 7 eighth notes. The second line has four measures: 7 eighth notes, 7 eighth notes, 7 eighth notes, and 7 eighth notes. The piece ends with a repeat sign.

(b) $\frac{3}{4}$ 7 Musical notation for exercise (b) in 3/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line has two measures: 7 eighth notes and 7 eighth notes. The second line has two measures: 7 eighth notes and 7 eighth notes. The third line has two measures: 7 eighth notes and 7 eighth notes. The piece ends with a repeat sign.

More difficult:

(c) $\frac{4}{4}$ Musical notation for exercise (c) in 4/4 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line has four measures: 7 eighth notes, 7 eighth notes, 7 eighth notes, and 7 eighth notes. The second line has four measures: 7 eighth notes, 7 eighth notes, 7 eighth notes, and 7 eighth notes. The piece ends with a repeat sign.

(d) $\frac{3}{4}$ 7 Musical notation for exercise (d) in 3/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line has two measures: 7 eighth notes and 7 eighth notes. The second line has two measures: 7 eighth notes and 7 eighth notes. The third line has two measures: 7 eighth notes and 7 eighth notes. The piece ends with a repeat sign.

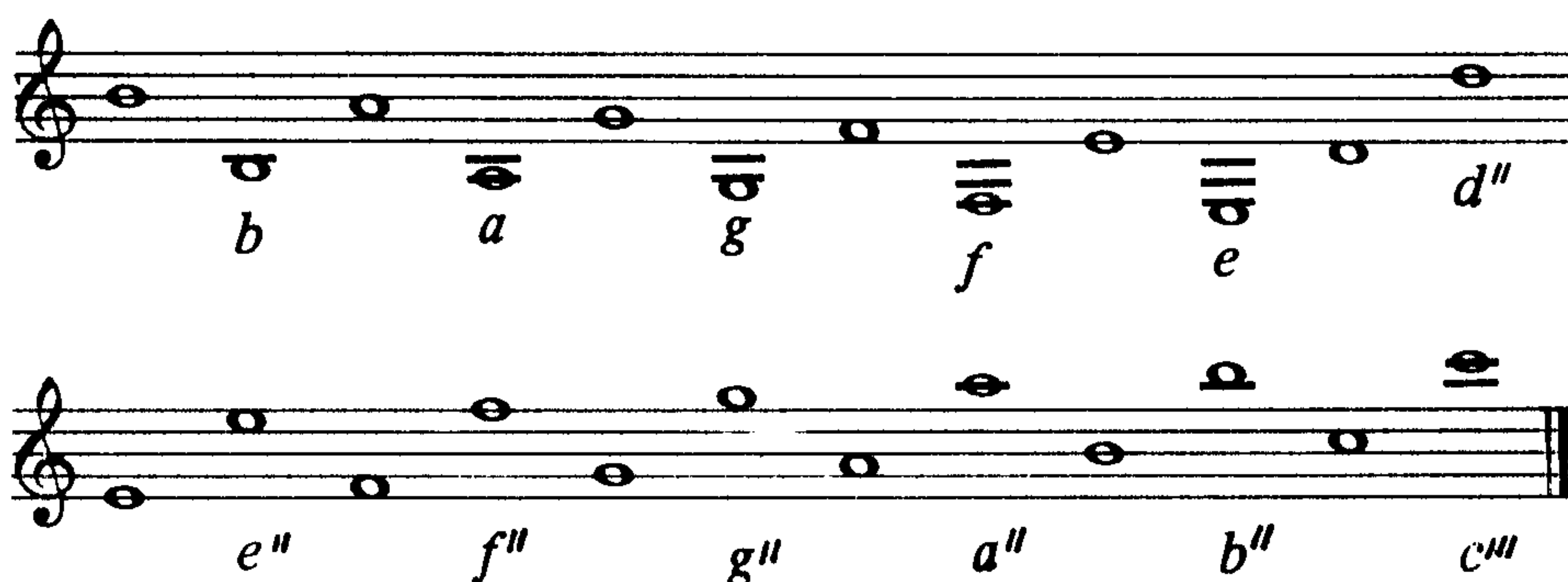
B. Action in Space

We complete our series of tones approximately to the extreme range of women's voices (Alto and Soprano) by adding to the octave c' — c'' lower and higher octave-transpositions of some of its tones.

This creates below the c' lower transpositions of b' , a' , g' , f' , and e' , and above the c'' higher transpositions of d' , e' , f' , g' , a' , b' , and c'' .

The tones below c' belong to the *small octave* (its tones are represented by the small letters of the alphabet with no line added): b , a , g , f , e . The tones above c'' are: d'' , e'' , f'' , g'' , a'' , b'' , and c''' , with which tone the *three-lined octave* begins.

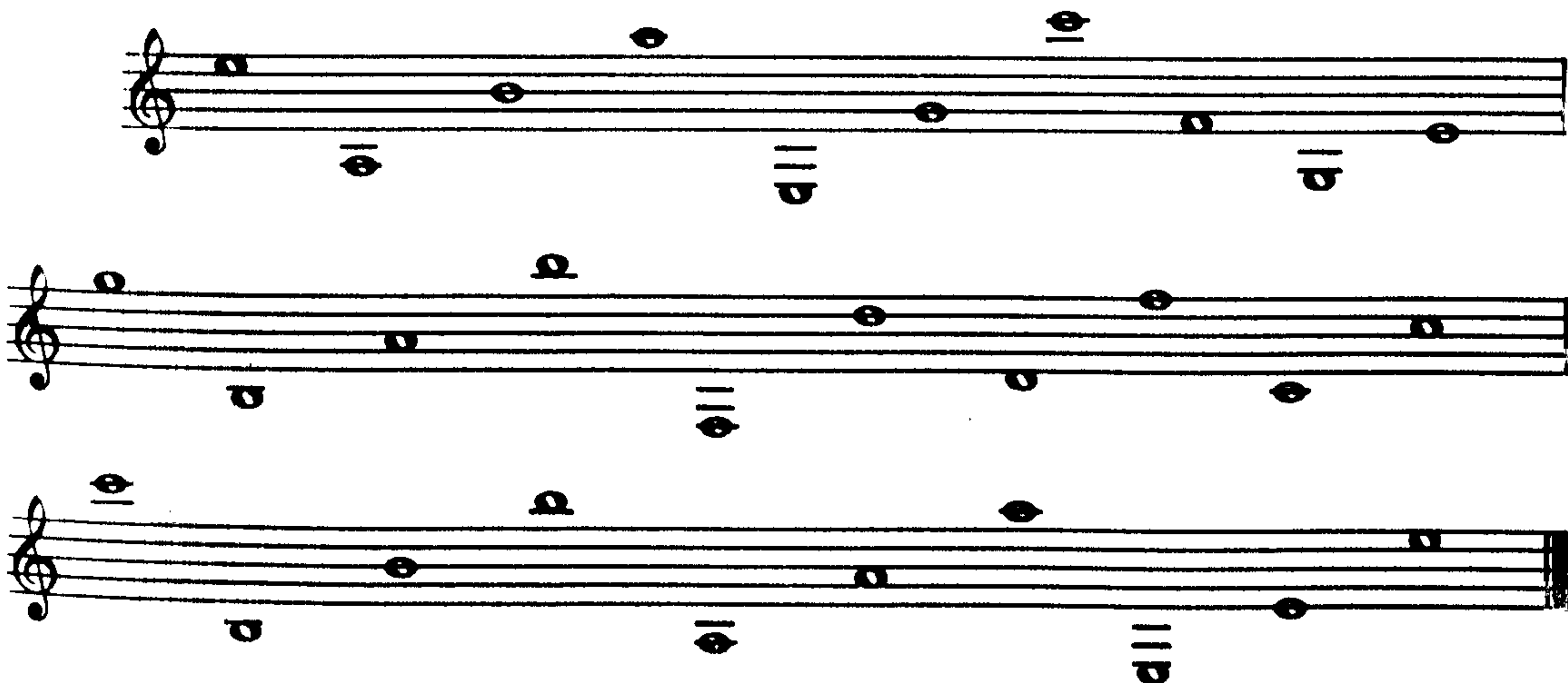
NOTATION: These tones are written:



The e is already an extremely low note in treble clef (more practical notations exist in other clefs), but the notation of tones with more ledger-lines than c''' cannot be avoided, since the g clef is the highest clef used.

— EXERCISE 18 —

1. Name the following notes (include the name of the octave!):



NOTATION: (1) The raising of a tone is indicated by a *sharp* (#), placed before the head of a note. Raised tones are called by their original names, with the word *sharp* added:



(“one-lined *g* sharp,” “two-lined *d* sharp”)

(2) In notation (but not on the keyboard!) there are two different types of half-tone steps. One is called the *diatonic half-tone*. Its two tones, though one of them or even both may be derivations (# added), belong to two different basic tones and are written on different degrees of the staff:



Note that on the keyboard *e* sharp = *f*, and *b* sharp = *c*. The two tones of the *chromatic half-tone* belong to a single basic tone, one is derived from the other:



The sign ♮ (*natural*) shows that after a sharp (#) the original basic tone is to be restored.

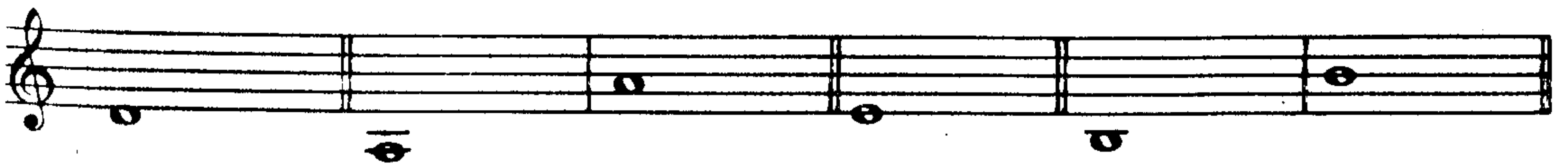
(3) Obviously there are different ways of writing certain tone combinations, as the diatonic and chromatic forms of the following half-step show:



In complicated harmonic situations it is in fact sometimes difficult to decide which notation is the correct one. But in constructing major scales no doubts will ever arise. The half-tone steps in the model scale on *c* are diatonic, not chromatic; accordingly the other scales, as copies of this model, can never contain any chromaticism.

— EXERCISE 19 —

Construct major scales on



upwards through one octave.

First write them down. Then read and sing them, pronouncing the name of each tone. Then—without using the written example—play them on the piano, again pronouncing the names.

the effect will be:



Sing on "la," except on tones with a circle. Sing these with their names.

in D major



in B major



in G major



in E major

(d) $\frac{2}{4}$

musical notation for exercise (d) in E major, 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a 2/4 time signature. The first staff has a treble clef and a 2/4 time signature. The music consists of a series of eighth-note runs followed by a half-note chord. The notes in the runs are E, F#, G, A, B, C, D, E. The chords are E, E, E, E, E, E, E, E. The first staff ends with a half-note E. The second staff ends with a half-note E. The third staff ends with a half-note E. The fourth staff ends with a half-note E. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

in A major

(e) $\frac{4}{4}$

musical notation for exercise (e) in A major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The music consists of a series of eighth-note runs followed by a half-note chord. The notes in the runs are A, B, C, D, E, F#, G, A. The chords are A, A, A, A, A, A, A, A. The first staff ends with a half-note A. The second staff ends with a half-note A. The third staff ends with a half-note A. The fourth staff ends with a half-note A. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

2. Sing:

(a)

musical notation for exercise (a) in A major, 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff has a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The music consists of a series of eighth-note runs followed by a half-note chord. The notes in the runs are A, B, C, D, E, F#, G, A. The chords are A, A, A, A, A, A, A, A. The first staff ends with a half-note A. The second staff ends with a half-note A. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

(b)

(c)

(d)

Exercise (b) consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is written on the upper staff, and the accompaniment is on the lower staff. Exercise (c) also consists of two staves with the same key signature and time signature. Exercise (d) consists of two staves with the same key signature and time signature.

More difficult:

(e)

Exercise (e) consists of three staves with the same key signature and time signature. The first staff shows a melody with a large slur over the final notes. The second and third staves show more complex rhythmic patterns with slurs and accents.

(f)

In diatonic scales (diatonic = consisting of whole- and half-tone steps), certain tones have special names.

In our major scale the first tone (or first *degree*) is called the *Tonic*; the fourth: *Subdominant*; the fifth: *Dominant*; the seventh: *Leading Tone*.

Before playing the next exercise, mark in each example all tonics, subdominants, dominants, and leading tones with appropriate symbols (T, S, D, L).

— EXERCISE 21 —

1. Play on the piano (using either one or both hands, as convenient) counting aloud:

(a)

(b)



CHAPTER VI

A. Action in Time

Instead of using the quarter-note as the metric unit, we may replace it by any other note-value.

Theoretically we thus obtain the following measures: $\frac{2}{1}$ (1 being the whole-note!), $\frac{3}{1}$, $\frac{4}{1}$; $\frac{2}{2}$ (also written ♩ , and called *Alla breve*), $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{4}{2}$; $\frac{2}{8}$, $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{4}{8}$; $\frac{2}{16}$, $\frac{3}{16}$, $\frac{4}{16}$. But the measurements with the value of the whole-note as denominator, although frequently used in old music, have almost no practical significance today. Neither have the short measures: $\frac{2}{8}$, $\frac{2}{16}$, $\frac{3}{16}$, $\frac{4}{16}$.

Beams in meters with the denominators 8 or 16 either comprise the whole measure or show the beat units.

In $\frac{2}{2}$, $\frac{3}{2}$, and $\frac{4}{2}$, the dotted quarter rest (♩^\cdot) may be written at the beginning of any beat.

The tempo at which the single units of measurement follow each other can be indicated by two different means:

- (a) We determine the number of beats in a minute. The instrument that enables us to divide a minute into any given number of beats between about 30 and 200 is the *Metronome*, a pendulum with or without clockwork, or a watchlike or electrical device.

NOTATION: This measurement is indicated above the staff line by: $\bullet = 60$,

$\text{♩} = 84$, $\text{♩} = 108$, $\text{♩} = 134$, $\text{♩} = 164$, etc.; in older editions: M.M.

$\bullet = 60$, etc. (M.M. meaning Maelzel's Metronome).

- (b) We explain by adjectives, participles, or other parts of speech the approximate speed and character of a piece. It is advisable to use English terms for this purpose. The musician, however, is used to the traditional Italian words, or in German and French editions to the terms of those languages.

In this book we omit the first kind of tempo indication, since the speed of our exercises depends mainly on the individual student's skill and ability.

NOTATION: (1) For slow and moderate tempi the following terms are used (Italian, German, and French forms):

Adagio—*Langsam*, *getragen*—*Lento* = slow;

Largo—*Breit*—*Large* = broad;

Lento—*Langsam*—*Lento* = slow;

Grave—Schwer—Lourd = heavy;

Andante—Gehend—Allant = (walking), quiet;

Moderato—Mässig, gemässigt—Modéré = moderate.

(2) The meaning of these terms can be intensified or reduced by adding:

(a) *molto* (or *assai*)—*sehr*—*très* = very
(*molto adagio*—*sehr langsam*—*très lent*);

(b) [*un*] *poco*—*ein wenig, etwas*—*un peu* = somewhat
(*poco adagio*—*ein wenig langsam*—*un peu lent*).

These are only a few of the most frequently used of a great number of possible suggestive terms.

— EXERCISE 22 —

1. Play, counting aloud:

Moderato

(a)

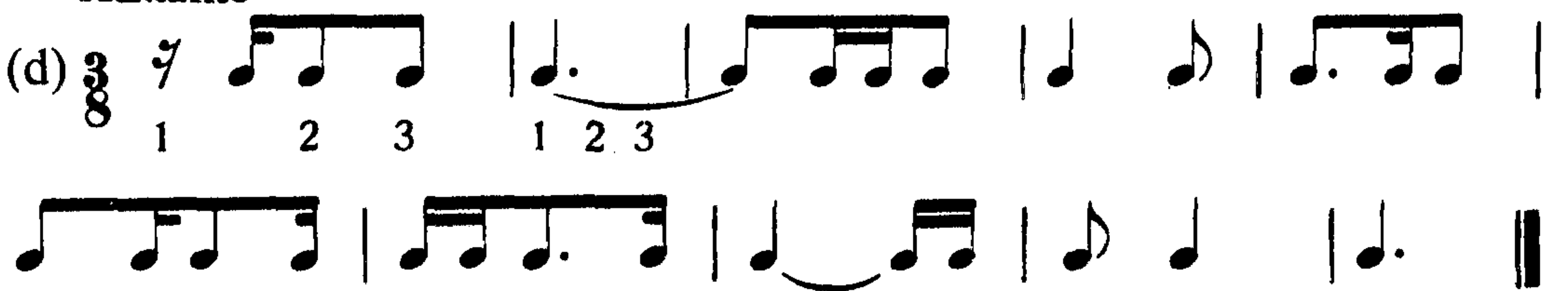
Adagio

(b)

Andante

(c) 

Andante

(d) 

Lento

(e) 

Moderato

(f) 

NOTATION: (1) H (*brevis*) is the note that fills a whole measure in $\frac{4}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{1}$ time.

(2) In $\frac{3}{2}$ and $\frac{4}{2}$ we sometimes encounter the dotted whole note (O^\bullet), which, like the other dotted notes, is equal to $1\frac{1}{2}$ times its original undotted value:

$\text{O}^\bullet = \text{O} \text{ — } \text{D}$ or $\text{D} \text{ — } \text{D} \text{ — } \text{D}$; accordingly, it contains: D ,
 D , D (fill in).

2. Sing, counting mentally:

Largo

(a)

Lento

(b)

Moderato

(c)

3. Invent similar examples.

NOTATION: (1) The symbol for lowering a tone by one half-tone step is a flat: *b*



(2) Diatonic half-tone steps obtained by using flats:

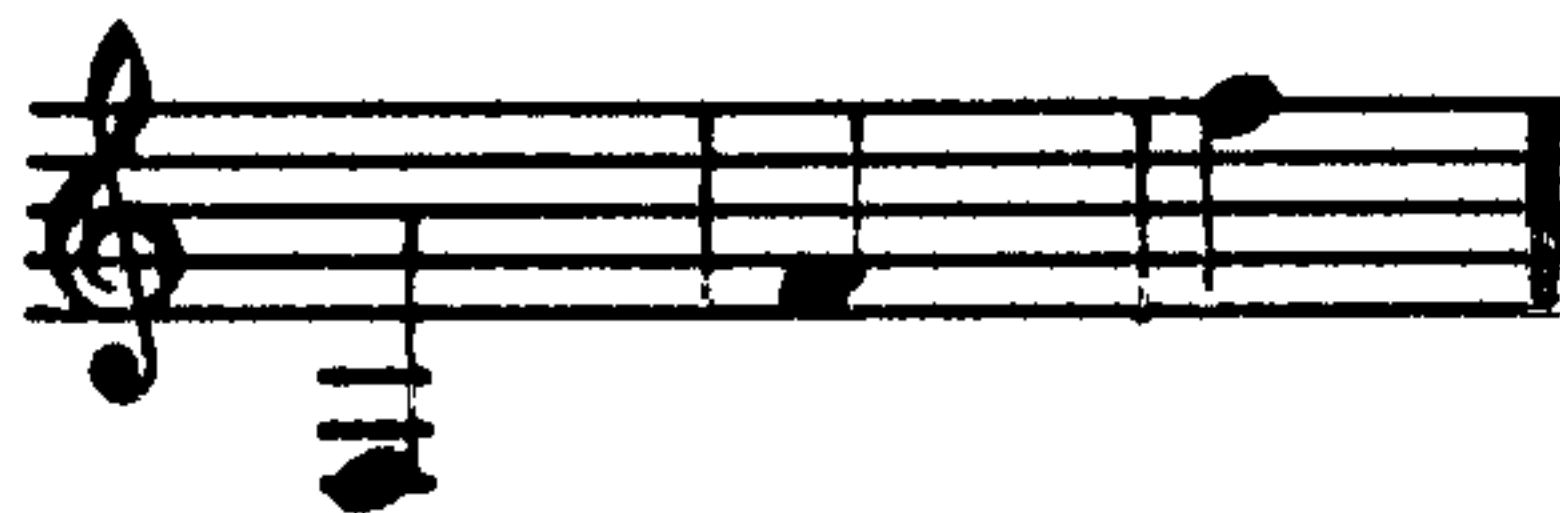


Chromatic half-tones:



— EXERCISE 24 —

Construct the major scale on *f*:



Write it down, read the names of the tones aloud.

Sing it (through one octave), pronouncing the names. Play it on the piano (through three octaves).

Major scales can be constructed not only on the seven basic tones, but on the raised and lowered tones as well.

— EXERCISE 25 —

1. Construct major scales on



Read, sing, and play them according to the instructions in the preceding exercise.

2. What is the kind and number of accidentals (# or b) needed to construct the following major scales?

A, B, G, F#, Db, D, E, Gb, F, A, Eb, Bb

3. Which tonalities are indicated by the following key-signatures?



C. Coordinated Action

— EXERCISE 26 —

1. Sing major scales. Use the rhythmic patterns given in Exercise 20 and follow strictly the instructions given there.

F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb, F#

2. Sing:

Gay



Moderato



Fast

(c)

Exercise (c) consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including some slurs and accents. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Lento

(d)

Exercise (d) consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a melodic line with a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, some slurs, and a fermata. The middle and bottom staves are in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

More difficult:

Poco Andante

(e)

Exercise (e) consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including slurs and accents. The middle and bottom staves are in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Rather fast

(f)

Exercise (f) consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including slurs and accents. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

sounds thus:



Accidentals before notes tied over a bar-line are valid till the end of the tie (but the same is *not* true for slurs):



In cases where doubts may arise, an additional though theoretically superfluous # or b will do no harm.

— EXERCISE 27 —

1. Play on the piano, counting aloud. The key-signature is not given, but by observing the accidentals of each example you can determine the key.

Moderato



NOTATION: (1) *D.C. (Da capo = "from the head") al fine* means: Go back to the beginning and proceed to the word *fine* (end), where the piece (or a part of it) ends.

(2) *D.S. al fine, or Dal Segno al fine* means that one goes back not to the beginning of the piece but to a place marked by a special sign (*segno*): ♪ or ♯

Andante

(b)

gva

gva

gva

Fine

D. C. al Fine

Poco Moderato

(c)

gva

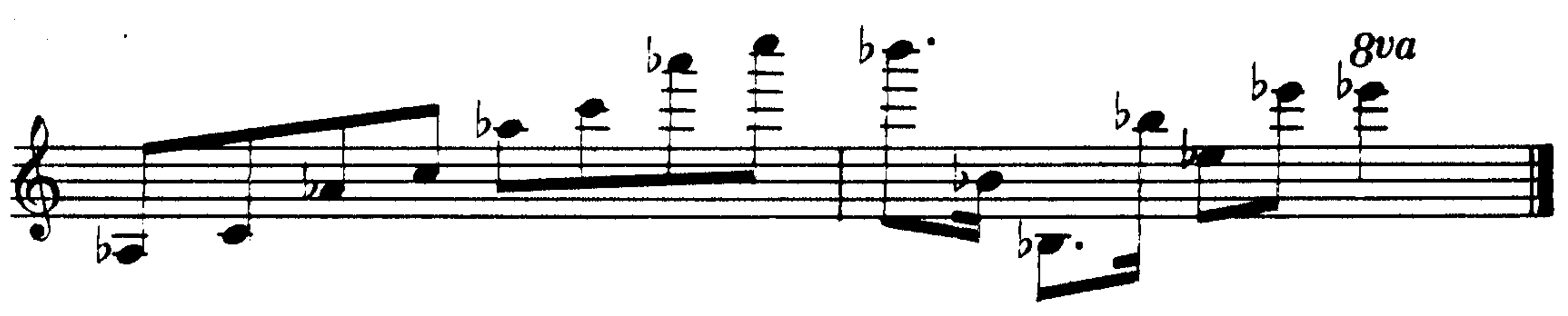
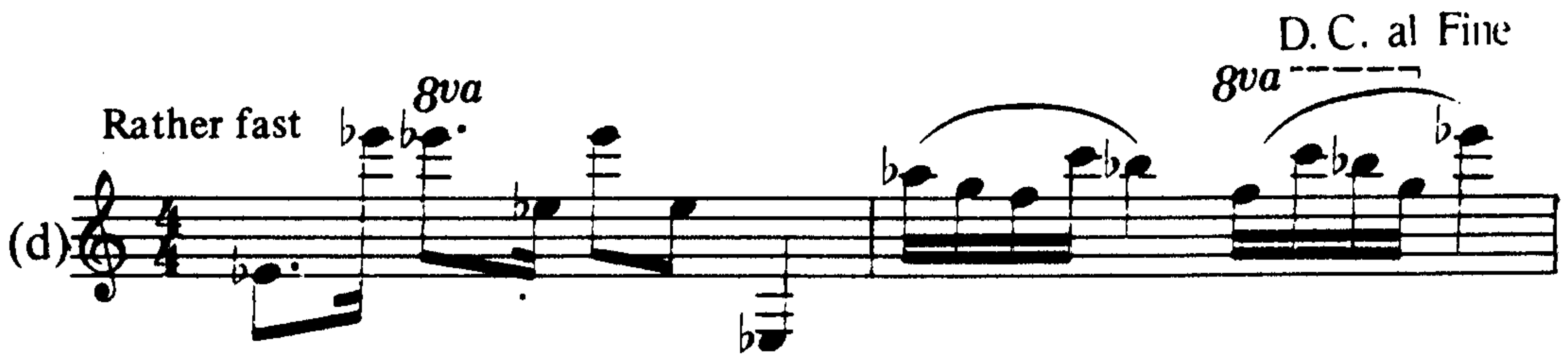
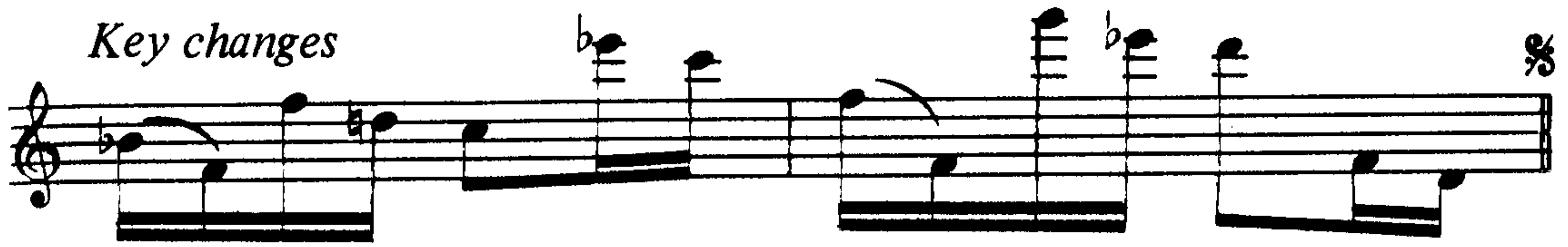
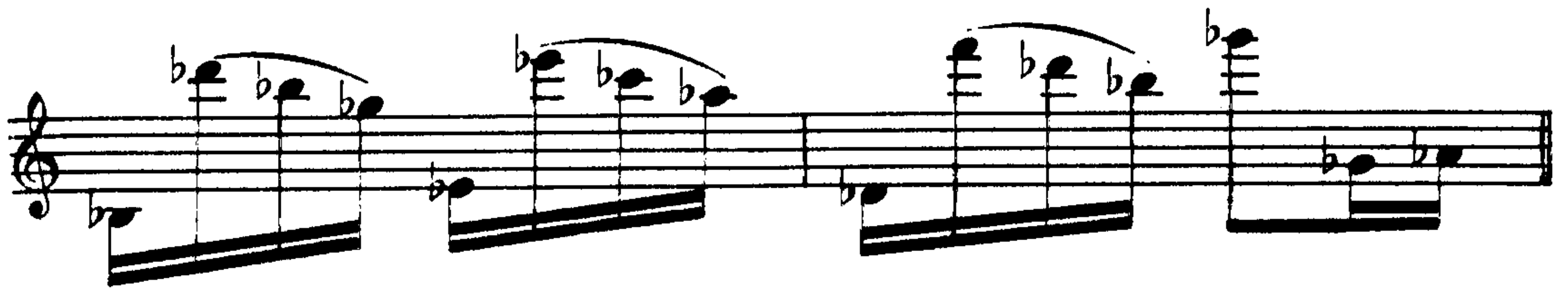
gva

gva

Fine

(Attention! The key changes here)

gva



2. Sing, adding the accidentals necessary to produce the key marked at the beginning of each example.

Moderato in A major



Gay in F# major

(b)

Musical score for 'Gay in F# major' consisting of three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/8 time signature. The melody is written on the top line, and the accompaniment is on the bottom line. The second staff continues the melody and accompaniment. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Andante in E b major

(c)

Musical score for 'Andante in E b major' consisting of five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on the top line, and the accompaniment is on the bottom line. The second and third staves continue the melody and accompaniment. The fourth and fifth staves conclude the piece with a double bar line.

Rather fast in F major

(d)

More difficult:

Not too fast in B \flat major

(e)

Andante in G \flat major

(f) 

Fine

in D \flat major



D. C. al Fine

— *DICTION 26*

CHAPTER VII





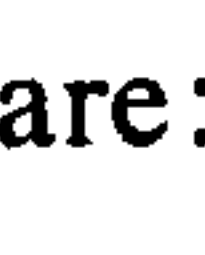

A. Action in Time

NOTATION: The augmentation dot can be followed by a second dot. As we know, the first dot adds to the preceding note one half of its value. The second dot in turn adds one half of this addition. Thus:

$$d.. = d + \text{half } d + \text{quarter } d, \quad \text{dotted quarter} = \text{quarter} + \text{eighth} + \text{sixteenth};$$

$$d.. = d + \text{quarter} + \text{eighth}, \quad \text{dotted eighth} = \text{eighth} + \text{sixteenth} + \text{thirty-second}; \quad z.. = z + \text{quarter} + \text{eighth}.$$

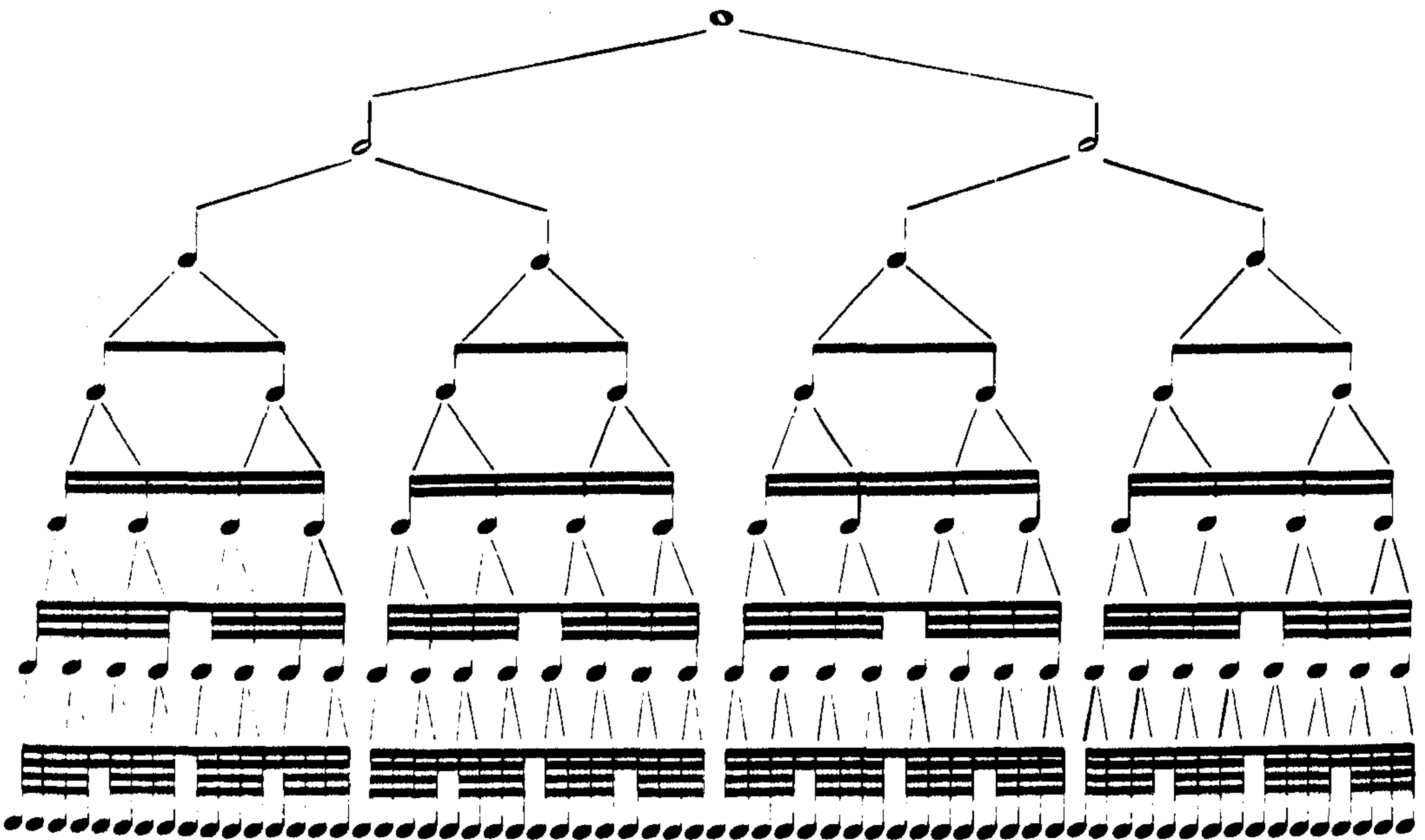
The eighth-note with two dots, subtracted from a quarter, leaves a new rhythmic value: the *thirty-second*; while the double-dotted sixteenth, subtracted from the eighth, leaves the *sixty-fourth*.

NOTATION: (1) The thirty-second is written thus: , or with beams:  etc. The sixty-fourth: , . The respective rests are:  and . The beams of thirty-seconds are grouped in sixteenths, eighths, or quarters:

ters:     etc.:


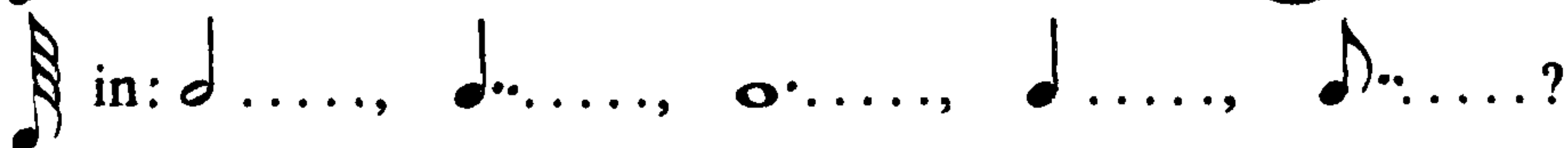
those of sixty-fourths in thirty-seconds, sixteenths, eighths, or quarters, in all cases with subdivisions which show clearly the beats and their metric structure:

    etc. Thus:



(2) Theoretically further subdivisions are possible, and in fact smaller values than the $\frac{1}{64}$ are exceptionally used ($\frac{1}{128}$).

Question: What is the number of

- (a)  in: \bullet, \circ, \bullet, \bullet, \bullet?
- (b)  in: \bullet, \bullet, \circ, \bullet, \bullet?

(Fill in.)

NOTATION: (1) For fast tempi the following terms are used:

Allegro—Schnell—Animé = gay, quick;

Vivace—Lebhaft—Vif = lively;

Presto—Eilig—Vite, Rapide = fast.

(2) An Italian term is made stronger by the addition of the suffix *-issimo*: weaker by *-ino*, *-etto*:

Adagissimo = slower than *Adagio*;

Prestissimo = faster than *Presto*;

Andantino = not as slow as *Andante*;

Larghetto = not as broad as *Largo*;

Allegretto = not as fast or energetic as *Allegro*.

(3) *Più*—[in German expressed by the suffix *-er*]—*plus* = more;

Meno—*weniger*—*moins* = less;

non troppo—*nicht zu*—*pas trop* = not too;

Più presto—*eiliger*—*plus vite* = faster;

Meno allegro—*weniger schnell*—*moins vite* = less fast;

Adagio non troppo—*nicht zu langsam*—*pas trop lent* = not too slow.

— EXERCISE 28 —

1. Play, count aloud:

Moderato

(a) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

Non troppo vivace

(b) 

Allegro moderato

(e) 

Fine

Meno Allegro



D.C. al Fine

Poco lento

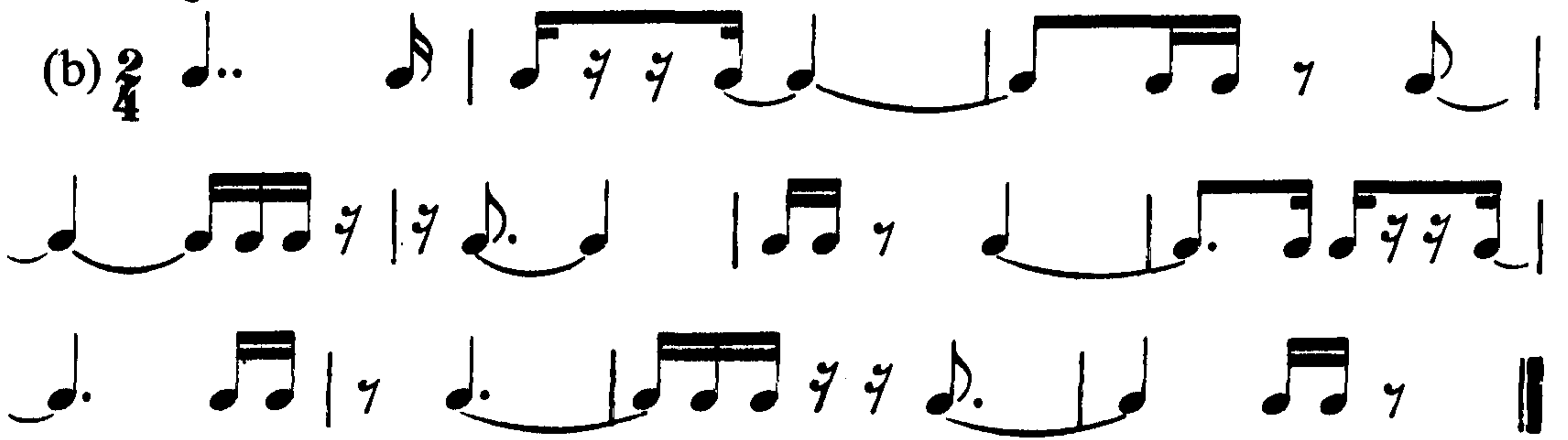
(f) 

2. Sing, counting mentally:

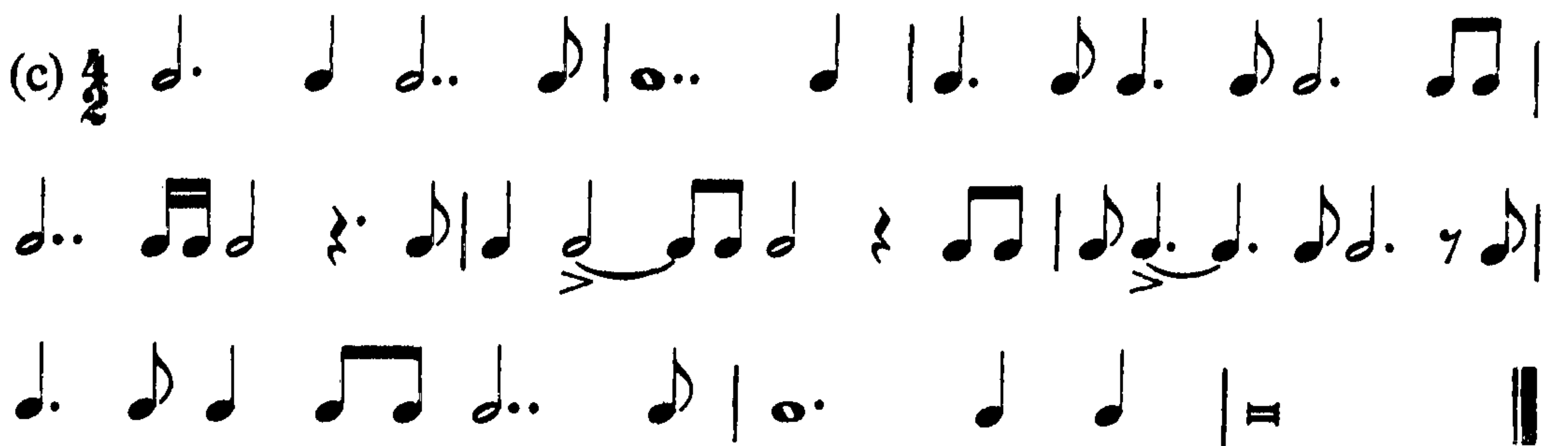
Andantino

(a) 

Allegretto

(b) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

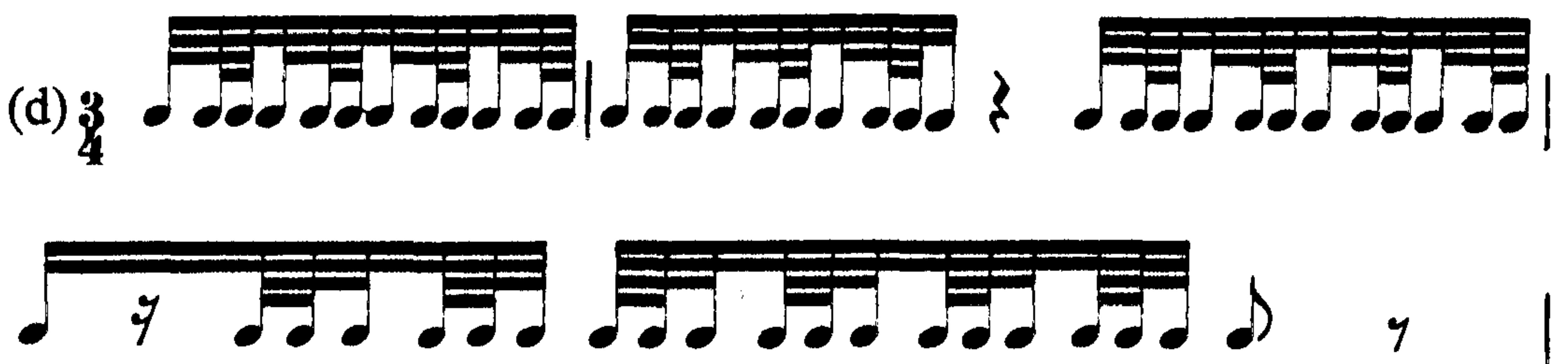
Vivace

(c) $\frac{4}{2}$ 

More difficult:

NOTATION: When after a *D.C. al segno* (S or S) the piece continues, you first go back to the beginning as indicated by the *D.C.*, and when you reach the *segno* you skip to the part after the *D.C.*

Poco lento

(d) $\frac{3}{4}$ 

Più Allegro



D.C. al Segno

Molto Adagio

(e) $\frac{2}{4}$ 7 

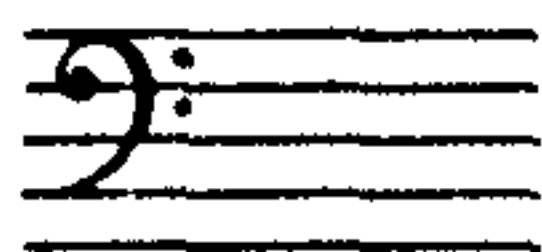
3. Invent similar examples.


— *DICTION 27*

B. Action in Space

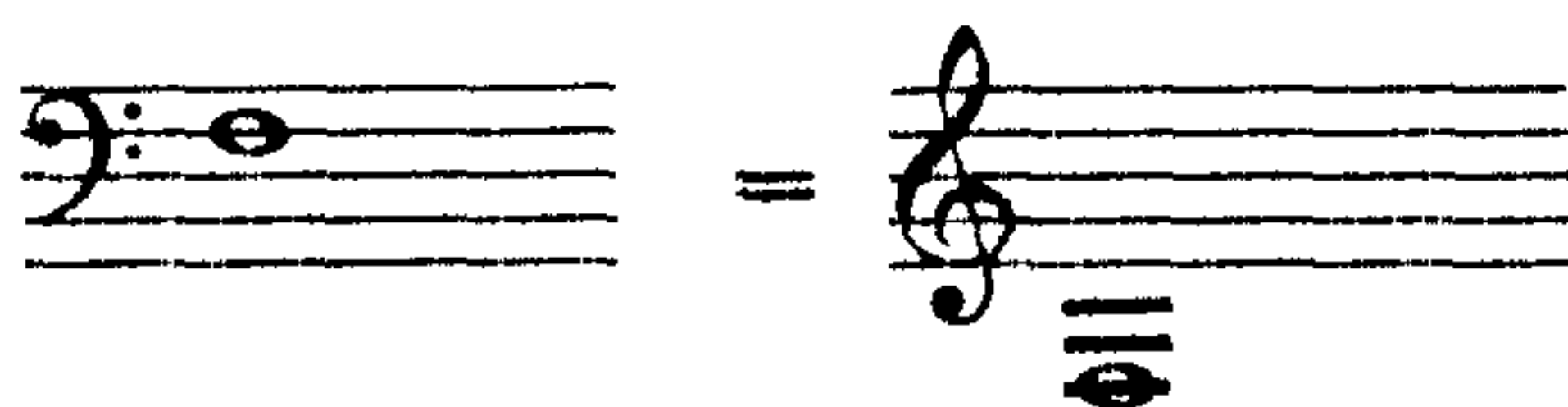
The lower region of our tone system
(range of the men's voices, Tenor and Bass, and below)


NOTATION: (1) The tones of the lower region are written in the *Bass clef*:

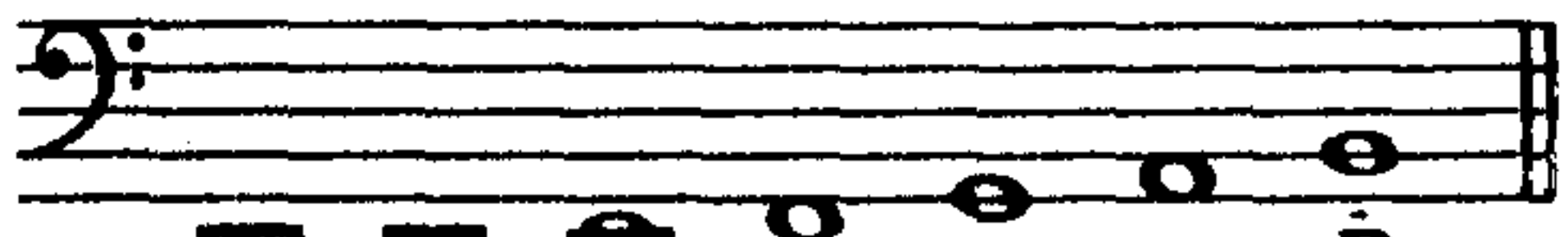
 This clef is an *f*-clef.




(Question: What kind of clef is the  ?)

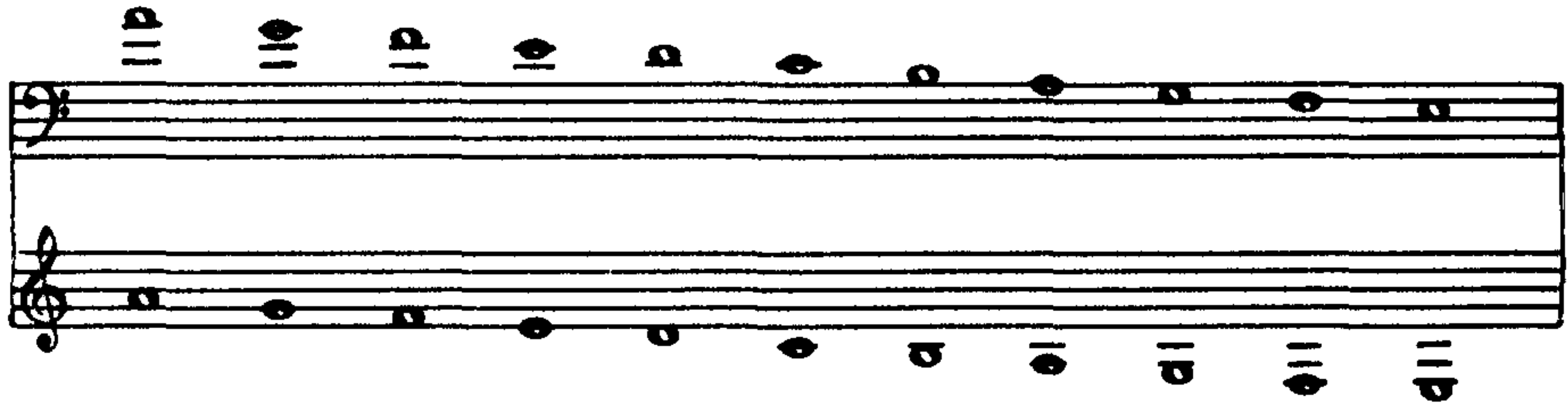
It is written on the fourth line and marks the place of "small *f*":



The notes of the *small octave* are: 
c d e f g a b

(2) The notes of the next lower octave (*great octave*) are written with capital letters: 
C D E F G A B

(3) For the notes of the one-lined octave we depend (as we did for the high notes in ) on ledger lines. Compare the following notes in:  with their equivalents in 



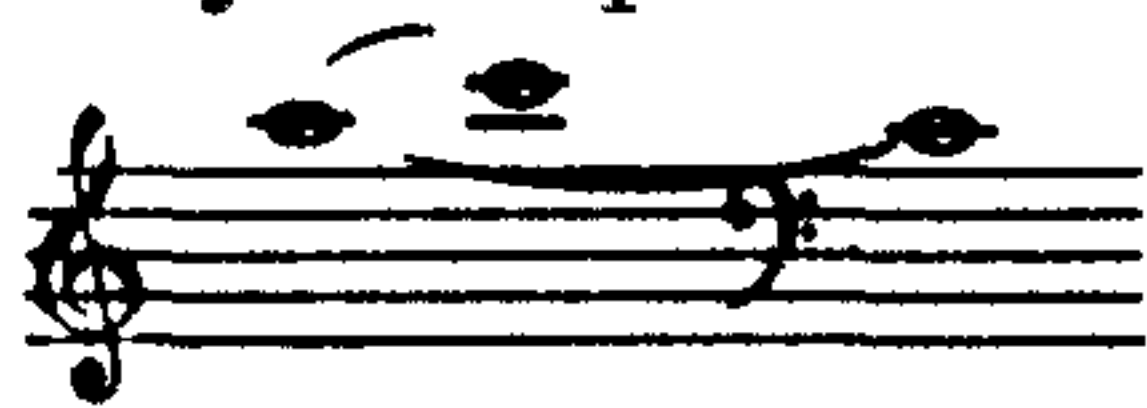
In reading bass clef notation don't determine the meaning of the notes by comparing them with notes written in treble clef! Get used at once to the fact that each clef has its independent existence. For example, the note *c'*



has its name and meaning through its position in an *f*-clef

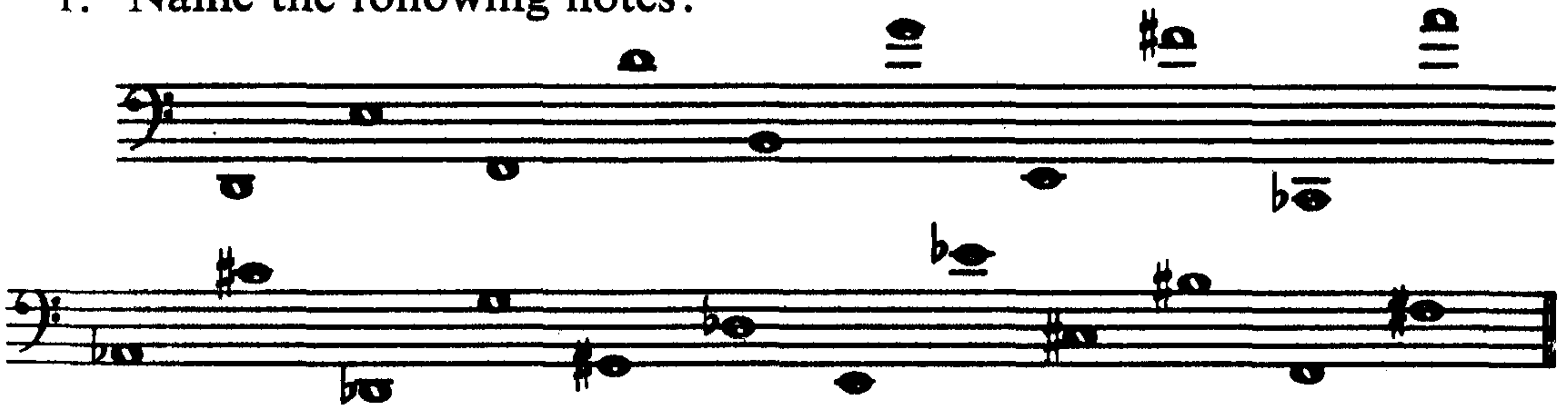
relationship, and not by transposition of a similar-looking note in a *g*-clef

relationship. Not:

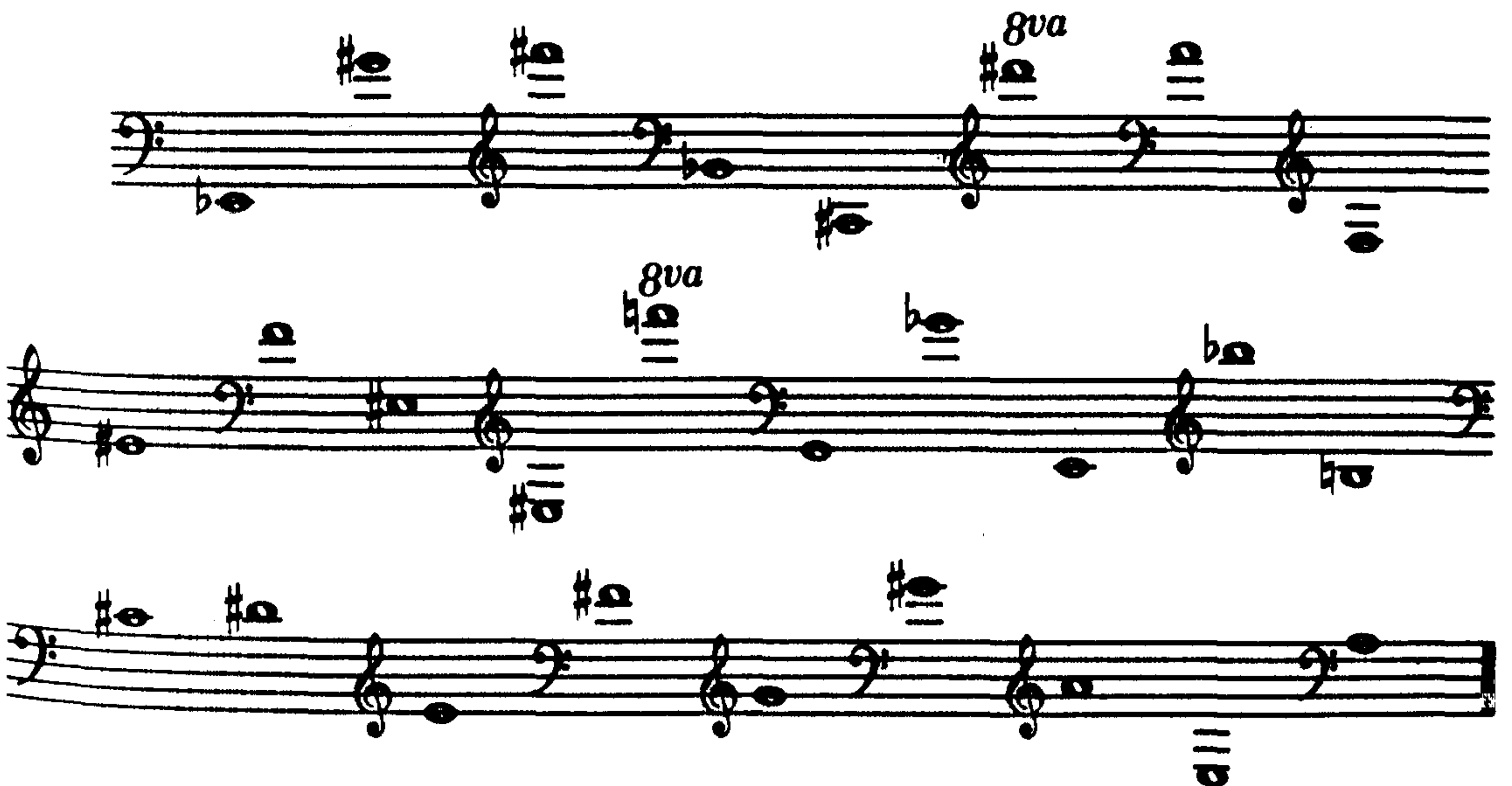


— EXERCISE 29 —

1. Name the following notes:



2. Play on the piano:



The dominant (mentioned in Chapter V) of a major scale is always the fifth degree of the scale. Its distance (or *interval*) from the tonic is called a *perfect fifth*.

The subdominant is always the fourth degree. The interval it forms with the tonic is called a *perfect fourth*.

Perfect fifth and perfect fourth, added up, complement each other to form the interval of an octave.



A perfect fifth *downward* from a tonic brings one to the subdominant;

a perfect fourth downward, to the dominant:

The image shows a musical staff on a treble clef. It starts with a note on the first line (C4). A curved line goes down to the fourth space (F4), labeled '4th'. From F4, another curved line goes down to the fifth space (G4), labeled '5th'.

This means that the perfect fifth and the perfect fourth have a mutually reversible relation: a fifth upward is the *inversion* of a fourth downward from the same starting tone.

Or, what amounts to the same thing: the inversion of any interval smaller than an octave is equal to the difference between that interval and an octave.

— EXERCISE 30 —

1. On which of the seven degrees (tones) of a major scale can you build without changing any of the scale-tones:

- (a) a perfect fifth upward?
- (b) a perfect fourth upward?
- (c) a perfect fourth downward?
- (d) a perfect fifth downward?

2. Name the tones that lie

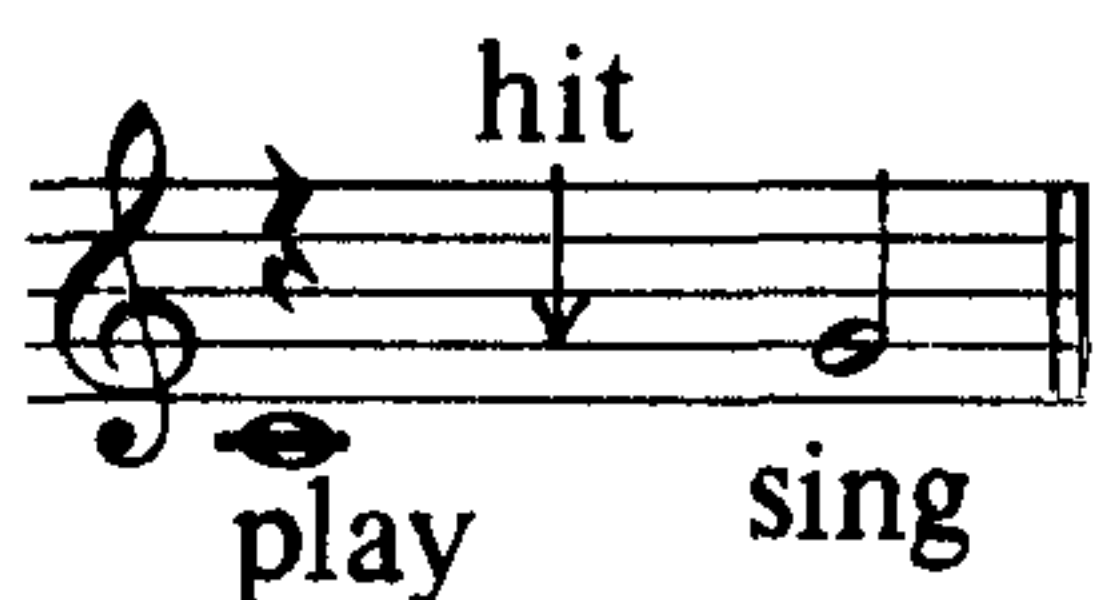
- (a) a perfect fifth above
- (b) a perfect fourth above
- (c) a perfect fourth below
- (d) a perfect fifth below

each of the following notes (name tone and octave):

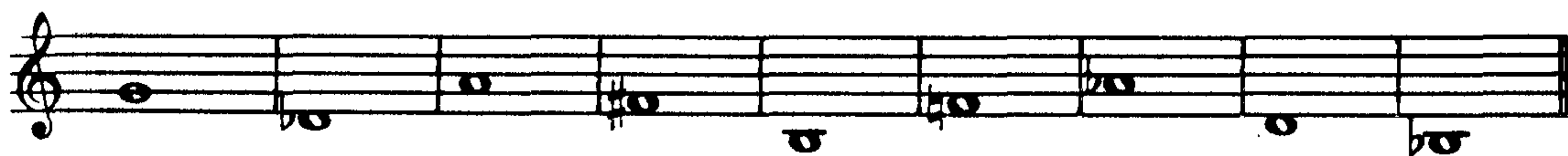


3. Sing, with its name, the tone that lies a perfect fifth above each of the following tones. Procedure:

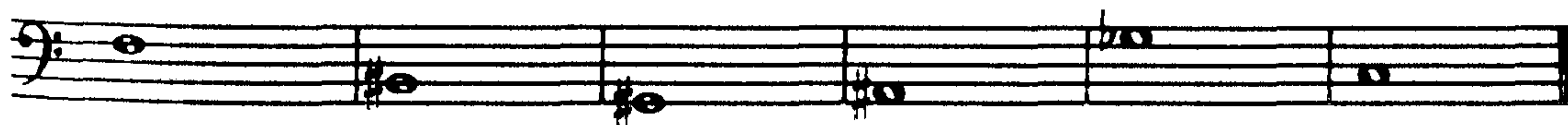
First play the tone on the piano; then hit the fifth mentally; finally sing it, thus:



For men's voices, play and sing this example one octave lower.



4. Play and sing in the same manner the tone that lies a perfect fourth above each of the following notes:



In all vocal exercises from this point on, women's voices sing one octave higher whenever bass clef is used. In this case it is recommended that the higher octave be added to the tones played, in order to bridge the gap between a tone in the bass region and a high voice, and thus to facilitate hitting the tone to be sung.

5. Play and sing in the same manner the tones that lie a perfect fifth above the upper tones in the following chords (for men's voices play one octave lower):



Now sing the tones a perfect fourth above the upper tones.
Additional obstacle for these and all similar exercises: Have the chord played by someone else, and sing the tone without seeing the music.

NOTATION: (1) Combinations of stemmed notes can be written with a single stem, provided all the notes in the group have the same value. The common stem is that of the note most distant from the middle line:



Ambiguous cases: Downward stems preferred:

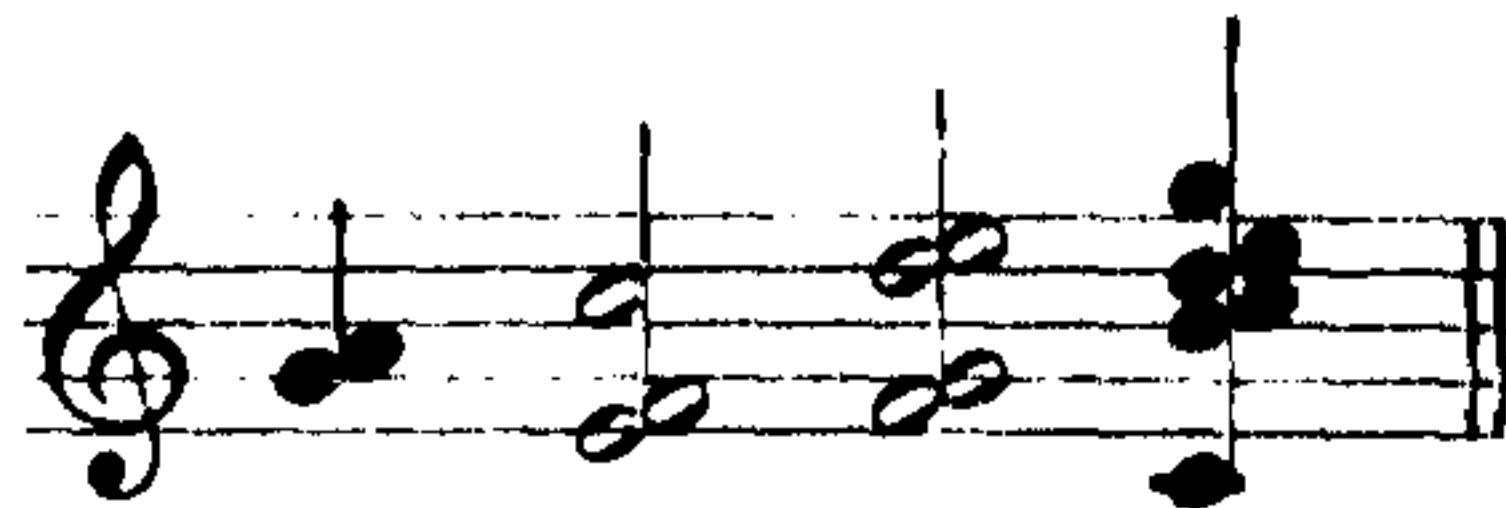


(2) Sometimes the course of different voices has to be marked on one single staff, or complex chords have to be made more legible. This is done by using upward and downward stems simultaneously:



(3) Sometimes tones a whole- or half-step apart are sounded simultaneously. Such pairs, either alone or as part of a chord, are usually written:

(a) when an upward stem is used, the higher note to the right of its neighbor and not in line with the other chord tones:



(b) when a downward stem is used, the lower note to the left and not in line with the other chord tones:



(c) when there is no stem (whole-notes), in the position that an appropriate upward or downward stem would require. (See the examples on the opposite page.)

Allegretto

(b)

Musical notation for exercise (b) in bass clef, 4/4 time, marked Allegretto. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff starts with a bass clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the upper voice, and the bass line is in the lower voice. The second staff continues the piece with similar notation. The third staff concludes the exercise with a double bar line.

Andante con moto

(c)

Musical notation for exercise (c) in bass clef, 3/4 time, marked Andante con moto. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff starts with a bass clef, a 3/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the upper voice, and the bass line is in the lower voice. The second staff continues the piece with similar notation. The third staff concludes the exercise with a double bar line.

More difficult:

Vivace

(d)

Musical notation for exercise (d) in bass clef, 4/4 time, marked Vivace. It consists of one staff of music. The first staff starts with a bass clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the upper voice, and the bass line is in the lower voice. The exercise concludes with a double bar line.

Adagio

(e)

2. Sing. While singing add the accidentals of the key marked before each example.

Andante in D \flat major

(a)

Allegro assai in F# major

(b)

Lento in A b major

(c)

Moderato

More difficult:

(d)

Musical notation for a single staff with a treble clef, showing a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes with various rests and accidentals.

Allegro in B major

(e)

Musical notation for the first staff of the "Allegro in B major" section, featuring a treble clef, a 3/4 time signature, and a melodic line with eighth notes and rests. Below the staff is a corresponding rhythmic notation consisting of a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes with stems and flags.

Musical notation for the second staff of the "Allegro in B major" section, featuring a treble clef, a 3/4 time signature, and a melodic line with eighth notes and rests. Below the staff is a corresponding rhythmic notation consisting of a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes with stems and flags.

Musical notation for the third staff of the "Allegro in B major" section, featuring a treble clef, a 3/4 time signature, and a melodic line with eighth notes and rests. Below the staff is a corresponding rhythmic notation consisting of a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes with stems and flags.

Musical notation for the fourth staff of the "Allegro in B major" section, featuring a treble clef, a 3/4 time signature, and a melodic line with eighth notes and rests. Below the staff is a corresponding rhythmic notation consisting of a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes with stems and flags.

— *DICTION 30*

CHAPTER VIII

A. Action in Time

Even in a series of sounds identical in every respect recurring at uniform time-intervals, the ear tends to hear regular groupings. It takes some of the sounds as more important than others, and thus hears the entire series as undulating between *accented* and *unaccented* beats.

This sort of accent (*metric* accent) which is determined by our feelings and not by any objective difference in the sounds themselves, is essentially different from the other kind of accent (*dynamic*) mentioned in Exercise 16, which is caused simply by the application of increased force. Frequently—especially in music of simple structure—the two types of accent coincide, and reinforce each other.

Music is generally composed in such a way that our perceptive faculty is not left in doubt about where the metric accents should be felt: proportions of rhythmic* (formal) length, the curves of melodic lines, and the distribution of harmonic functions serve as guides for our analytical hearing. But when all these guides are absent, as in the regular series of identical sounds mentioned above, we have a certain freedom to direct our hearing: we can understand such a series as subdivided into groups of two or three beats.

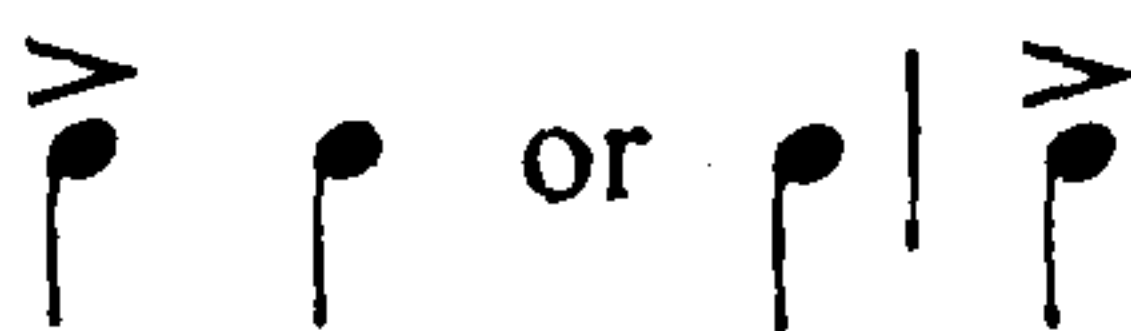
*The distinction between the two temporal factors of rhythm and meter can easily be comprehended by comparing their workings to the part played by the time element in our everyday life.

On the one hand there is the boundless and continuous stream of time-intervals in which our actions follow one another, the duration of each determined only by its character, purpose, speed, and intensity. This corresponds to musical *rhythm*, which has countless possibilities of combining tones and rests of various lengths with melodic lines and harmonic combinations. What characterizes musical rhythm is infinite variety, ruled by higher laws of construction and determined by the power of esthetic judgment and choice.

Meter, on the other hand, corresponds to the measurements of time invented by man or derived by him from natural events—divisions of time into distinct and proportionally related intervals (years, months, weeks, hours, minutes, etc.). Closely depending on our physical functions (e.g., pulse), meter provides the scheme of beats and counter-beats, accents and relaxations, without which no harmonic or melodic construction can be conceived.

Rhythm weaves freely in and out around the schematic divisions of meter, reinforcing or opposing these divisions. The inter-relations of these two temporal elements, in infinitely varying degrees of attraction and repulsion, form one of the important means by which music is created.

In two-beat groups, one of the beats is always felt as accented (*Arsis*) while the other makes the impression of unaccented relaxation (*Thesis*). The group may begin with either one:



In three-beat groups, the accent is felt on one of the beats while the other two seem unaccented:



In this context you will observe that the bar-line, which until now we have considered nothing but a symbol of temporal classification, has a higher purpose: it informs us about the metric order of tones, since it marks the place of the metric accent (which it always precedes).

—EXERCISE 32 —

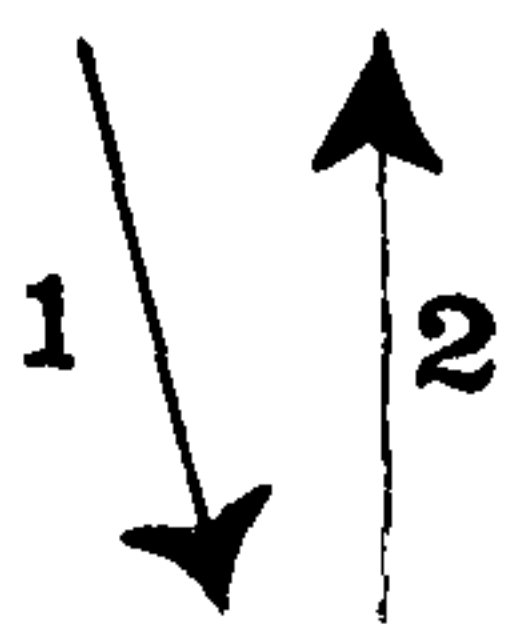
1. Clap a number of beats (about 20) and try, without clapping some beats louder than others, to direct your attention so as to understand them as divided into

- (a) $\frac{2}{4}$ ($\frac{2}{2}, \frac{2}{8}$) starting with the accent
- (b) $\frac{2}{4}$ ($\frac{2}{2}, \frac{2}{8}$) starting with the up-beat
- (c) $\frac{3}{4}$ ($\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{8}$) starting with the accent
- (d) $\frac{3}{4}$ ($\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{8}$) starting with one up-beat
- (e) $\frac{3}{4}$ ($\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{8}$) starting with two up-beats.

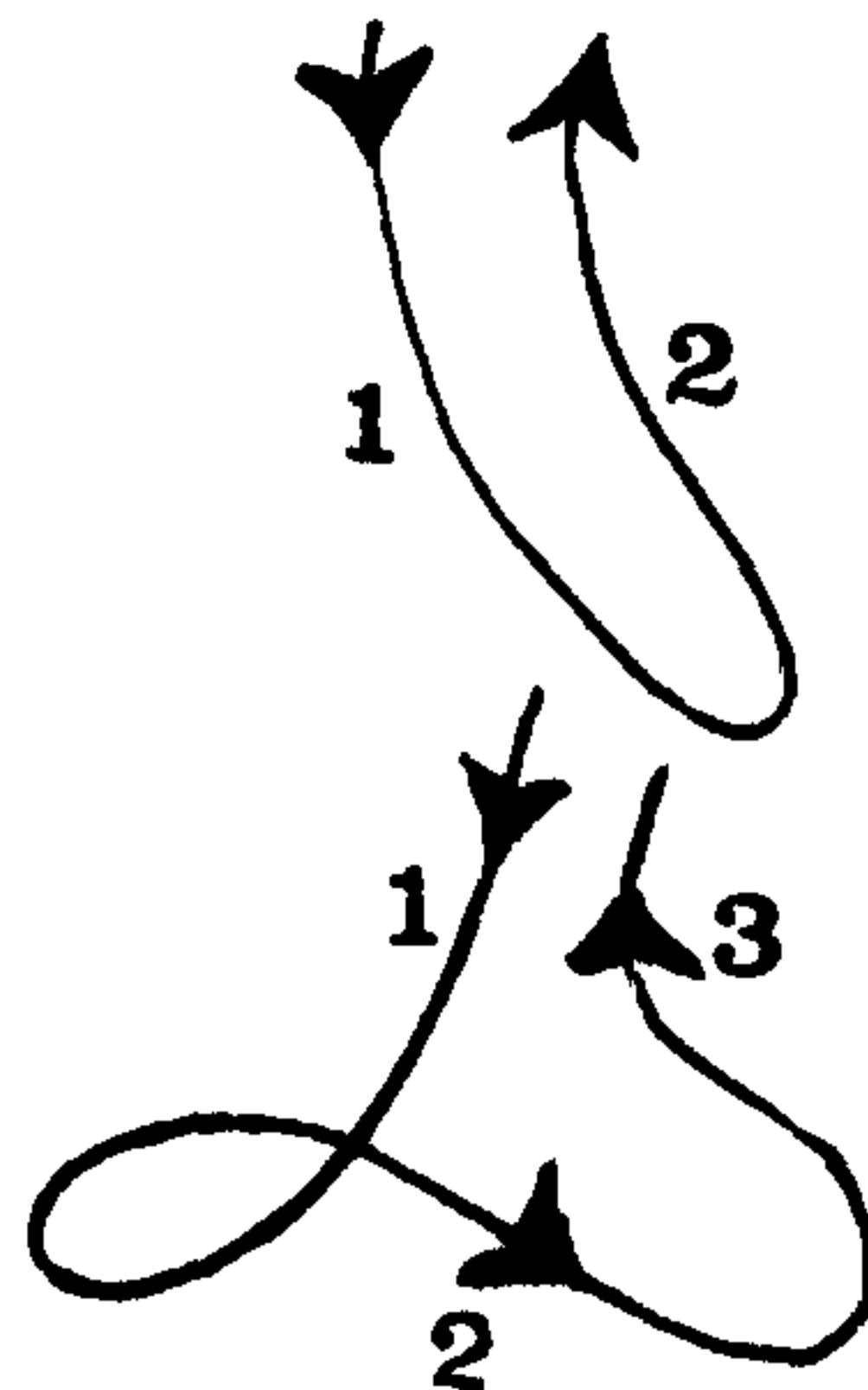
2. Clap, as before. Mark the metric accents by dynamic accents (tapping with your foot).

In the following exercises you beat time according to the conventional patterns for conducting.

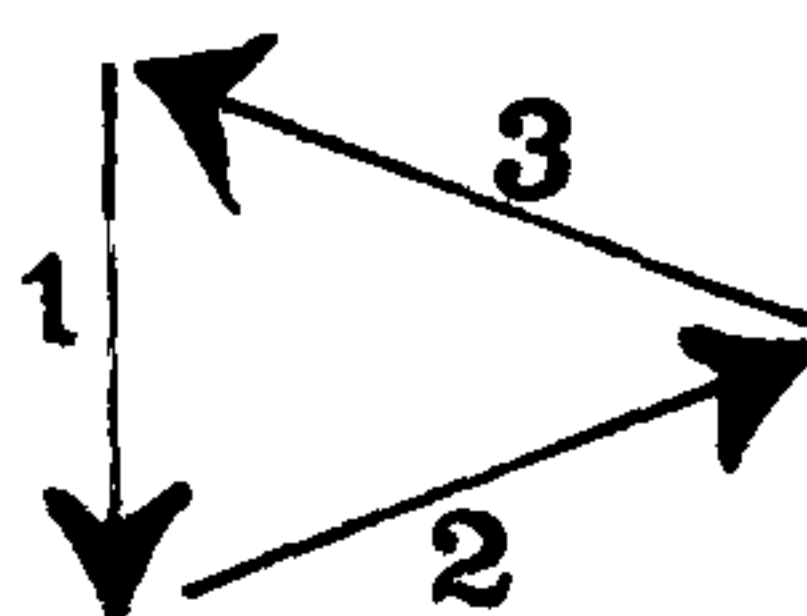
The pattern for two-beat groups follows this scheme:



which in the movement of the conducting hand looks approximately like:



Pattern for three-beat groups:

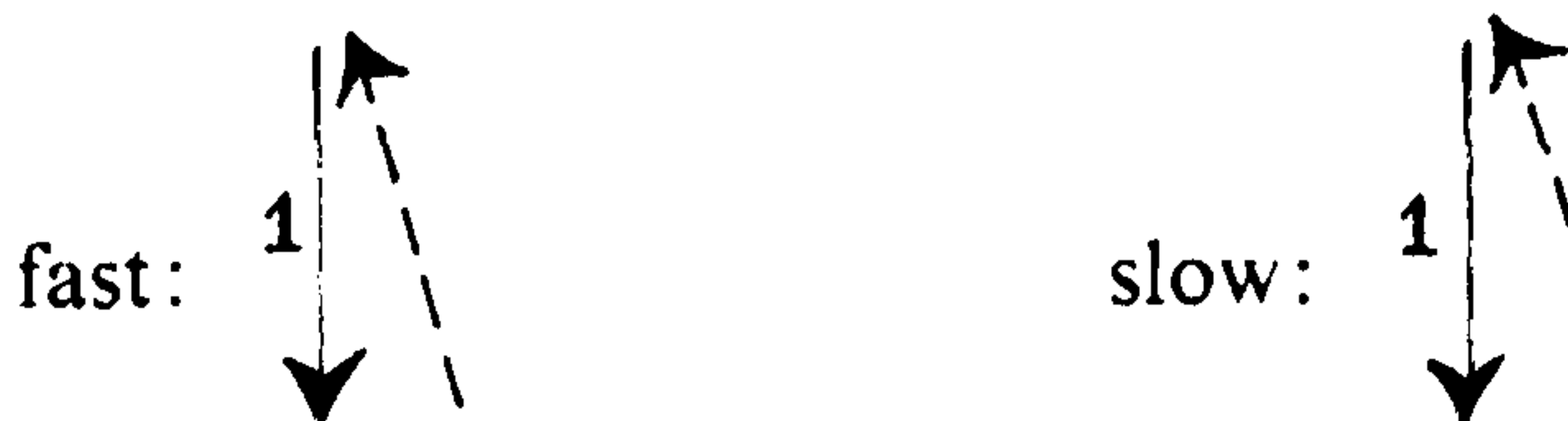


To give others the signal to start a piece one has to give one preparatory beat before the first actual beat. In fast tempo the preparatory beat has the full value of a beat; in slow tempo, half of a beat; and in very slow tempo even less.

Examples:

For a piece

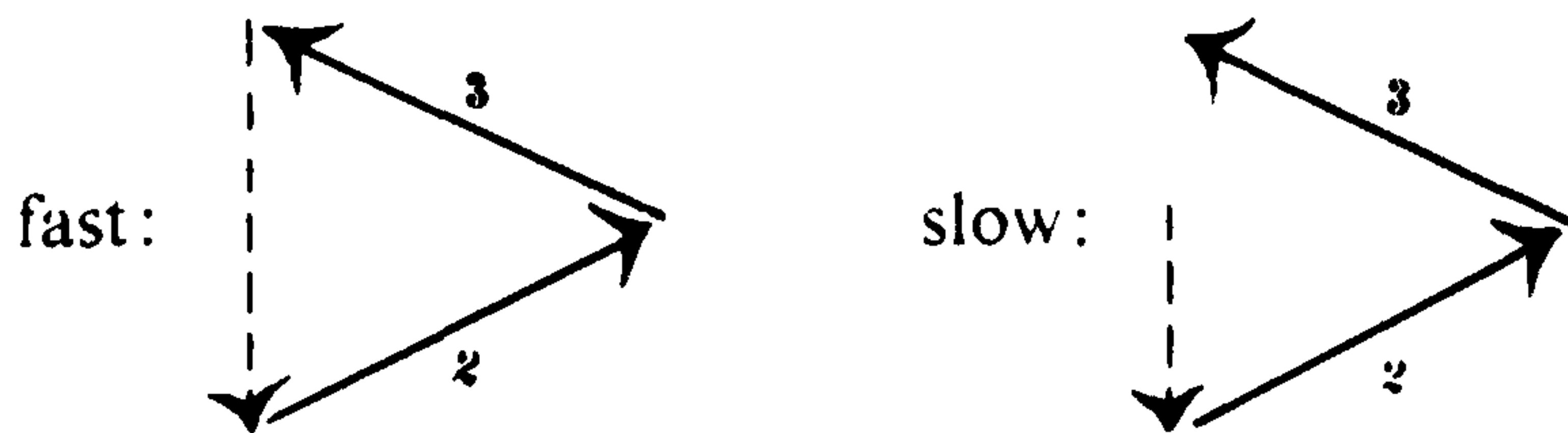
(a) beginning on the first beat in $\frac{3}{4}$



(b) beginning on the second beat in $\frac{2}{4}$



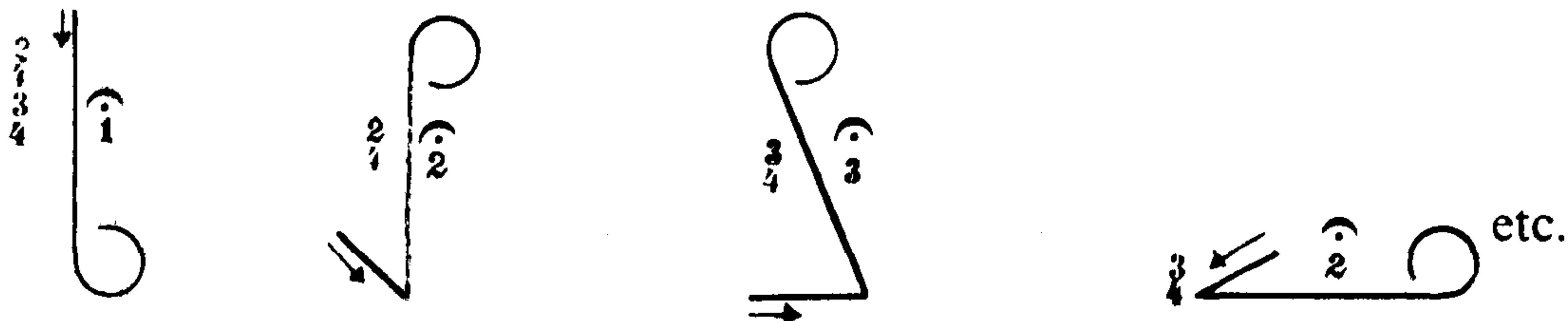
(c) beginning on the second beat in $\frac{3}{4}$



and correspondingly on other beats in any meter.

A fermata is indicated by slowly moving the hand in the direction of the beat it falls on. If after the fermata the piece continues without interruption, the next beat follows immediately after the fermata beat; but if the fermata ends a piece or a section of it, the fermata beat has to be cut off by a short concluding motion of the conducting hand.

Examples:



A beat following such a concluding motion must again be preceded by a preparatory beat.

— EXERCISE 33 —

Sing the following melodic lines and divide them into groups of two beats; then into groups of three. Instead of clapping or tapping, beat time in the patterns given.

Example for beating time at the beginning of the next piece:



Beat unit: ♩



Beat unit: ♩



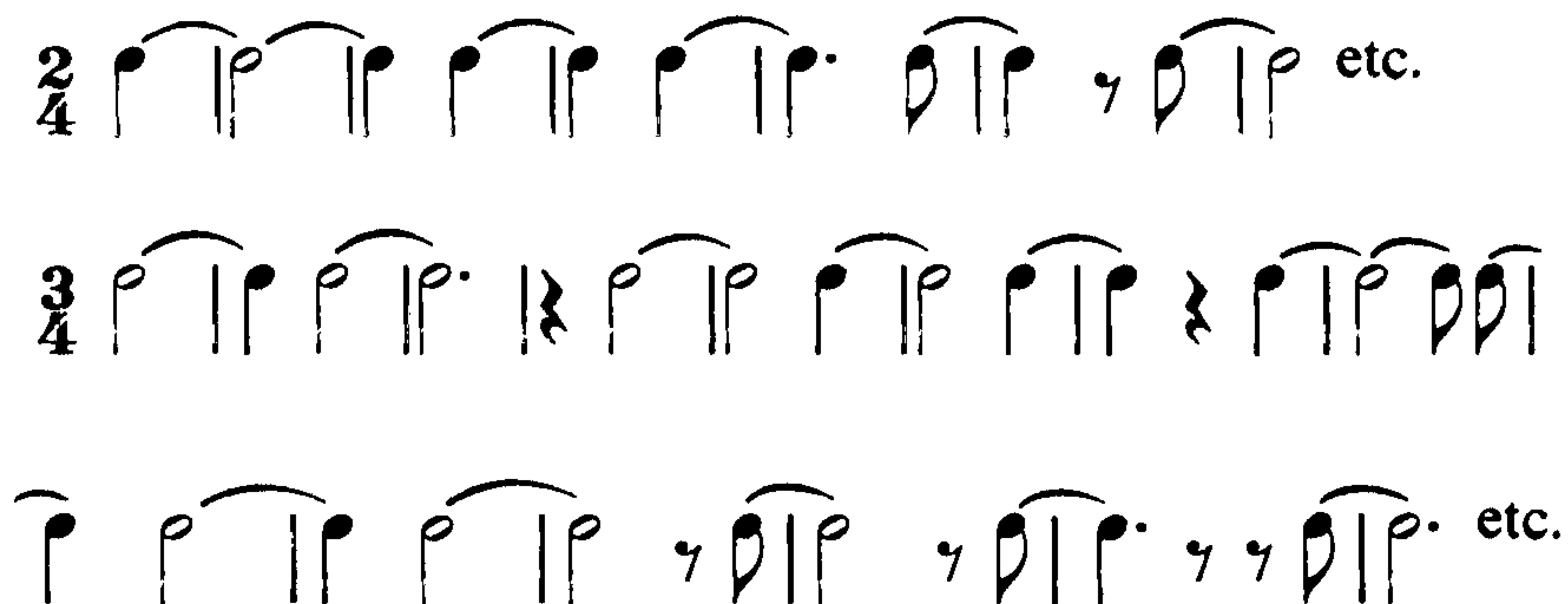
Beat unit: ♩



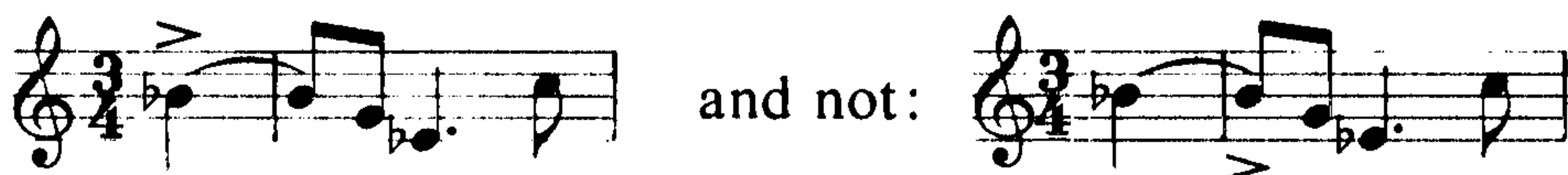
Beat unit: ♩



It is obvious that the application of different meters places the metric accents of the preceding pieces on different tones. This shifting of the metric accent sometimes causes the so-called *Syncopation* ("cutting up"), in which the metric accent, instead of coinciding with the beginning of a tone, occurs later in its duration:



In singing and playing syncopated patterns one usually emphasizes the contradiction of meter and tone-rhythm by putting dynamic accents on the beginnings of the syncopated tones. Thus the metric accents can only be conceived by comparison with the context of normal (unsyncopated) patterns. Thus sing:



Syncopations may also occur, in note-values *shorter* than the beat unit, when one fraction of such a note-value comes before a beat and the remaining part after, no matter whether the beat is metrically accented or not:

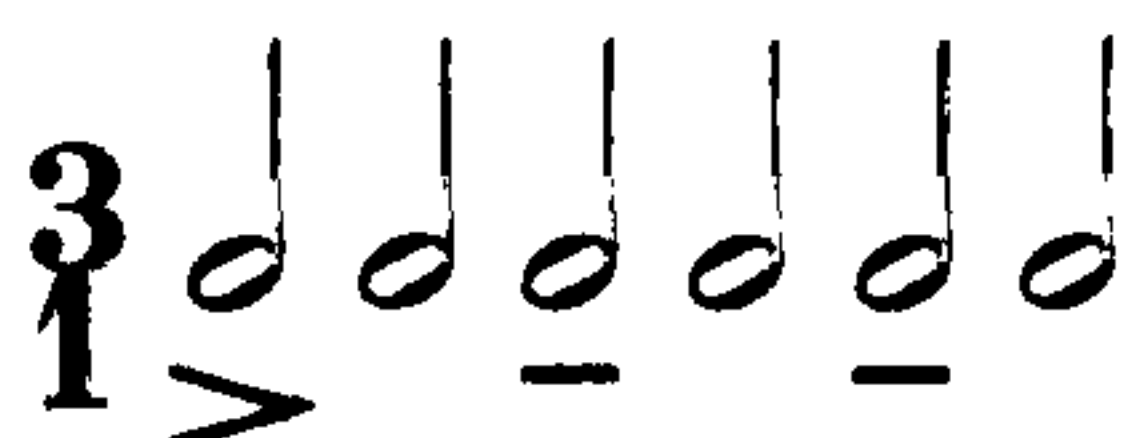
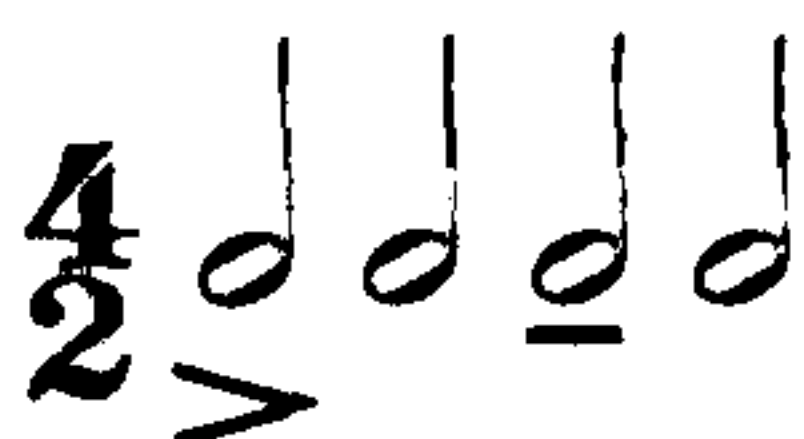
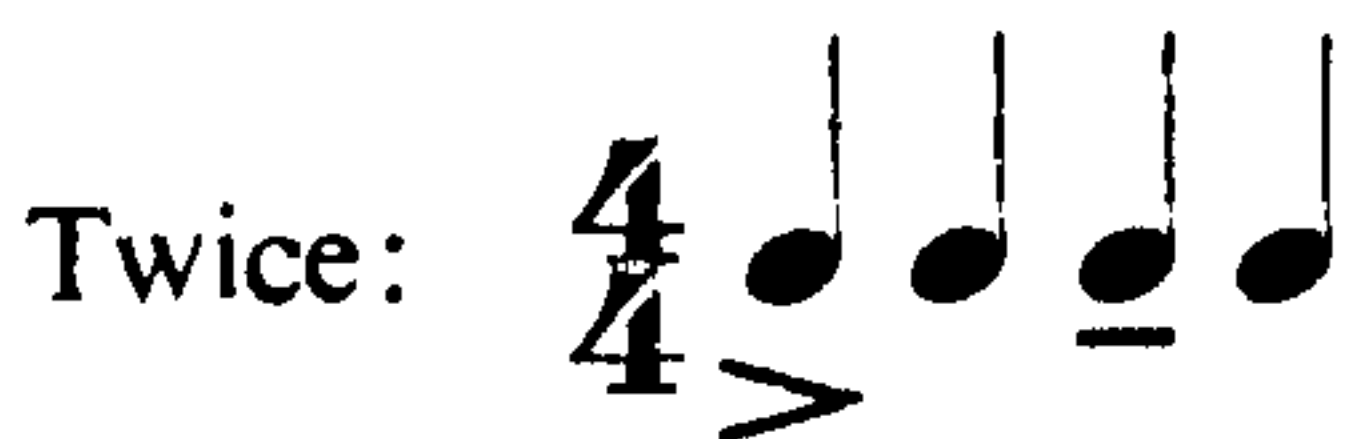


which will be discussed in Chapter X.

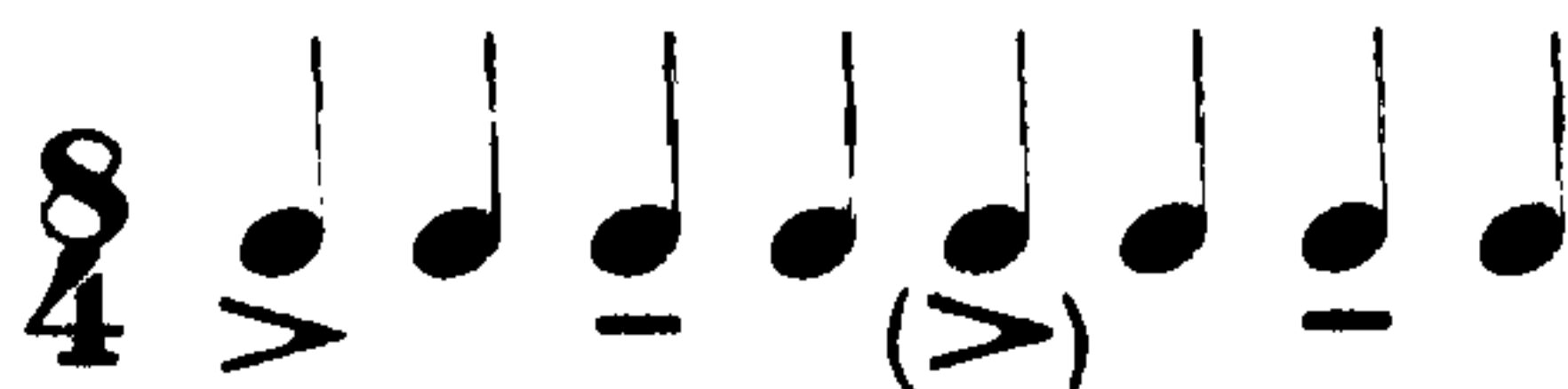
The statement on page 94 concerning the bar-line was, although useful, necessarily incomplete. Here is its complete form: The bar-line indicates the position of the *main* accent; the positions of secondary accents have to be deduced from the time-signature—as the next paragraph (on notation) will show.

NOTATION: (1) These compound groups appear in notation as follows:

(a) Groups of which the constituent is



(this would mean a tempo slower than that of the normal $\frac{3}{4}$, since in fast tempo the subordinate accents cannot be understood).





(The last three are used mostly in the form of $\frac{4}{4}$, $\frac{4}{2}$, and $\frac{4}{8}$, since the larger forms would necessitate the establishment of three degrees of metric accents—and this reaches beyond the limit of metric arrangement into the realm of form.)

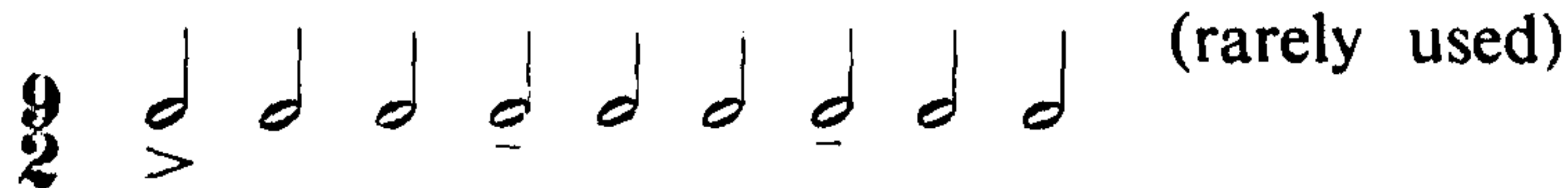
(b) Groups of which the constituent is



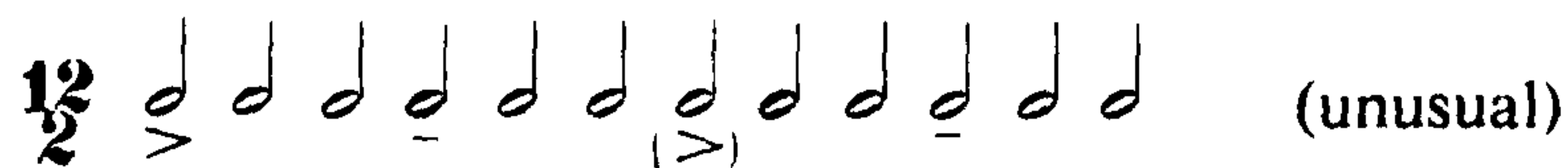
Twice:





Three times:



Four times:




In order to avoid the above-mentioned introduction of three degrees of metric accents it is better to use measures having the numerator 12 only when the meter can be understood as a form of $\frac{4}{4}$ ($\frac{4}{2}$, $\frac{4}{8}$). In this case three eighths in a $\frac{12}{8}$ measure correspond to two eighths in a $\frac{4}{4}$ measure—namely one fourth of the whole group. This reduces the accents in the measure to two: one on each half, while the accents of the third degree (on the 4th and 10th eighths) disappear. If an equation $\frac{12}{8} = \frac{4}{4}$ is not possible, it is preferable to divide the measure in two, and write $\frac{6}{8}$ ($\frac{6}{2}$ or $\frac{6}{4}$) instead of $\frac{12}{8}$ ($\frac{12}{2}$ or $\frac{12}{4}$). More about such equations in the next Chapter.

(2) In exceptional cases the basic patterns  and  may be used as the constituents of compound meters:



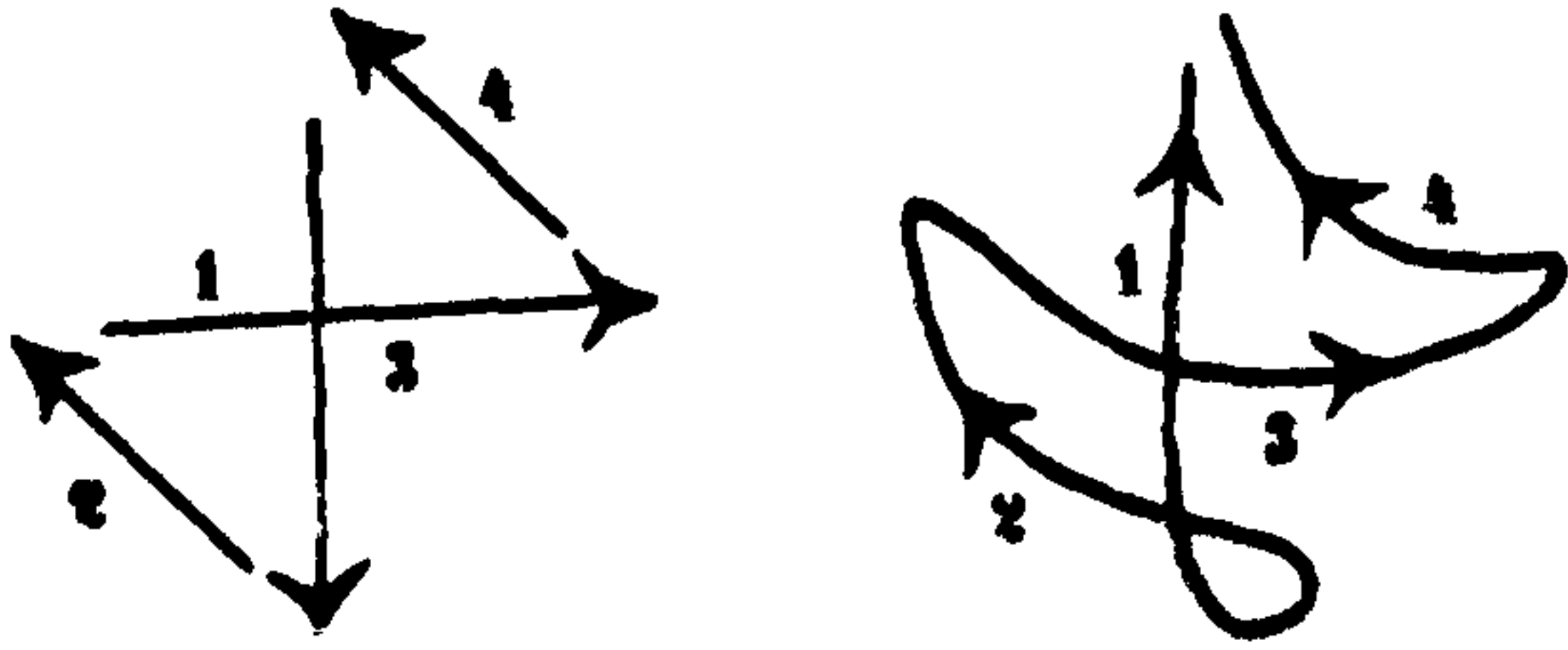
it is obvious that the order of accents can be understood only in slow tempo, which leads us to consider whether the legibility of such notation is not unnecessarily complicated, owing to the contradiction between the inherently short value of one sixteenth part of a whole and its actually long duration in slow tempo.

(3) Note that in musical measures fractions with the numerator 6 are always bipartite while measures with the same number of beats but with the numerator 3 are tripartite. Bipartite are: 4, 6, 8, 12; tripartite: 3 and 9. For this reason we have to write a 2+2+2 compound based on  as $\frac{3}{2}$ and not as $\frac{6}{4}$. The same is true for $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{6}{8}$, $\frac{3}{1}$ and $\frac{6}{2}$.

— EXERCISE 34 —

Sing, beating time:

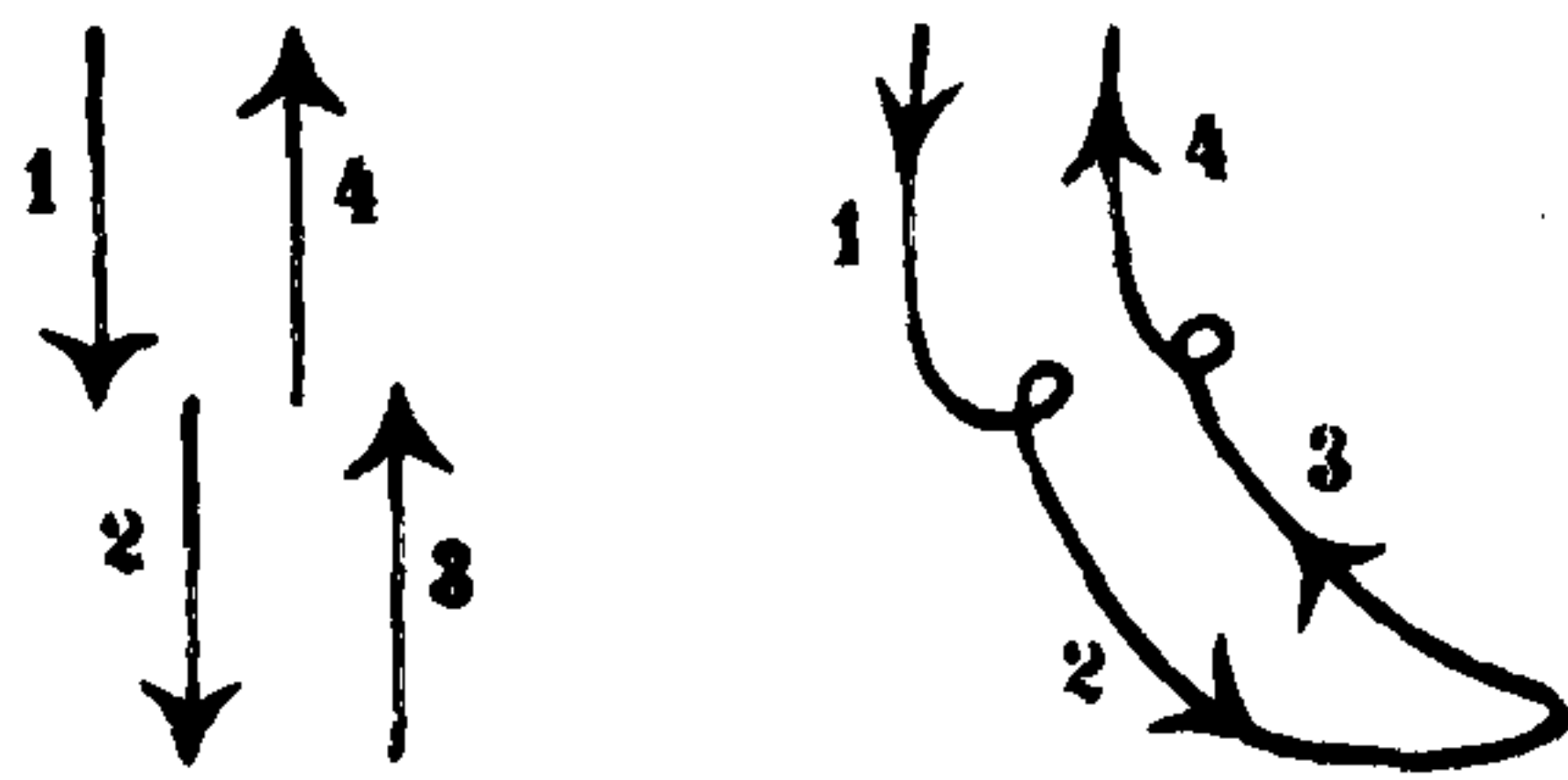
(a) The patterns for $\frac{4}{4}$, $\frac{4}{2}$, $\frac{4}{8}$ are:



Moderato

$\frac{4}{4}$

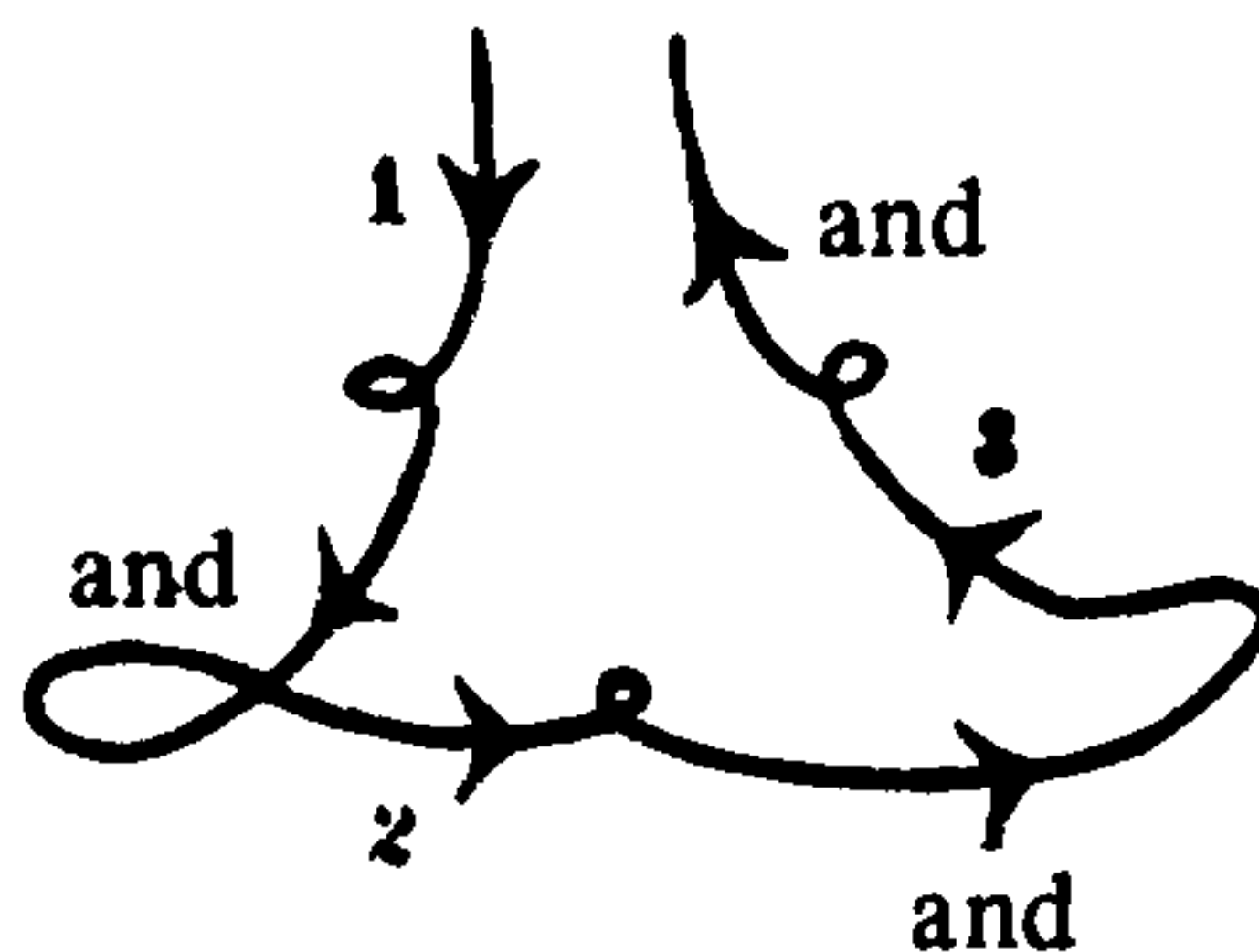
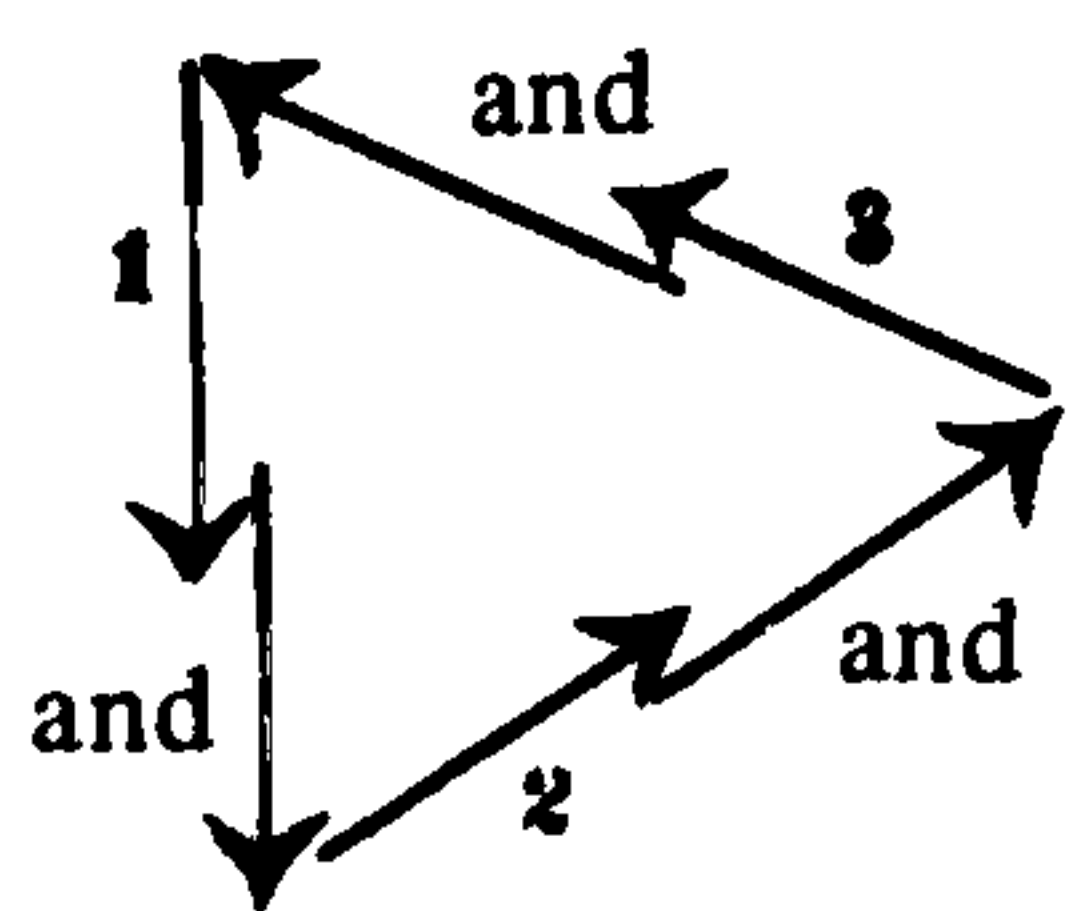
(b) $\frac{4}{8}$ can also be treated as a $\frac{2}{4}$ with subdivisions:



Adagio

$\frac{4}{8}$

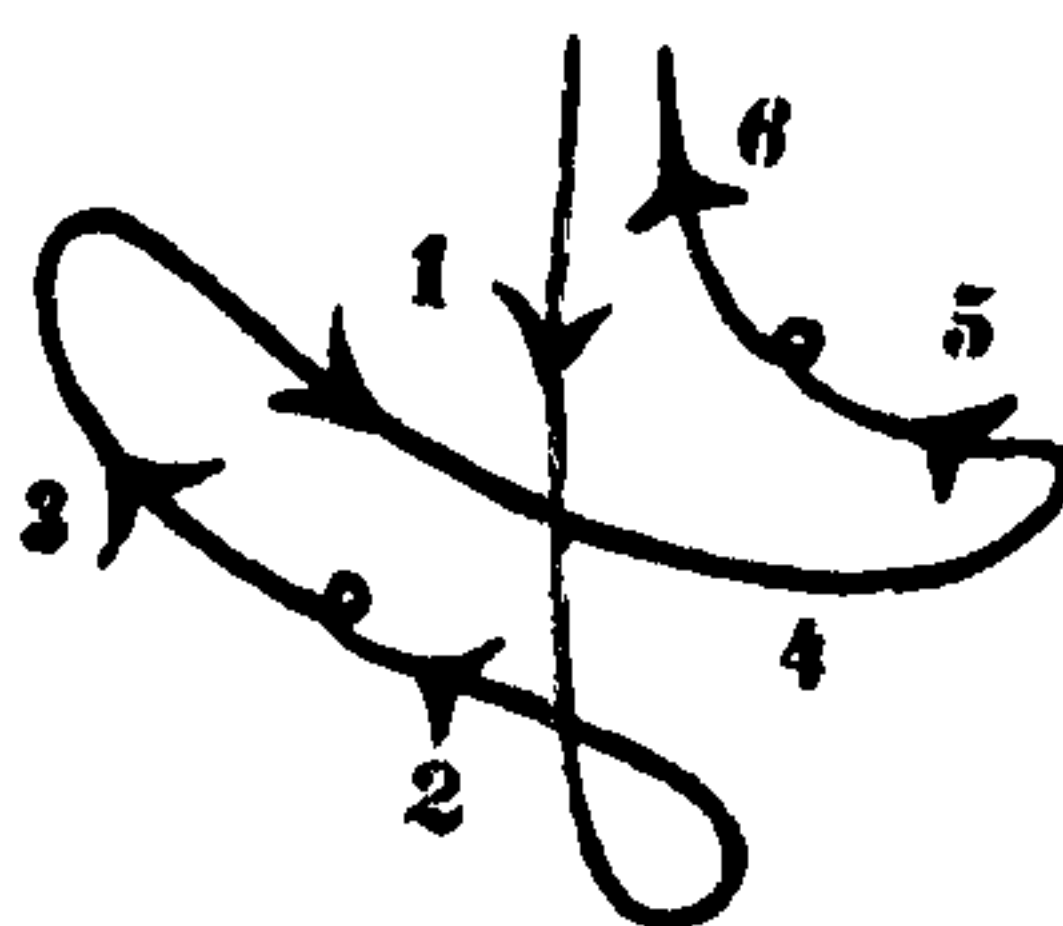
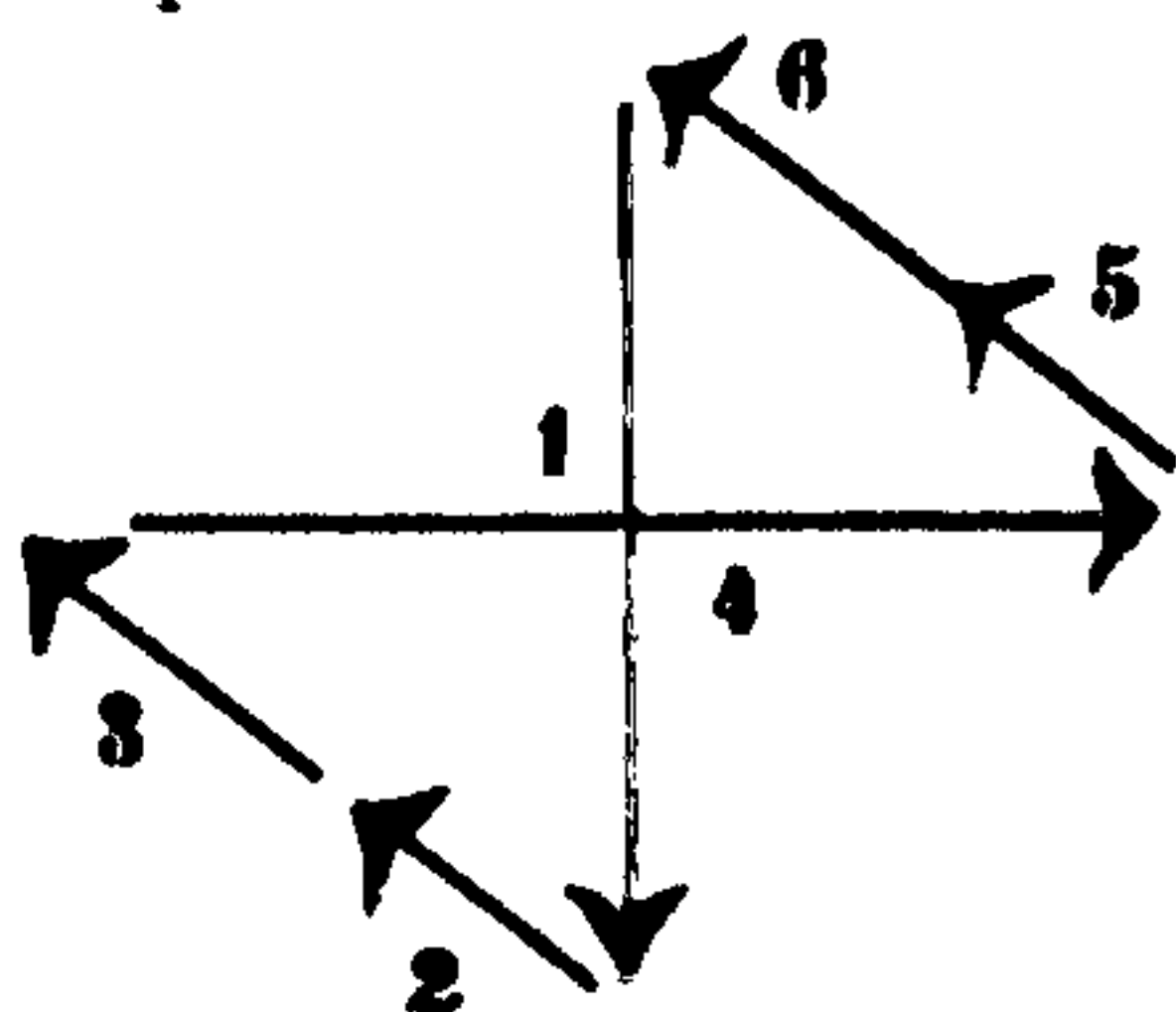
(c) $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ are treated either as a regular three-beat group (see p. 94), or with subdivisions:



Lento

Musical notation for Lento, 3/4 time signature. The piece consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, often grouped in threes. The second and third staves continue the piece with similar rhythmic patterns and some rests.

(d) $\frac{6}{4}$, $\frac{6}{2}$, $\frac{6}{8}$ are treated in fast tempo as a two-beat group (see p. 94), or in slow tempo thus:



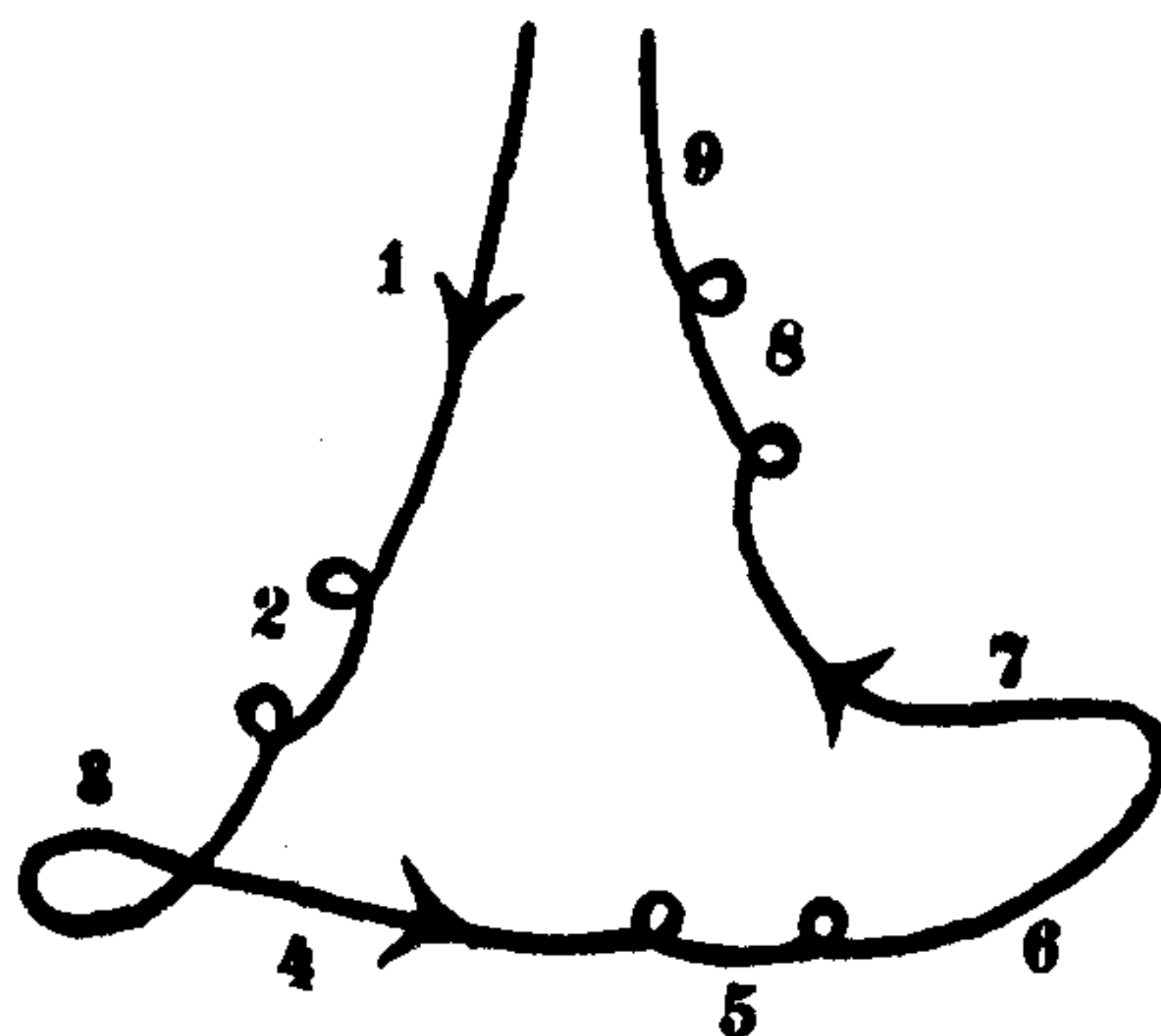
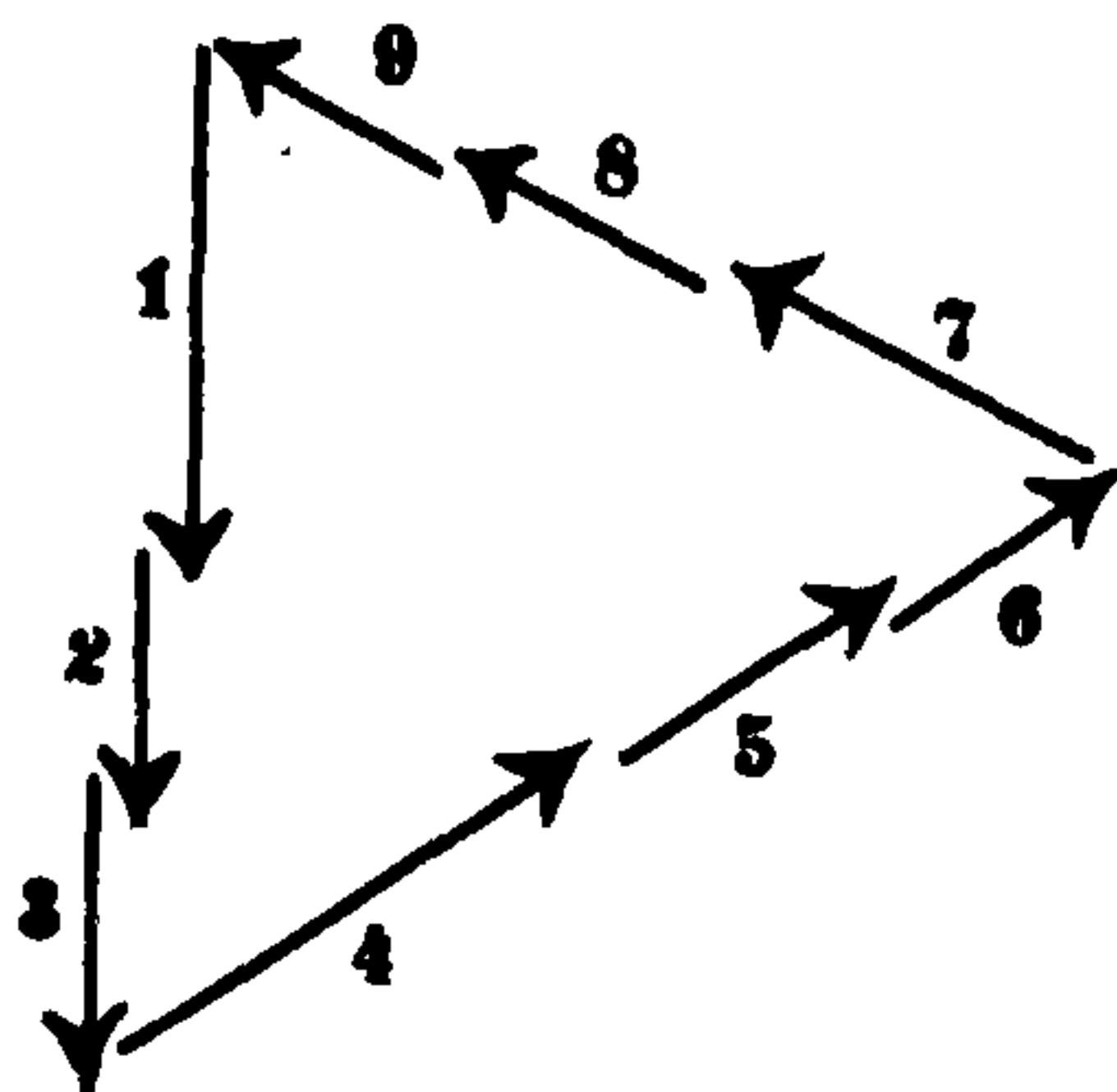
Andantino

Musical notation for Andantino, 6/4 time signature. The piece consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 6/4 time signature. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, often grouped in threes. The second and third staves continue the piece with similar rhythmic patterns and some rests.

Presto

(e)

(f) $\frac{9}{4}$ and $\frac{9}{8}$ are treated in fast tempo as a three-beat group (see p. 94), or in slow tempo thus:



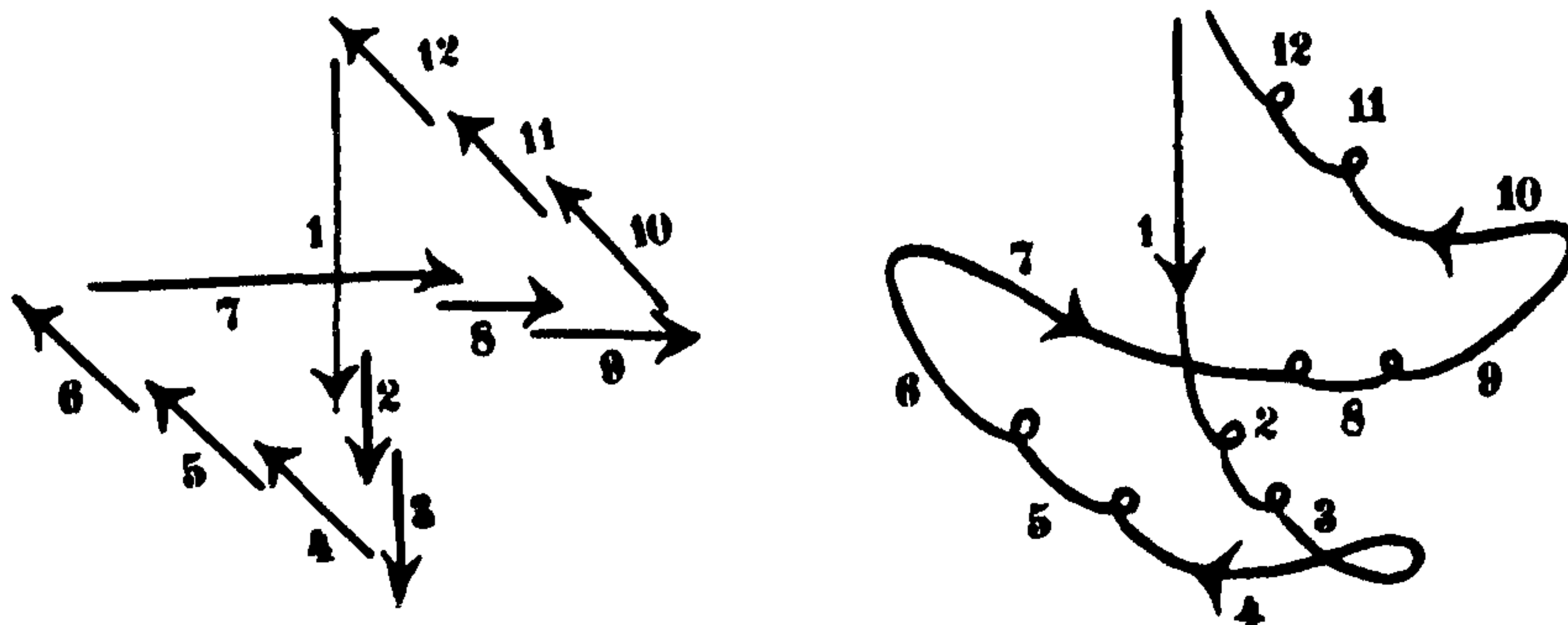
Allegro

Andante

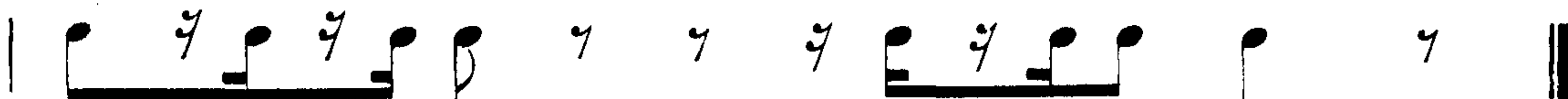
(g)



(h) $\frac{12}{8}$ are treated in fast tempo as $\frac{4}{4}$ (see p. 102), or in slow tempo thus:



Moderato



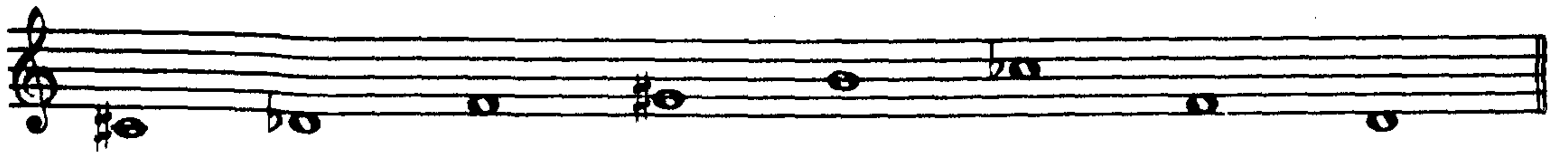
NOTATION: (1) Undotted rests are always understood as bipartite metric structures, with the metric accent on the beginning. Hence:

(a) an undotted rest must not occur in a "syncopated" position.

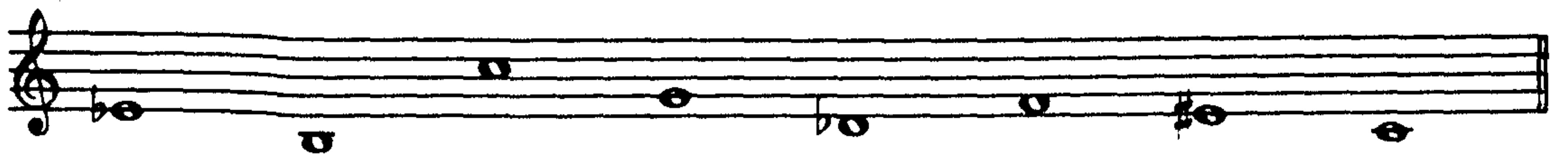


(b) an undotted rest may represent the first two thirds of the tripartite subdivisions of any *compound* metric pattern:

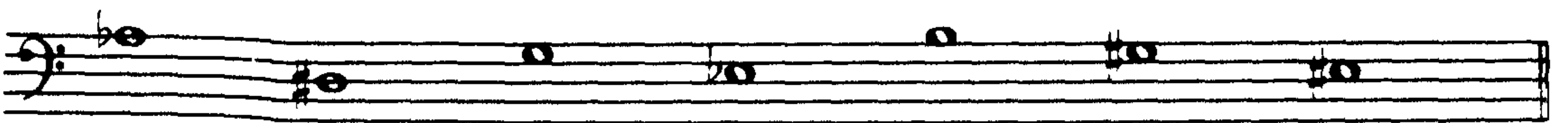




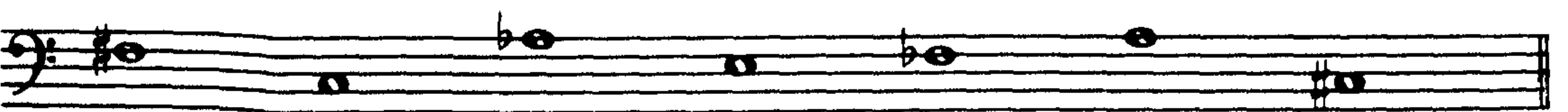
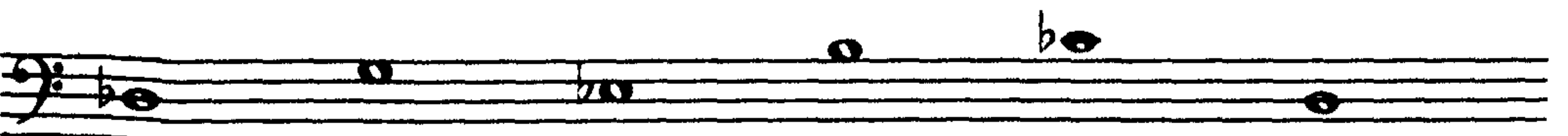
2. Play; sing the tones a minor third above:



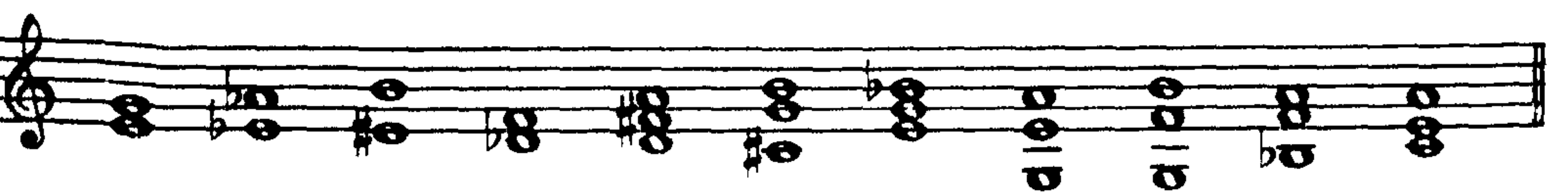
3. Play; sing the tones a major third *below*:



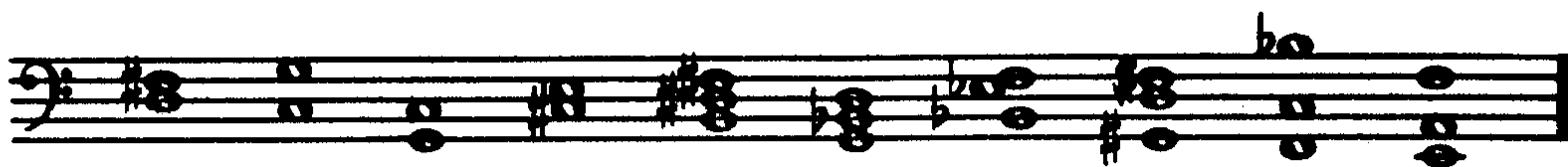
4. Play; sing the tones a minor third below. Women's voices one octave higher (cf. Ex. 30).



5. Play; sing the tones a major third above the upper tones:



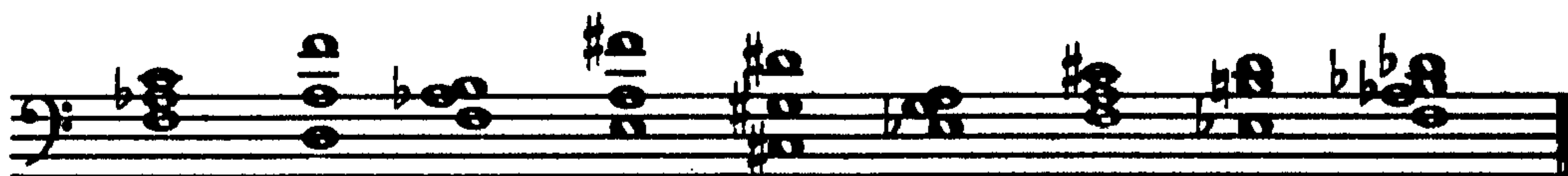
6. Play; sing the tones a minor third above the upper tones:



7. Play; sing the tones a major third below the lowest tones:



8. Play; sing the tones a minor third below the lowest tones. For women's voices: sing and play one octave higher—but don't double the chords in the lower octave.



Following the rules given on page 84 you can invert both thirds.

Invert the major third; the result is the *Minor Sixth*.

Question: On what degrees of a major scale can you find minor sixths?

Invert the minor third; the result is the *Major Sixth*.

Question: On what degrees of a major scale can you find major sixths?

The fact that the inversion of the *major* third is the *minor* sixth and that of the *minor* third is the *major* sixth leads us to the general statement that the inversions of all major intervals are minor, and vice versa. Perfect intervals, however, remain perfect in their inversions (perfect fifth—perfect fourth).

— EXERCISE 37 —

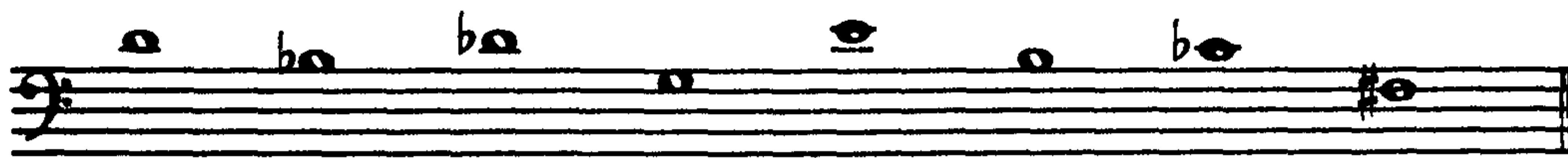
1. Play the following tones; sing tones a minor sixth above. Performance as described before. Treatment of men's and women's voices as in the preceding exercise.



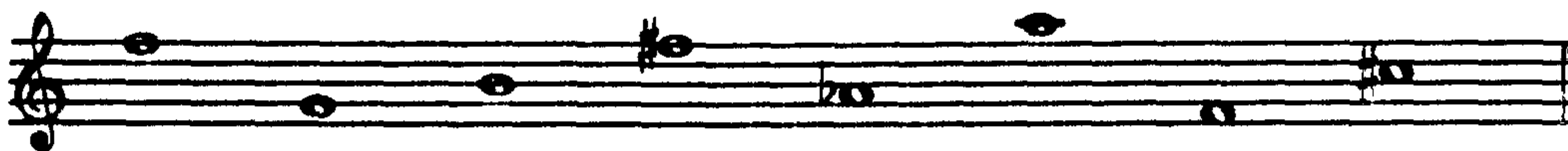
2. Play; sing tones a major sixth above:



3. Play; sing tones a minor sixth *below*:



4. Play; sing tones a major sixth *below*:



5. Play; sing tones a minor sixth *above* the upper tones:



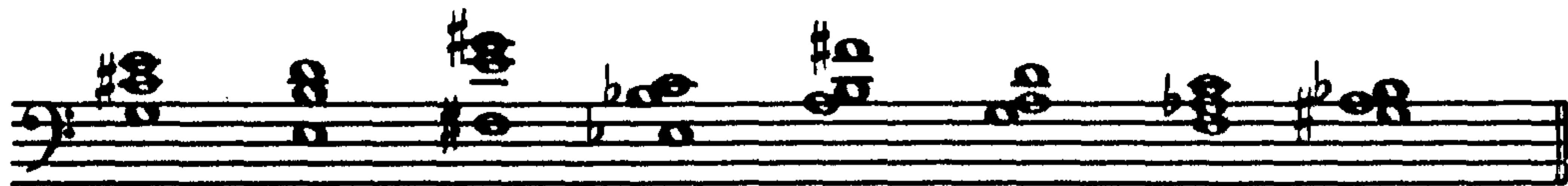
6. Play; sing tones a major sixth *above* the upper tones:



7. Play; sing tones a major sixth *below* the lowest tones:



8. Play; sing tones a minor sixth *below* the lowest tones:



— DICTATION 32 —

C. Coordinated Action

— EXERCISE 38 —

1. Play on the piano; count aloud:

Moderato

(a)

Musical score for Moderato, part (a). It consists of four staves of music in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a treble clef and contains a melodic line with slurs and ties. The second and third staves contain accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The fourth staff continues the accompaniment and ends with a double bar line.

(b)

Allegretto

Musical score for Allegretto, part (b). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and contains a melodic line with slurs and ties, marked with '8va' above and below. The second and third staves contain accompaniment with chords and moving lines, also marked with '8va' below. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

Allegro

(c)

2. Sing, beating time. While singing, add sharps or flats to certain tones, in order to realize the tonality marked at the beginning of each piece.

(a) Beat in $\frac{9}{8}$, beginning with the first beat, then beginning with the fourth, and finally with the seventh.

After this: beat in $\frac{12}{8}$, following the same procedure (first beat; fourth; seventh; tenth).

Andantino in A major

(b) Beat in $\frac{3}{2}$ (three ways), then in $\frac{4}{2}$ (four ways).

If a piece starts with a rest of short value, no special preparatory beat need be given: the beat on the rest itself serves as preparatory beat. In beating the following piece you have to start thus:

Allegro in D \flat major

Three staves of musical notation in treble clef, D-flat major, 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a quarter rest followed by eighth notes. The second staff continues the eighth-note pattern. The third staff concludes with a half note and a fermata.

(c) Beat in $\frac{1}{8}$, taking a different eighth as starting point each time (six ways).

Lento in F \sharp major

Three staves of musical notation in treble clef, F-sharp major, 3/4 time. The first staff features a 7-measure rest followed by a melodic line. The second and third staves contain complex rhythmic patterns with many beamed notes and rests.


(d) Beat in $\frac{1}{2}$, first in $\frac{6}{4}$ (two ways), then in $\frac{9}{4}$ (three ways).

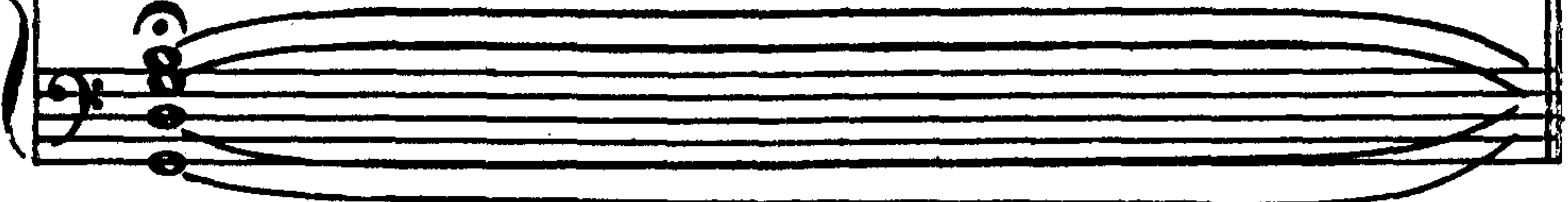
Presto in B \flat major

Three staves of musical notation in treble clef, B-flat major, 2/4 time. The first staff has a bracket under the first two notes labeled "1 beat". The second and third staves continue the eighth-note pattern.

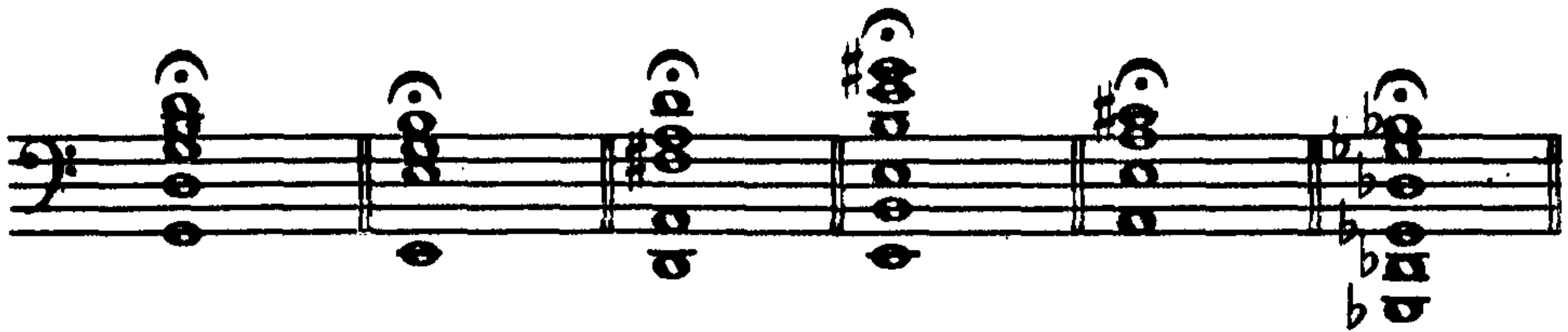
3. (a) Play a chord on the piano. Sing c' , hold it for a moment, then sing the C-major scale up and down. Thus:

Poco Adagio

Sing: 

Play: 

Chords to be played:



- (b) Play and sing the same examples
one half-tone lower;
one half-tone higher.

This procedure (shifting of a complete tonality to another tone-level) is called *Transposition*.

- (c) Invent similar exercises.

— *DICTION 33*

CHAPTER IX

A. Action in Time

The construction of compound measures was based on *multiplication*—doubling and tripling of certain metric units. But looking back from the established compound measures we can also regard these compound results as units and the shorter values as their partials. Thus we can state that *division* into two or three parts is the reverse of this multiplication, and hence can also be used in establishing metric devices.

In fact, we have used it already for this purpose, as a glimpse at page 77 will show. But there we used only the division by 2 or its multiples 4, 8, 16, etc., and stated that our notation provides no equally simple and accurate means for expressing other divisions.

Division by 3, however, is easily possible if we take a dotted note as the divisible unit. Then: $\text{♩} \cdot \left(\frac{3}{8}\right) = \text{one beat}$, and $\text{♪} \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \text{one-third of a beat}$. But if we wish to divide this $\text{♪} \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$ in turn by 3 (producing one-ninth of a beat), how can we notate this further division ($= \frac{1}{24}$)?

Division of a dotted note by 2, although possible by the continued use of smaller dotted values ($\text{♩} \cdot \left[\frac{3}{4}\right] = \text{♩} \cdot \text{♩} \cdot [2 \times \frac{3}{8}] = \text{♪} \cdot \text{♪} \cdot \text{♪} \cdot \text{♪}$

$[4 \times \frac{3}{16}] = \text{♪} \cdot \text{♪} \cdot \text{♪} \cdot \text{♪} \cdot \text{♪} \cdot \text{♪} \cdot \text{♪} \cdot \text{♪} \cdot [8 \times \frac{3}{32}]$) is cumbersome to read, and

hence, except for its first step, it is rarely used. And apart from this difficulty, it is almost impossible in the adaption of notation to practical music to use units of different graphic forms but identical duration in one and the same part of a piece: the use of ♩ and $\text{♩} \cdot$ together as equivalent representatives of a single value is not possible without causing the greatest confusion, even in writing a simple $\frac{4}{4}$ measure.

NOTATION: In order to avoid this confusion and still find in our uniformly bipartite notation a means of expressing the metric values of thirds, ninths, etc., and even of such complicated fractions as fifths, sevenths, elevenths, etc., we use the following device:

We symbolize these values (or multiples of them) by the next longer values for which we have notes: $\text{♩} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ for $\frac{1}{3}$, $\text{♩} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$ for $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, or $\frac{1}{7}$, $\text{♪} \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$ for $\frac{1}{9}$, $\frac{1}{10}$, $\frac{1}{15}$, and so on, and show by a numeral how the metric unit is being divided, and by a bracket which notes or rests go to make up the metric unit.

The bracket can be omitted when the higher metric unit is already indicated by a beam.


Thus the following patterns are made possible:

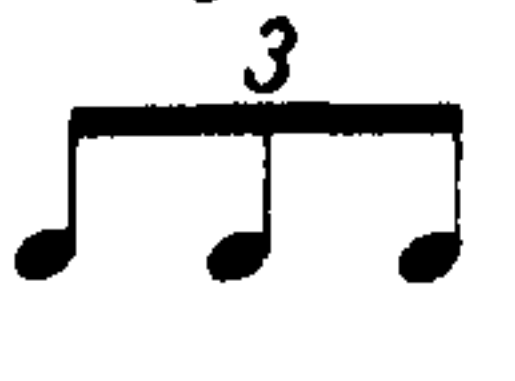


and similarly for and

Note that here too the distinction between bipartite and tripartite division (as mentioned on page 101) is valid: $\text{—}^3\text{—}$ is tripartite, while $\text{—}^6\text{—}$ is bipartite and consequently can also be written as a double $\text{—}^3\text{—}$, thus:

The tripartite relationship : is written thus:



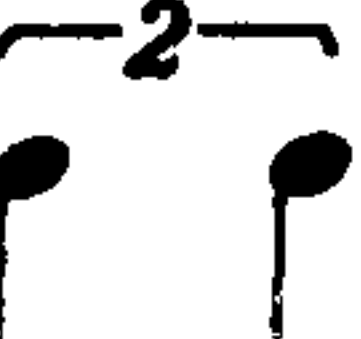

Consequently: : = but frequently we find this latter group-


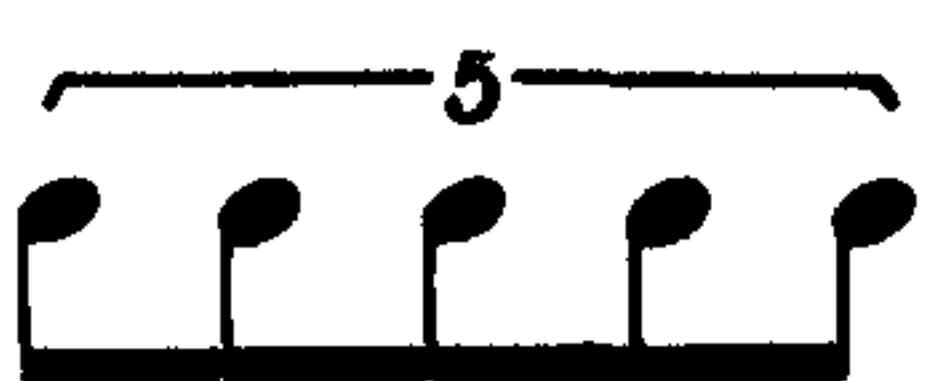
ing (and the corresponding relations ) written rather inconsistently. The following figure:



$\frac{2}{4}$  (or ) is frequently written: 


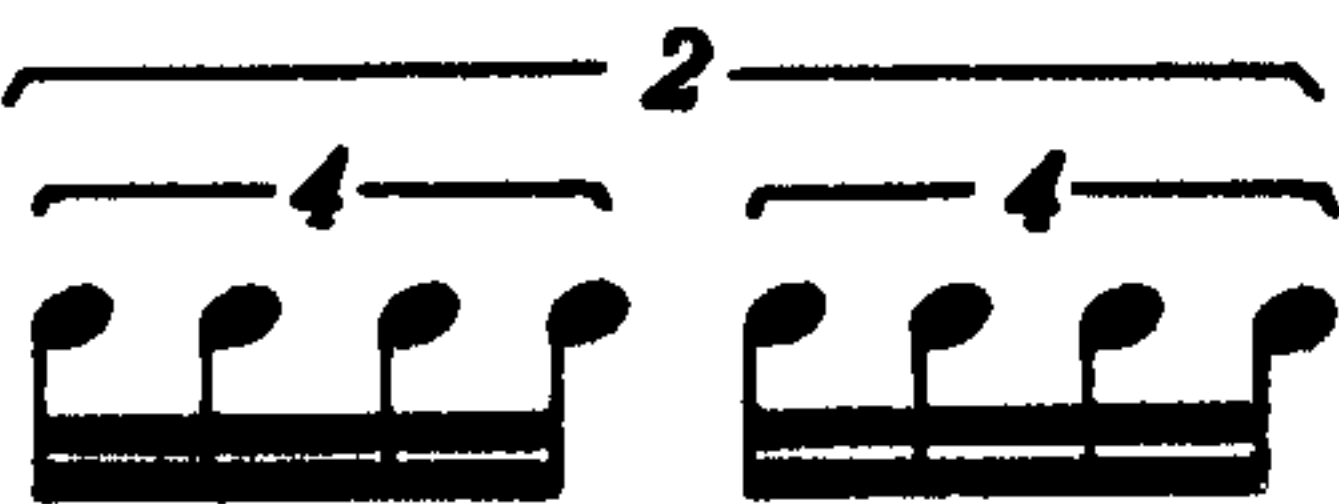
In slow tempo the distinction between the two different subordinate accents spoils the intended effect, but in a fairly fast tempo these minor accents cannot be felt; hence the quasi-justification of such careless forms.

In meters where a *dotted note* fills one whole measure, subdivisions are written as follows:

$\frac{3}{8}$  =  or  [$2 \times \frac{3}{16}$],  [$\frac{3}{8}$],

 [$4 \times \frac{3}{32}$],  [$5 \times \frac{3}{40}$],

 [$\frac{6}{16}$],  [$7 \times \frac{3}{56}$],


 or better  [$8 \times \frac{3}{64}$] etc.

Correspondingly in $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{2}$.

$\frac{3}{4}$  =  or  [$2 \times \frac{3}{16}$, rarely used],

 [$3 \times \frac{3}{24} = 3 \times \frac{3}{8}$],  [$4 \times \frac{3}{32}$],

 [$5 \times \frac{3}{40}$],  or, not recommended,

 [$6 \times \frac{3}{48} = 6 \times \frac{3}{16}$],  [$7 \times \frac{3}{56}$],

 [$8 \times \frac{3}{64}$],  [$\frac{3}{8}$] etc.

$\frac{6}{8}$ $\text{p} \cdot = \text{p} \cdot \text{p} \cdot \left[2 \times \frac{6}{16} = 2 \times \frac{3}{8} \right], \text{p} \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p}} \text{p} \text{ or } \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}$

$\left[3 \times \frac{6}{24} = 3 \times \frac{3}{8} \right], \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^4 \text{ or } \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p}}^2 \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p}}^2 \text{ or, not recommended}$

$\text{p} \cdot \text{p} \cdot \text{p} \cdot \left[4 \times \frac{6}{32} = 4 \times \frac{3}{8} \right], \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^5 \left[5 \times \frac{6}{40} \right],$

$\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \left[\frac{6}{8} \right], \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^7 \left[7 \times \frac{6}{56} \right], \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^4 \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^4$

or, not recommended, $\text{p} \cdot \text{p} \cdot \text{p} \cdot \text{p} \cdot \text{p} \cdot \text{p} \cdot \text{p} \cdot \text{p} \cdot \left[8 \times \frac{6}{64} = 8 \times \frac{3}{32} \right],$

$\overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^9 \left[9 \times \frac{6}{72} \right], \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^5 \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^5 \left[10 \times \frac{6}{80} \right],$

$\overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^{11} \left[11 \times \frac{6}{88} \right], \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^{12} \left[\frac{12}{6} \right] \text{ etc.}$

NOTE: Frequently one finds the division by 4 written thus:

$\frac{6}{8} \text{p} \cdot = \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^4 \text{ or } \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p}}^2 \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p}}^2 \text{ instead of } \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^4 \text{ or } \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p}}^2 \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p}}^2$

The latter notation is always preferable, since it follows the general rule that for fractions other than plain $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}$, etc., the next longer note-value ought to be used (see p. 115).

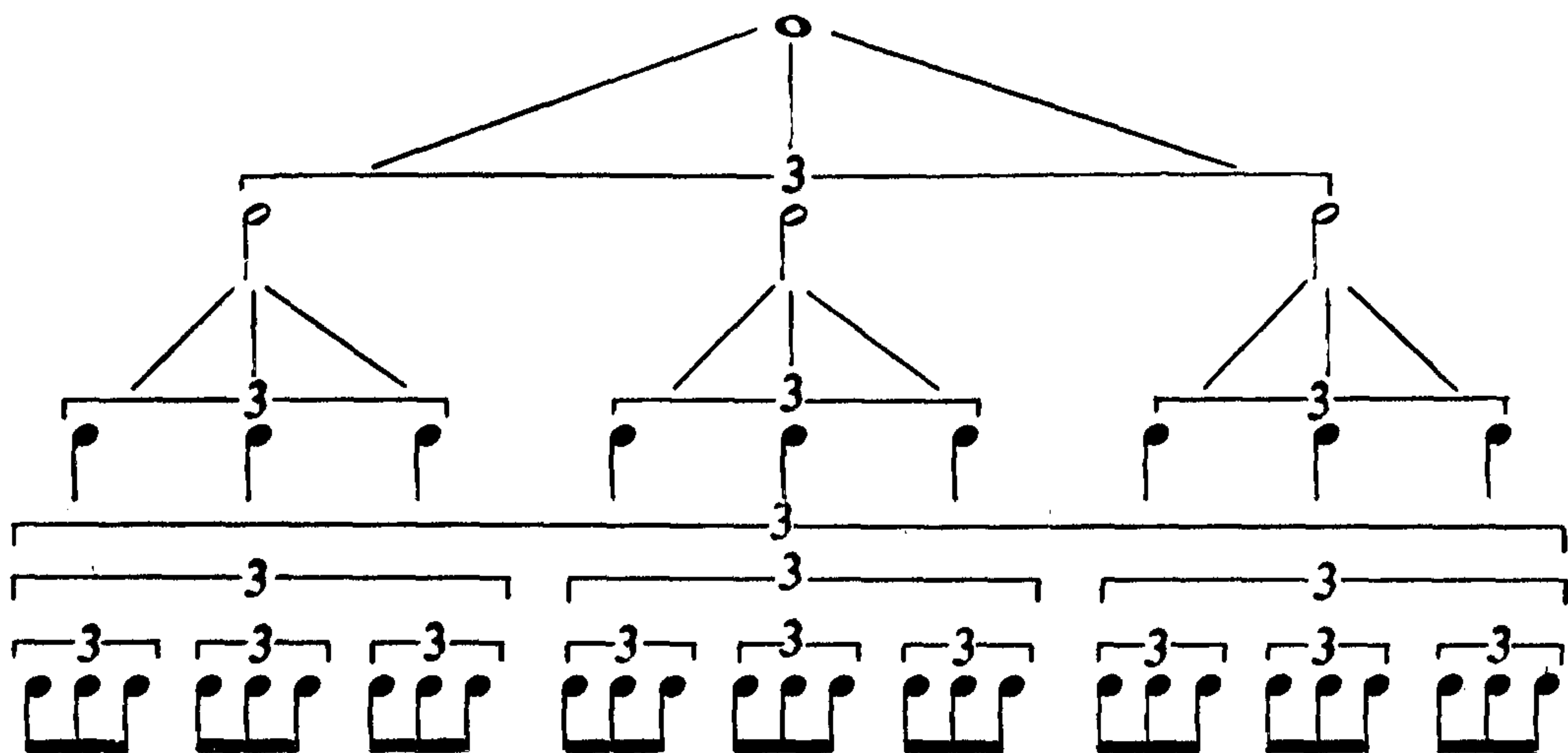
Correspondingly in $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{6}{8}$.

$\frac{12}{8} \text{p} \cdot = \text{p} \cdot \text{p} \cdot \left[2 \times \frac{6}{8} \right], \text{p} \cdot \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p}} \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p}} \text{ or } \overbrace{\text{p} \text{p} \text{p}}^3$

$3 \times \frac{12}{24} = 3 \times \frac{4}{8}$, very rarely used, and possible only in very fast tempo,

and there are many other cases where the mutual dependence of time-signature and note-values cause ambiguity in writing. Merely questions of practicality (additional work in writing the symbols for triplets, etc.) and sometimes minute distinctions in the determination of tempo ($\frac{9}{8}$ is generally felt as a slower tempo than $\frac{3}{4}$ —without any obvious reason!) influence a composer in his choice.

(2) Continuous tripartite (and smaller) subdivisions of triplets show clearly the weakness of these makeshift constructions:



Here the value of $\frac{1}{27}$ has to be written by the value that originally represented $\frac{1}{8}$! Although such a case may rarely occur, and normally twenty-sevenths not in connection with a preceding twofold triple division have to be written as sixteenths (these being the next larger value), this monstrosity is nevertheless theoretically justified.

— EXERCISE 40 —

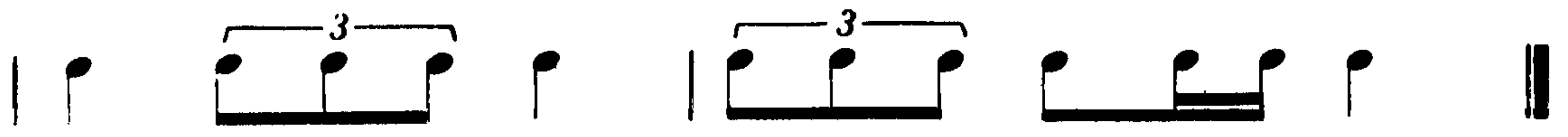
1. Sing, beating time:

Allegretto

(a) $\frac{4}{4}$

Andante

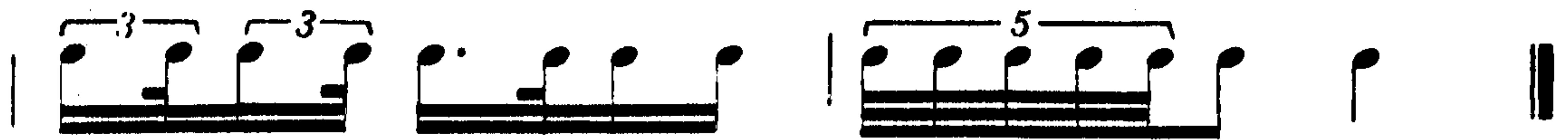
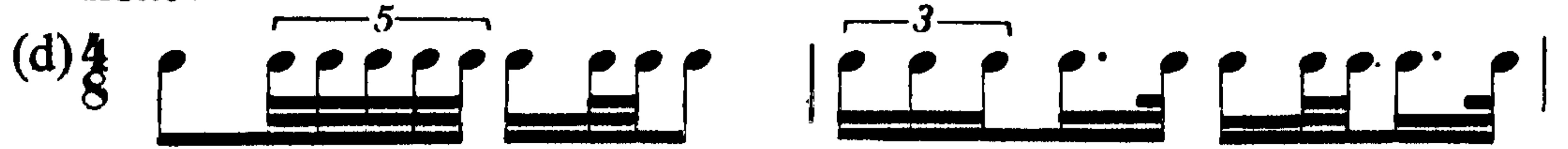
(b) $\frac{3}{4}$



Allegro (*conduct* ♩.)



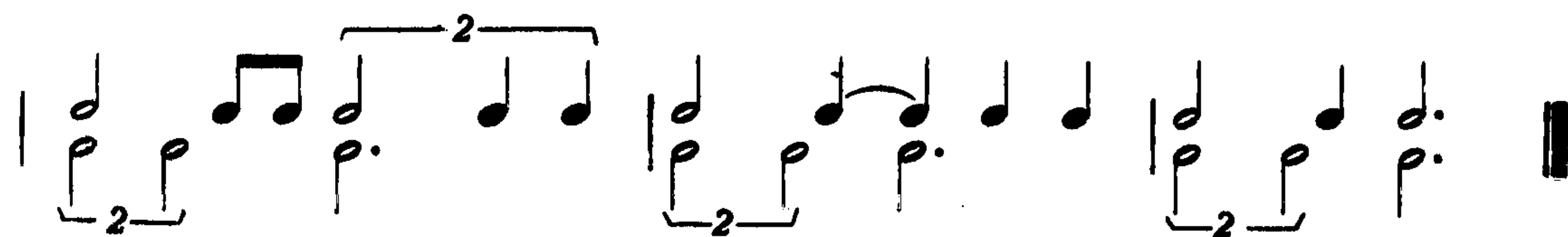
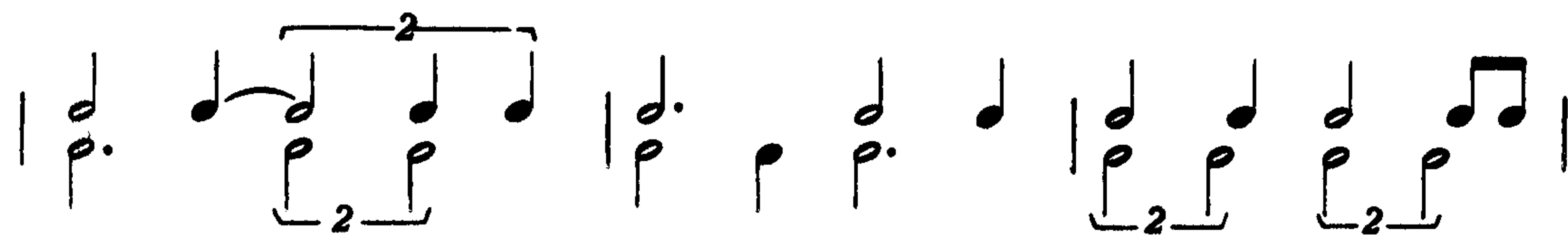
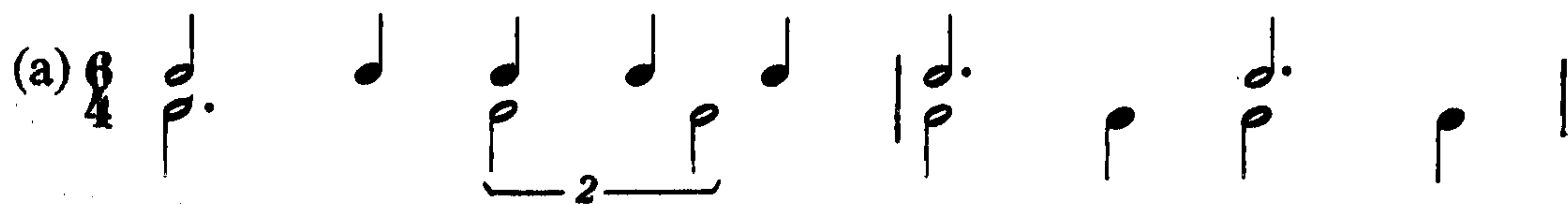
Lento



2. Invent similar examples.


3. Sing; let another person tap the rhythms indicated in the second line; a third person may beat time. (Perhaps you can beat time yourself.)

Allegro moderato

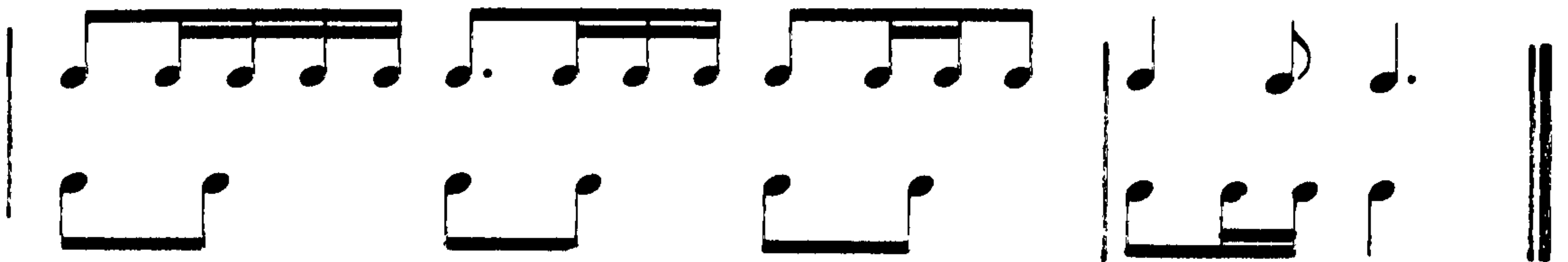


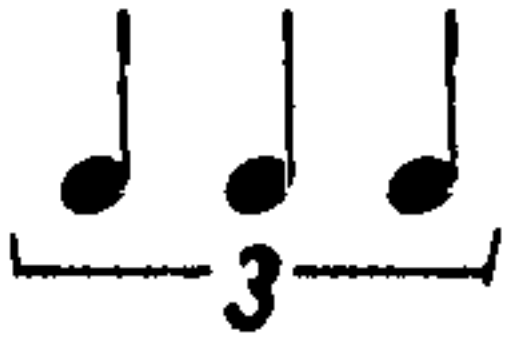
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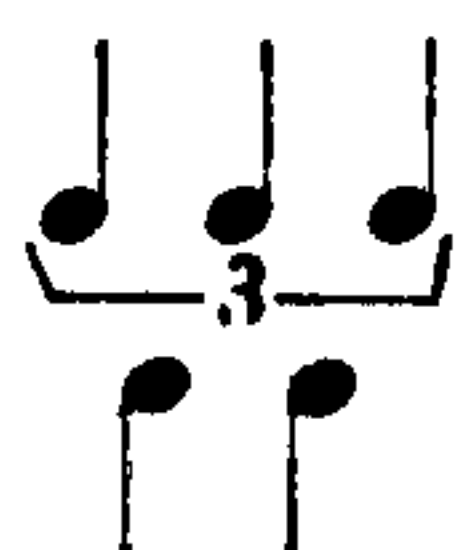


NOTATION: In pieces like the preceding one the number for the triplet can easily be omitted, since in this context a beam with a group of three notes attached can only mean a triplet. In other divisions in which beams substitute for brackets the numeral may be omitted similarly () especially when repetitions make the numeral superfluous.

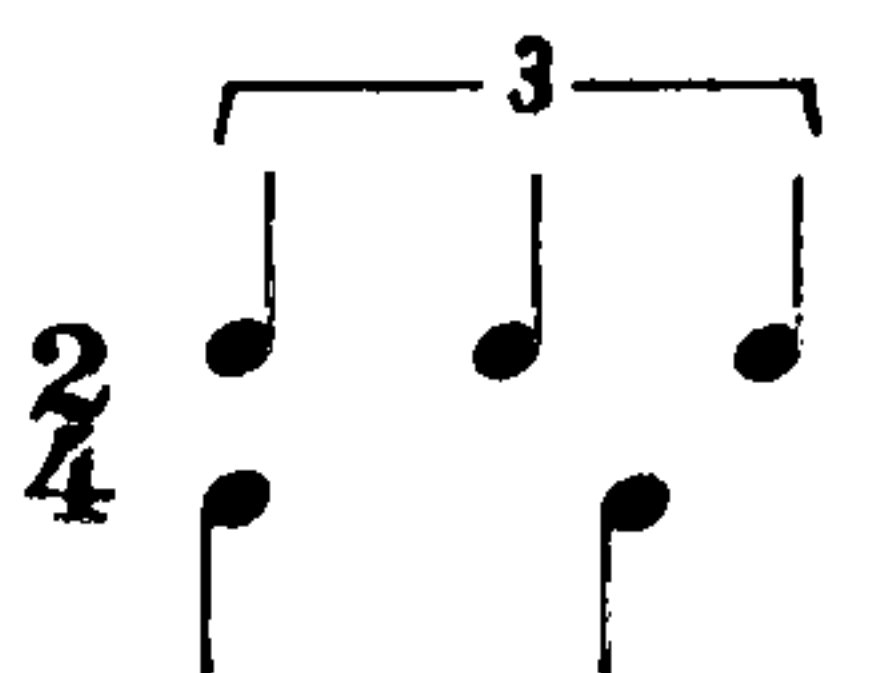

(c) Andante (♩ in $\frac{9}{8}$ = ♩ in $\frac{3}{4}$)




In beating triplets that are not subdivisions of the beat-unit of a meter, but are the tripartite division of two beats combined ( in $\frac{4}{4}$), certain difficulties arise when in slow tempo they are opposed to a

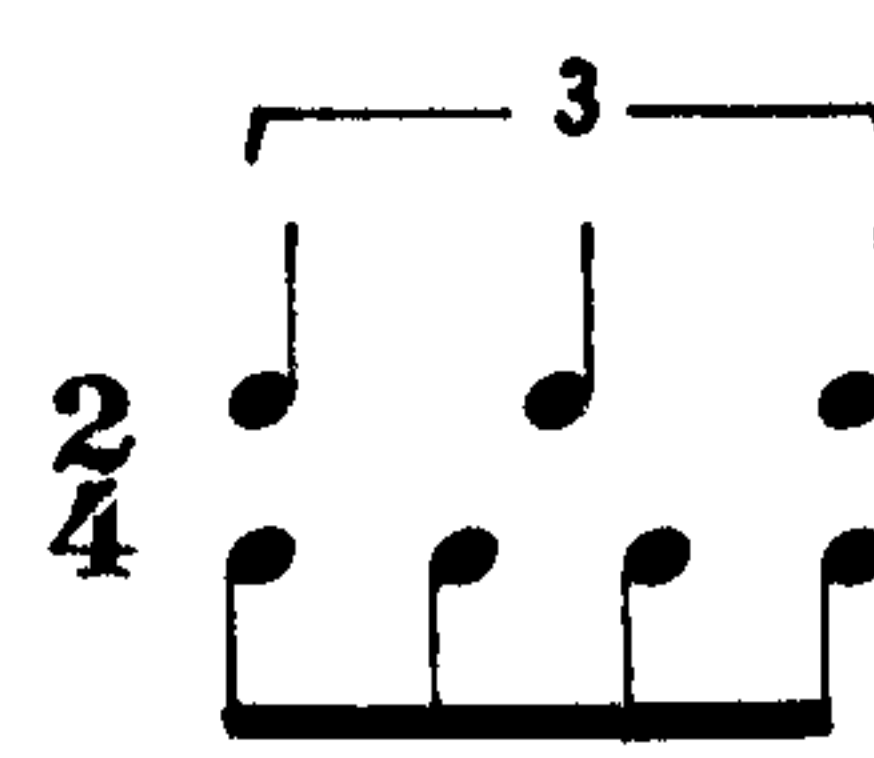

group of regular beats, e.g.,  in $\frac{4}{4}$.


The conductor usually beats the regular rhythm indicated by the time-signature, but the player or singer of the triplet has to arrange his group so that the second of the regular beats falls in the middle of the second tone of the triplet. This can easily be proved by bringing the fractions that express the two rhythmical patterns to a common denominator:

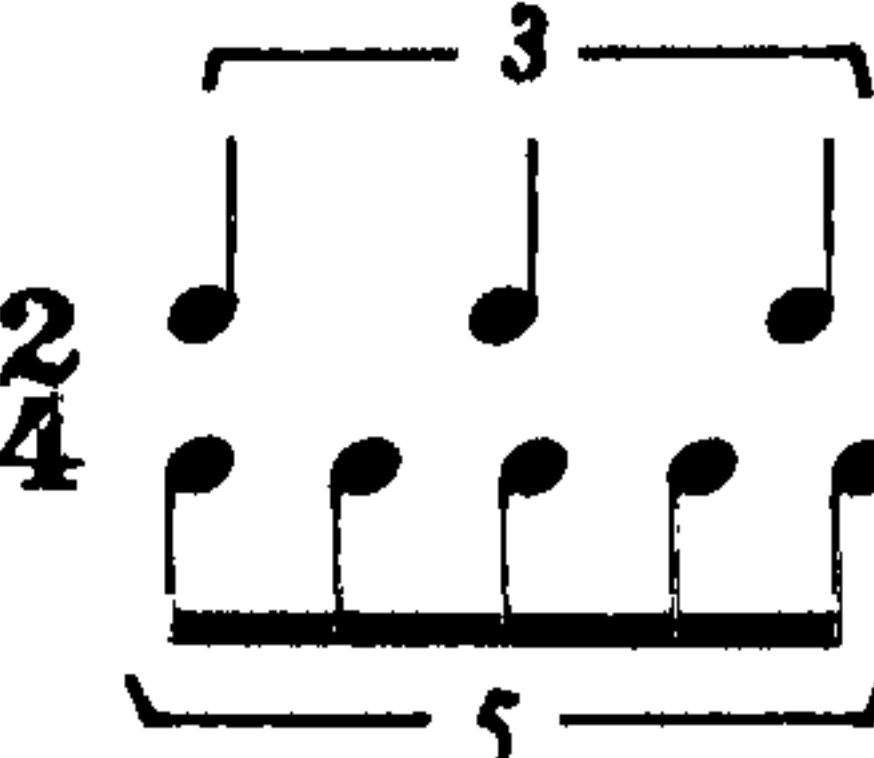


 i.e. $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{6}{12}$ 


 $\frac{2}{4} = \frac{6}{12}$ 

By the same operation we can determine the proper distribution of other opposed rhythmic groups in one meter:


 i.e. $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{12}{24}$ 

 $\frac{4}{8} = \frac{12}{24}$ 


 i.e. $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{15}{30}$ 

 $\frac{5}{10} = \frac{15}{30}$ 

Allegro (♩ in $\frac{4}{2}$ = ♩ . in $\frac{12}{4}$)

(d)

Exercise (d) is written in two staves. The top staff is in 4/2 time, and the bottom staff is in 12/4 time. The first measure of the top staff contains a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a quarter note. The second measure contains a quarter note, an eighth note, an eighth note, a quarter note, and a half note. The third measure contains a half note and a quarter note. The bottom staff contains eighth notes in the first measure, quarter notes in the second, eighth notes in the third, and quarter notes in the fourth.

The second system of exercise (d) features a triplet of eighth notes in the top staff and a quintuplet of eighth notes in the top staff. The bottom staff contains quarter notes and eighth notes.

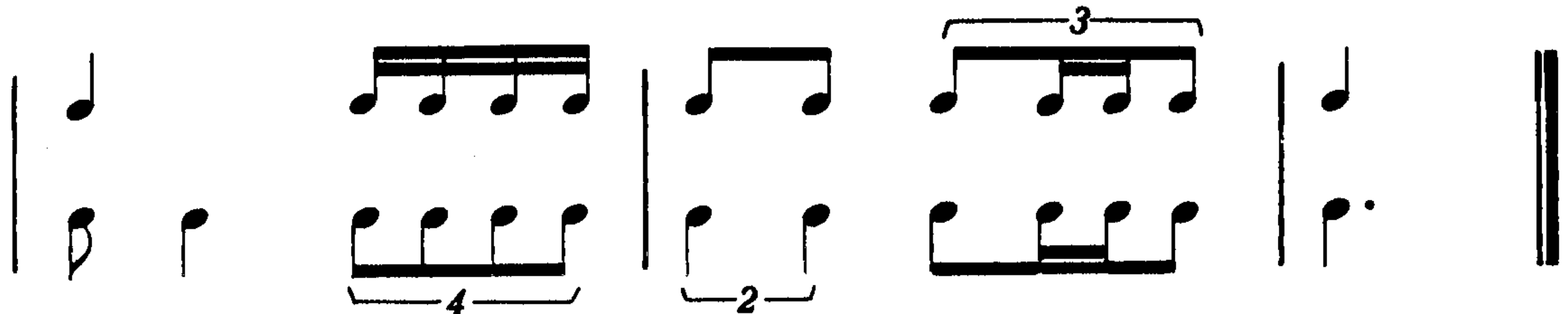
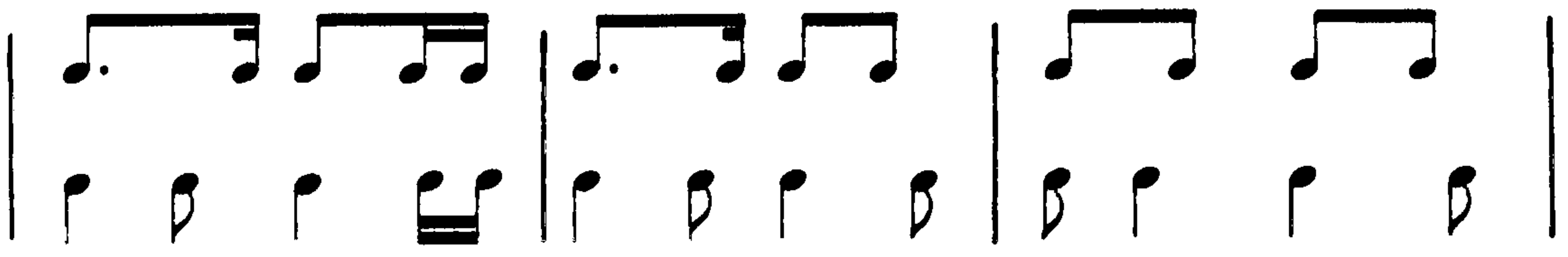
The third system of exercise (d) features two triplet markings over eighth notes in the top staff and a septuplet of eighth notes in the top staff. The bottom staff contains eighth notes and quarter notes.

The fourth system of exercise (d) features two triplet markings over eighth notes in the top staff. The bottom staff contains eighth notes and quarter notes.

Allegro moderato (♩ in $\frac{2}{4}$ = ♩ . in $\frac{6}{8}$)

(e)

Exercise (e) is written in two staves. The top staff is in 2/4 time, and the bottom staff is in 6/8 time. The first measure of the top staff contains a quarter note and an eighth note. The second measure contains a quarter note, an eighth note, and an eighth note. The third measure contains a quarter note and an eighth note. The bottom staff contains eighth notes in the first measure, quarter notes in the second, eighth notes in the third, and quarter notes in the fourth.



4. Invent similar examples.

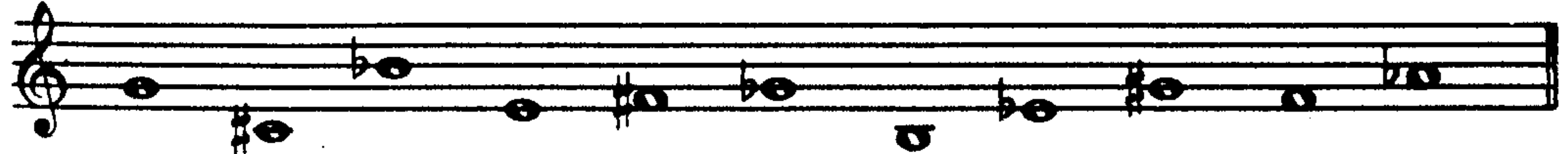
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B. Action in Space

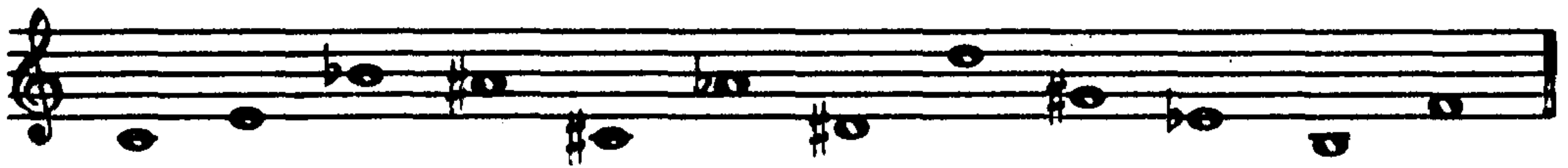
The interval between subdominant and dominant (a whole tone) is called a *Major Second*.

— **EXERCISE 41** —

1. Play the following tones and sing the tones a major second above them. Performance as described in Exercise 30. For men's voices sing and play one octave lower.



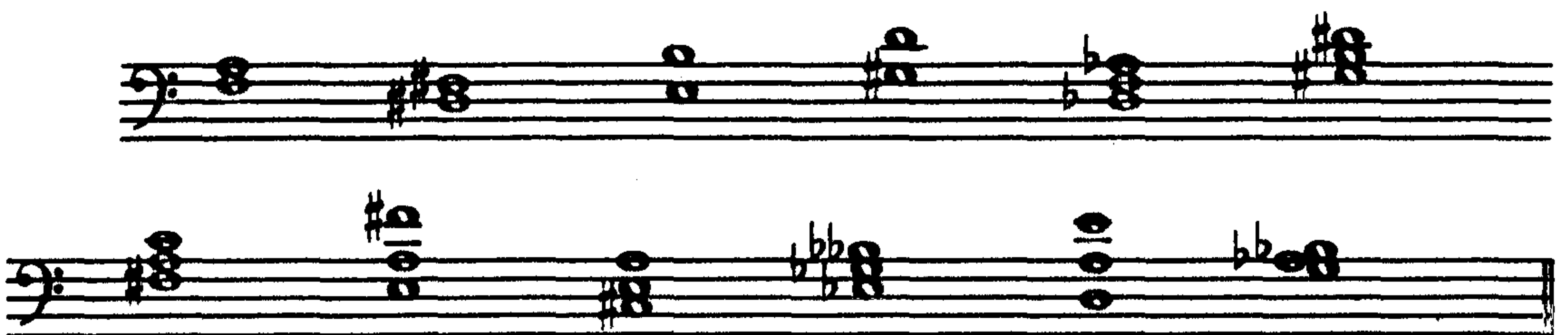
2. Play; sing the tones a major second *below*:



3. Play; sing the tones a major second above the upper tones:



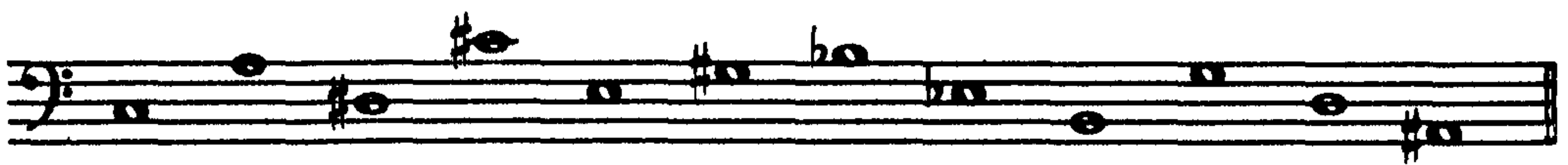
4. Play; sing the tones a major second below the lowest tones. For women's voices, sing and play one octave higher.



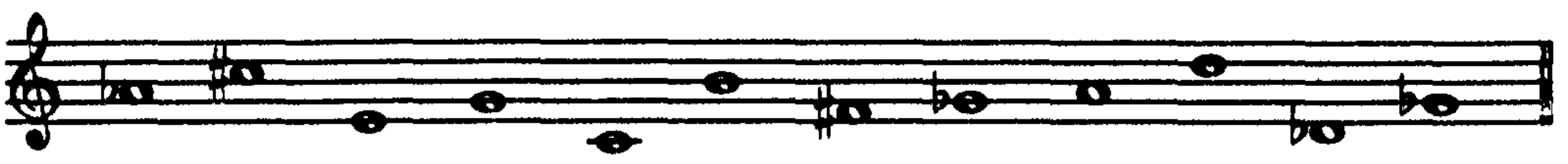
The half-tone step, as it appears between leading-tone and tonic, is called a *Minor Second*.

— EXERCISE 42 —

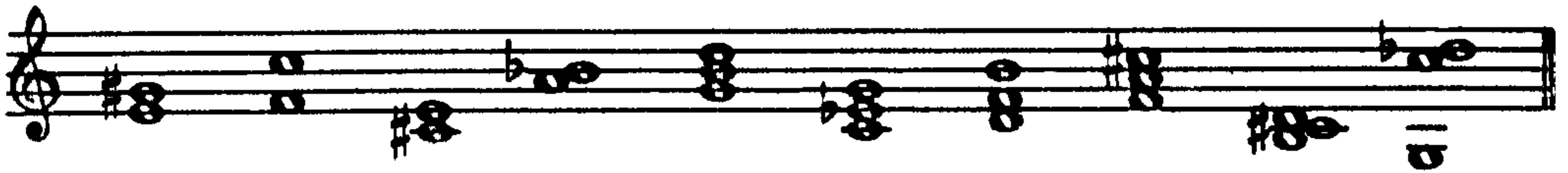
1. Play; sing (as before) the tones a minor second above the played tones:



2. Play; sing the tones a minor second *below*:



3. Play; sing the tones a minor second above the upper tones:



4. Play; sing the tones a minor second below the lowest tones:



The inversions of seconds are sevenths, and, in accordance with the statement on page 109 the inversion of the major second is the *Minor Seventh*, and that of the minor second the *Major Seventh*.

The minor seventh is to be found in the major scale between dominant and subdominant (upwards), while the major seventh is the interval between tonic and leading tone (upwards).

Question: Where else in the major scale can you find minor and major sevenths?

— EXERCISE 43 —

1. Play and sing as before. Sing the tones a minor seventh above the played tones.



2. Play; sing the tones a major seventh above:



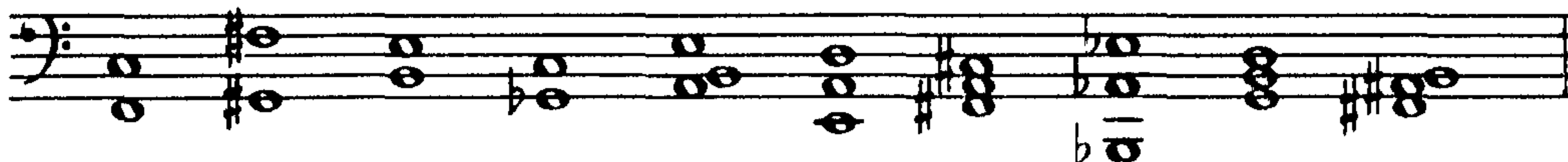
3. Play; sing the tones a minor seventh below:



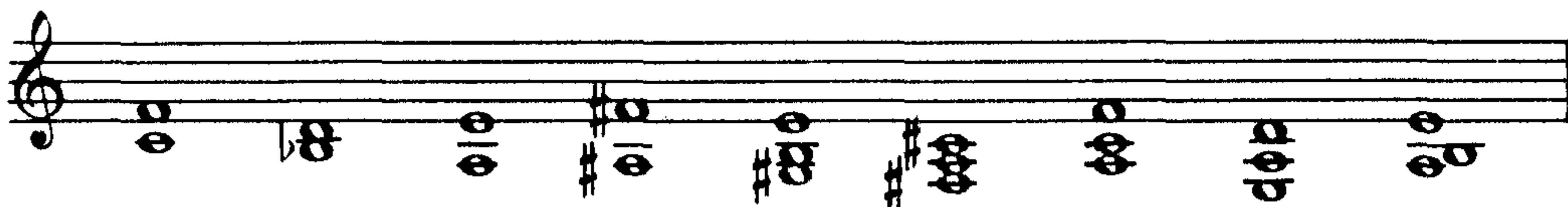
4. Play; sing the tones a major seventh below:



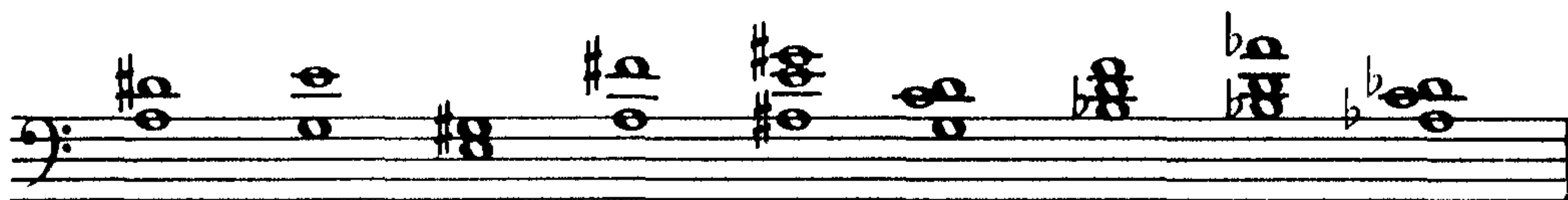
5. Play; sing the tones a minor seventh above the upper tones:



6. Play; sing the tones a major seventh above the upper tones:



7. Play; sing the tones a minor seventh below the lowest tones:



8. Play; sing the tones a major seventh below the lowest tones:



C. Coordinated Action

— EXERCISE 44 —

1. Play on the piano. One of your fellow students (or the teacher) may clap the rhythms below the lines; another may conduct the beats, if you cannot do so yourself.

(a) *Andante*

The musical score for Exercise 44, part (a), is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It is marked *Andante*. The score consists of four staves of music. Each staff has a melodic line with slurs and fingering numbers (4, 5, 2) and a corresponding rhythmic line below it with stems and flags. The first staff has a 4-measure slur. The second staff has a 4-measure slur and a 5-measure slur. The third staff has a 4-measure slur and a 5-measure slur. The fourth staff has a 4-measure slur and a 2-measure slur.

Transpose the above piece one tone lower, playing it in G major (without writing it out!).

Vivace

(b)

Musical score for exercise (b) in bass clef, 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of four systems of a melodic line and a bass line. The melodic line features triplets and a quintuplet. The bass line consists of quarter and eighth notes.

Play this piece one tone higher.

Andantino ($\text{♩ in } \frac{4}{8} = \text{♩ in } \frac{12}{16}$)

(c)

Musical score for exercise (c) in treble clef, 4/8 time, key of D major. It consists of three systems of a melodic line and a bass line. The melodic line features a septuplet and triplets. The bass line features sixteenth-note patterns and pairs of eighth notes.

Play this piece in E major and in G major.

Allegro vivace

(d)

Play the above piece in G-flat major and B-flat major.

Try other transpositions of the preceding pieces, as well as of pieces in earlier exercises.

NOTATION: (1) The tempo is not always constant throughout a piece. Terms for intensifying or reducing a pre-established tempo are:
accelerando (*accel.*)—*schneller werden, beschleunigen*—*accélérer* = accelerate;
stringendo (*string.*)—*drängend*—*en pressant* = becoming faster and more intense;

più mosso—bewegter—*plus animé* = faster;
ritardando (rit., ritard.)—*langsamer werden*—*ralentissant* = retard;
rallentando (rall.)—*zurückhalten*—*ralentir, ralentissant* = slacken, retard;
allargando—*verbreitern*—*élargissant* = broaden;
meno mosso—*weniger bewegt*—*moins vite* = less fast;
ritenuto (riten.)—*zurückgehalten*—*retenu* = held back.

The gradation of a change over a passage of some length is marked:
poco a poco (—*allmählich*—*peu à peu*), with the appropriate adjective.

(2) The following terms mean a simultaneous reduction of tempo and loudness:

calando—*nachlassen*—*en diminuant* = decrease;
smorzando—*verlöschen*—*en s'effaçant* = dying away;
morendo—*ersterben*—*en mourant* = dying down.

(3) The restoration of the main tempo is marked by:

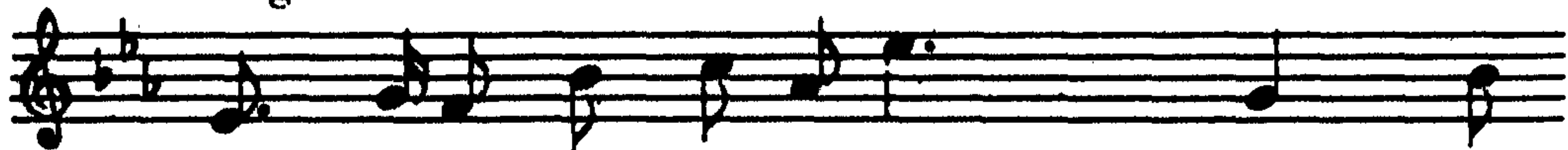
a tempo, or: *tempo primo*.

— EXERCISE 45 —

1. Sing and beat time. Have another person clap the rhythms marked below the melody. Beat time for each example, beginning at first with the first beat; then go through all forms of upbeat starts.

(a) Conduct in $\frac{3}{4}$ (beat \bullet), $\frac{6}{8}$ (beat $\bullet.$), $\frac{9}{8}$ (beat $\bullet.$), and $\frac{4}{4}$ (beat \bullet). Watch the syncopations!

Allegretto



string.





a tempo



Transpose the above piece to D-flat major and F major.

Sometimes tones appear that do not belong to the key as expressed by the key-signature (see the *d''-flat* in the preceding example). As long as such new tones are not caused by chromatic alteration of the main tonal pillars (tonic, dominant, subdominant), and they do not distract the attention from more important tonal facts, no disturbance of tonality will result. Accumulation of these tones, however, especially at important places, is used as an artistic means to bring a tonality out of balance or replace it by another one (*Modulation*). Such devices are not used in these elementary exercises. (Cf. Exercise 27, c.)

(b) Beat time in $\frac{2}{8}$ () and $\frac{3}{8}$ ():

Andante

Transpose to A major and C-sharp major.

(c) Beat time in $\frac{2}{4}$ (♩), $\frac{2}{2}$ (♩), $\frac{3}{2}$ (♩), $\frac{3}{4}$ (♩), $\frac{6}{4}$ (♩),
 $\frac{6}{8}$ (♩):

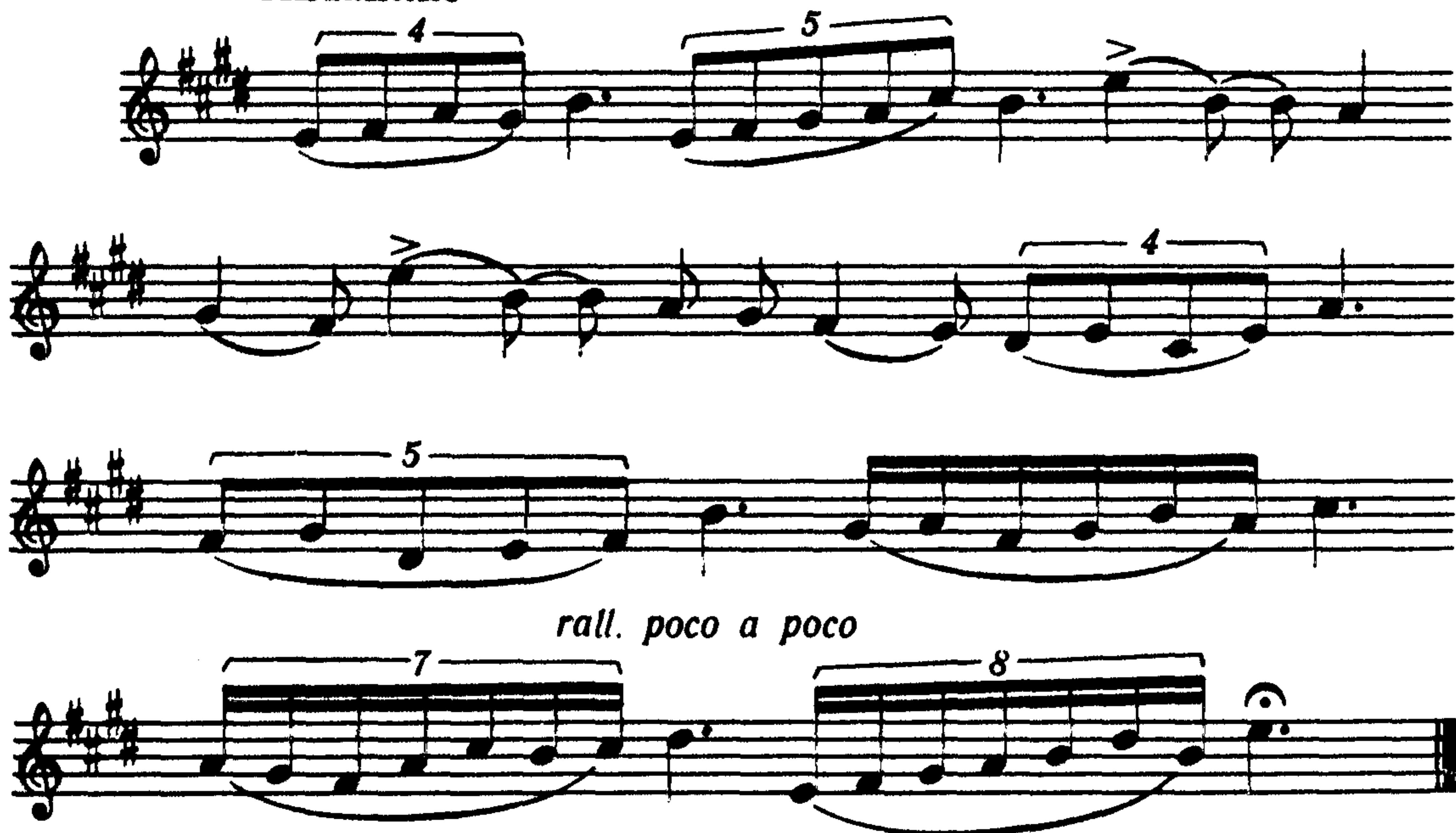
Allegro assai



Transpose to C-flat major and E-flat major.

(d) Beat time in $\frac{6}{8}$, $\frac{9}{8}$, $\frac{12}{8}$, (♩):

Andantino



Transpose to D major and F-sharp major

2. Play chords on the piano, and sing the broken scale-lines.
 Easier for men's voices: sing one octave lower, play two octaves higher:

(a)

Musical notation for exercise (a) in 2/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a broken scale line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The bass clef staff contains chords: G2-B2-D2 (quarter), A2-C3-E3 (quarter), B2-D3-F3 (quarter), C3-E3-G3 (quarter), B2-D3-F3 (quarter), A2-C3-E3 (quarter), G2-B2-D2 (quarter), F2-A2-C2 (quarter). A repeat sign is placed after the first four notes of the scale.

Musical notation for exercise (a) with first and second endings. The treble clef staff continues the scale: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter). The bass clef staff contains chords: B2-D2-F2 (quarter), A2-C2-E2 (quarter), G2-B2-D2 (quarter), F2-A2-C2 (quarter), G2-B2-D2 (quarter), A2-C2-E2 (quarter), B2-D2-F2 (quarter), C2-E2-G2 (quarter). A repeat sign is placed after the eighth note. The first ending (1.) leads back to the beginning of the exercise, and the second ending (2.) leads to a final chord in the bass clef.

repeat more than once.

(b)

Musical notation for exercise (b) in 3/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a broken scale line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The bass clef staff contains chords: G2-B2-D2 (quarter), A2-C3-E3 (quarter), B2-D3-F3 (quarter), C3-E3-G3 (quarter), B2-D3-F3 (quarter), A2-C3-E3 (quarter), G2-B2-D2 (quarter), F2-A2-C2 (quarter). A repeat sign is placed after the first four notes of the scale.

Musical notation for exercise (b) with triplets. The treble clef staff contains a broken scale line: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter). The bass clef staff contains chords: B2-D2-F2 (quarter), A2-C2-E2 (quarter), G2-B2-D2 (quarter), F2-A2-C2 (quarter), G2-B2-D2 (quarter), A2-C2-E2 (quarter), B2-D2-F2 (quarter), C2-E2-G2 (quarter). A repeat sign is placed after the eighth note. The first ending (1.) leads back to the beginning of the exercise, and the second ending (2.) leads to a final chord in the bass clef.

Musical notation for exercise (b) with first and second endings and triplets. The treble clef staff continues the scale: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter). The bass clef staff contains chords: B2-D2-F2 (quarter), A2-C2-E2 (quarter), G2-B2-D2 (quarter), F2-A2-C2 (quarter), G2-B2-D2 (quarter), A2-C2-E2 (quarter), B2-D2-F2 (quarter), C2-E2-G2 (quarter). A repeat sign is placed after the eighth note. The first ending (1.) leads back to the beginning of the exercise, and the second ending (2.) leads to a final chord in the bass clef.

(c)

System (c) consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with several triplet and quintuplet markings. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing harmonic support with chords and single notes.

System 2 consists of two staves. The upper staff continues the melodic line with triplet and quintuplet markings. The lower staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

System 3 consists of two staves. The upper staff continues the melodic line with triplet and quintuplet markings. The lower staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

System 4 consists of two staves. The upper staff features a first ending (marked '1.') and a second ending (marked '2.'). The first ending includes triplet and quintuplet markings. The lower staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

(d)

System (d) consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with a triplet marking. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing harmonic support with chords and single notes.

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a melodic line with two triplet markings, each labeled with the number '3'. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves. The upper staff continues the melodic line from the first system, featuring a triplet marked '3' and a first ending bracket labeled '1.' followed by a second ending bracket labeled '2.'. The lower staff continues the harmonic accompaniment.

— *DICTATION 36*

CHAPTER X

A. Action in Time

In the division of metrical units by 5, 7, etc., (quintuplets, septuplets, etc., of the preceding chapter) we already encountered certain deviations from the normal bipartite and tripartite metrical schemes.

But since division, as we know (see p. 115), can be replaced by multiplication, compound measures based on fractions with the numerators 5, 7, etc., are also possible.

This leads us to the construction of $\frac{5}{16}$, $\frac{5}{8}$, $\frac{5}{4}$, $\frac{5}{2}$, $\frac{7}{16}$, $\frac{7}{8}$, $\frac{7}{4}$, $\frac{7}{2}$. Theoretically, forms like $\frac{11}{4}$, $\frac{13}{8}$, etc., are also possible, but they are not practicable, since through sub-groupings these meters can be written in shorter and more legible forms ($\frac{11}{4}$ as $\frac{6}{4} | \frac{5}{4}$; $\frac{13}{8}$ as $\frac{4}{8} | \frac{5}{8} | \frac{4}{8}$, etc.).

The accents in the 5- and 7-compounds are:

5: $\overset{\text{>}}{|} | \bar{|} | | (2 + 3)$ or $\overset{\text{>}}{|} | | | \bar{|} | (3 + 2)$

7: $\overset{\text{>}}{|} | | | \bar{|} | | | (3 + 4)$ or $\overset{\text{>}}{|} | | | | \bar{|} | | | (4 + 3)$.



In slow tempo, the accents in a 7-compound may even be felt as:

$\overset{\text{>}}{|} | | | \bar{|} | | \bar{|} |$ or $\overset{\text{>}}{|} | | \bar{|} | | \bar{|} | |$

and even:

$\overset{\text{>}}{|} | | \bar{|} | | | \bar{|} |$

NOTATION: In measures with $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ as the metric unit the distribution of accents can easily be shown by the position of the beams

(, ) while use of the units $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ often leaves the

performer without a hint as to where the accents are. If necessary, an auxiliary bar-line before the subordinate accent will contribute to the clarity of such cases:

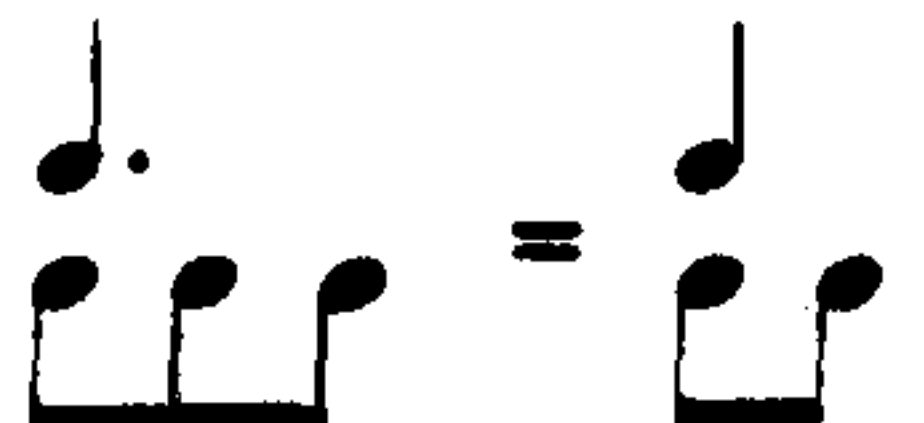
$\frac{7}{4}$ $\overset{\text{>}}{\text{♩}}$ ♩ ♩ $\text{♩} | \bar{\text{♩}}$ ♩ ♩ $\text{♩} | \overset{\text{>}}{\text{♩}}$ ♩ $\text{♩} | \bar{\text{♩}}$ ♩ ♩ ♩

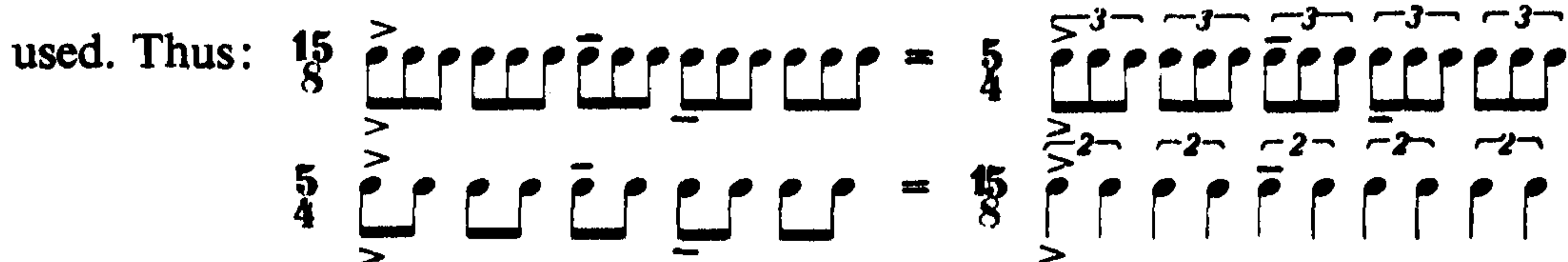
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Sometimes other irregular metric groupings occur, the notes of which add up to a regular compound with one of the higher numerators 8, 9, or 12 in its time-signature, but with the accents placed as in $\frac{5}{4}$ or $\frac{7}{4}$. Here auxiliary bar-lines are indispensable:

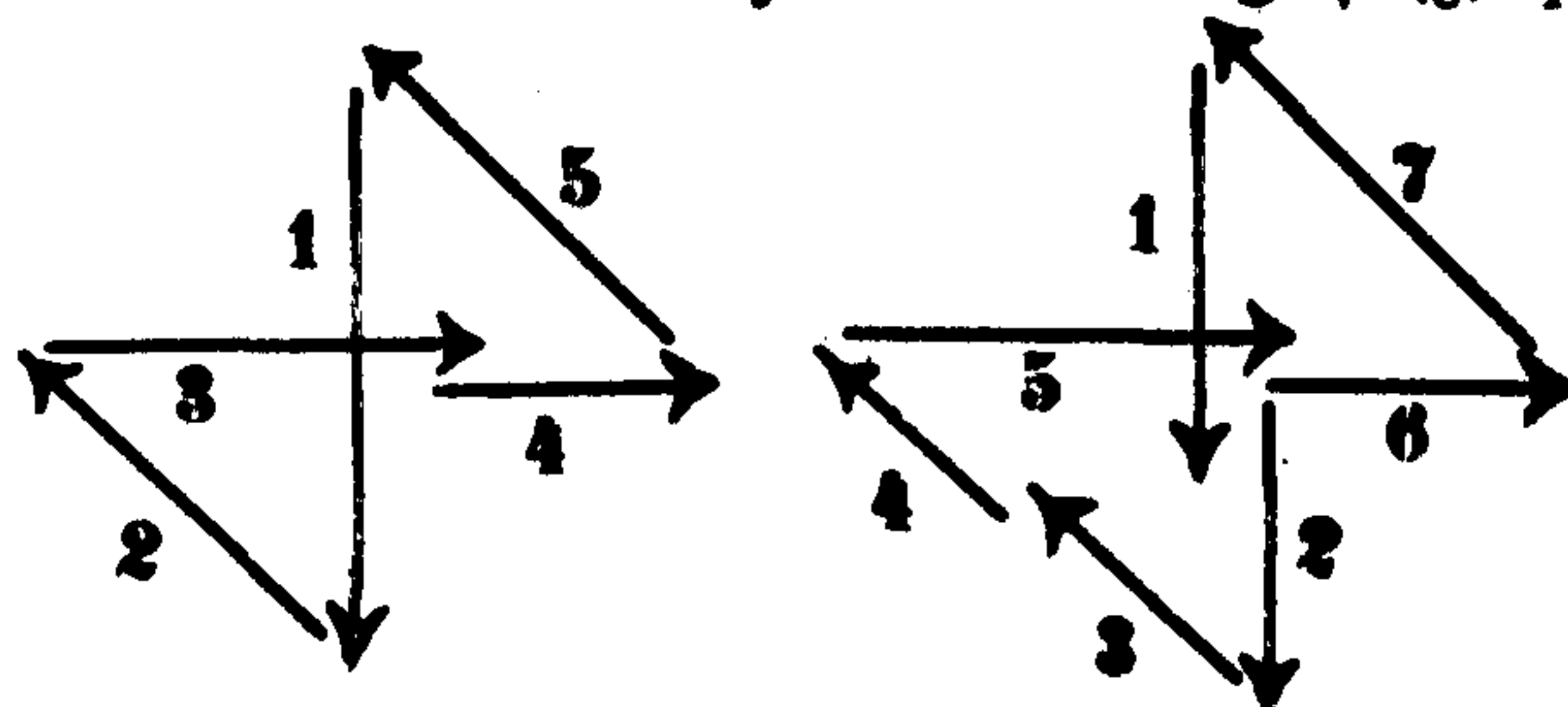


NOTATION: The relationship that exists between $\frac{6}{8}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{9}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$, etc., we find again between $\frac{15}{8}$ and $\frac{5}{4}$, and consequently in all other compounds where

metric equations similar to $\frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{4}$ (written: $\frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$, ) are



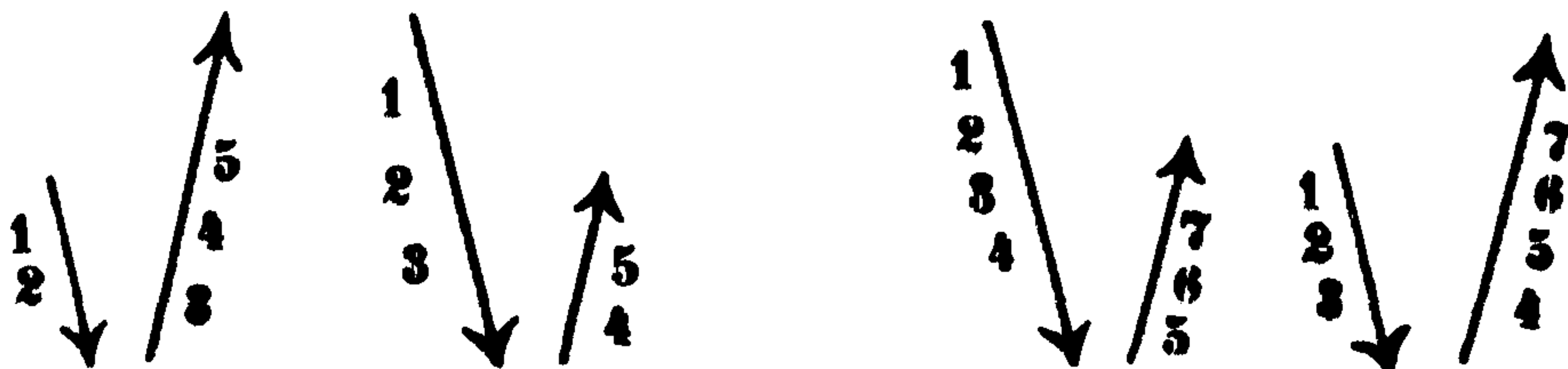
In beating time for all the aforementioned compound measures one generally divides them up into groups of 2, 3, or 4 beats, according to the position of their accents. Since in this case each accent, even a subordinate one, is indicated by a down-stroke, a certain ambiguity arises for singers and players following a conductor, in respect to the first beat of the measure. This can be avoided by conducting $\frac{5}{4}$ ($\frac{5}{8}, \frac{5}{16}, \frac{5}{2}$) and $\frac{7}{4}$ ($\frac{7}{8}, \frac{7}{16}, \frac{7}{2}$) thus:



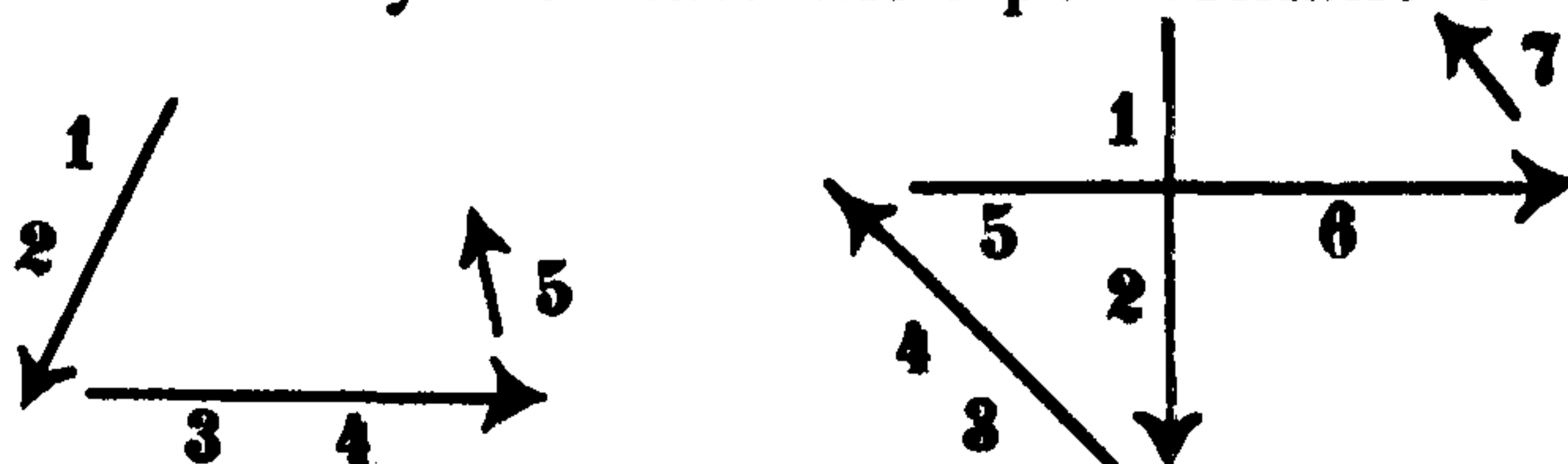
In very fast tempo they can be beaten as defective two-beat measures:

$\frac{5}{4}$ ($\frac{5}{8}, \frac{5}{16}, \frac{5}{2}$)

$\frac{7}{4}$ ($\frac{7}{8}, \frac{7}{16}, \frac{7}{2}$)



Sometimes even conducting them as defective three-beat ($\frac{5}{4}$) or four-beat ($\frac{7}{4}$) measures may facilitate their performance:



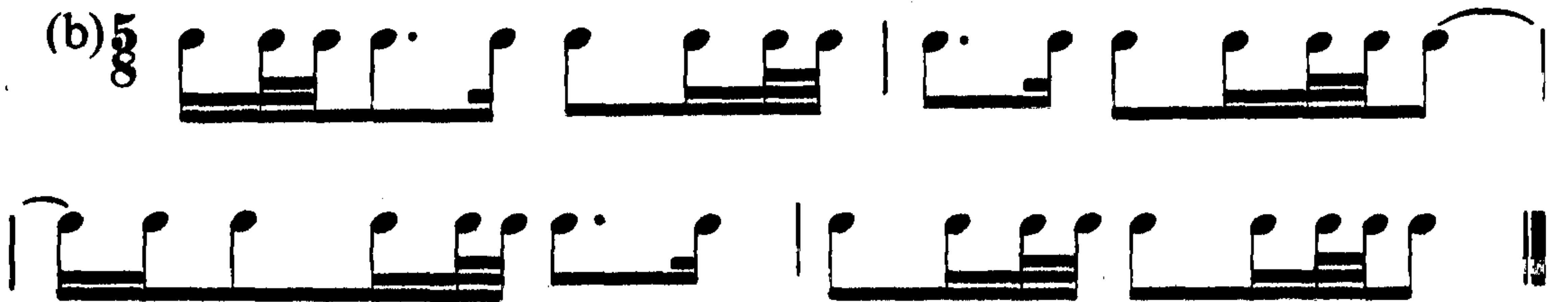
— EXERCISE 46 —

1. Sing, beating time:

Allegretto

(a) $\frac{7}{4}$ 


Andante

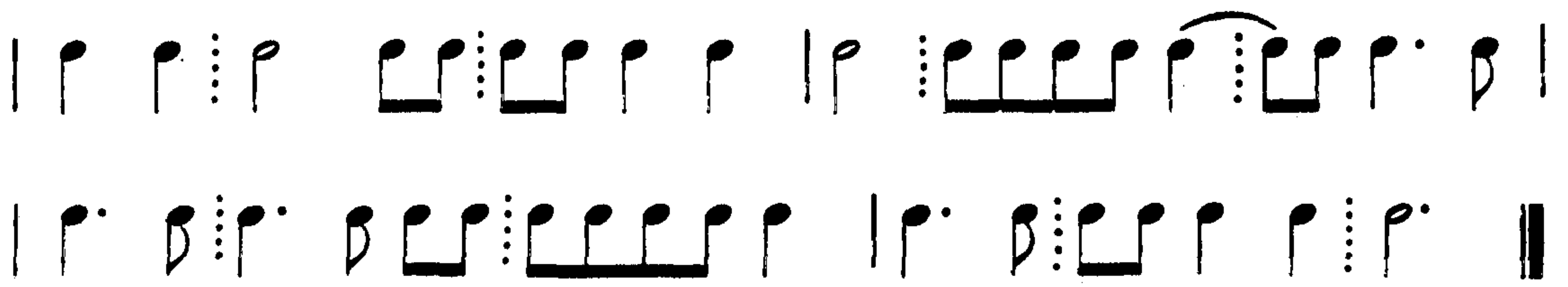
(b) $\frac{5}{8}$ 

Presto

(c) $\frac{5}{8}$ 

Allegro moderato

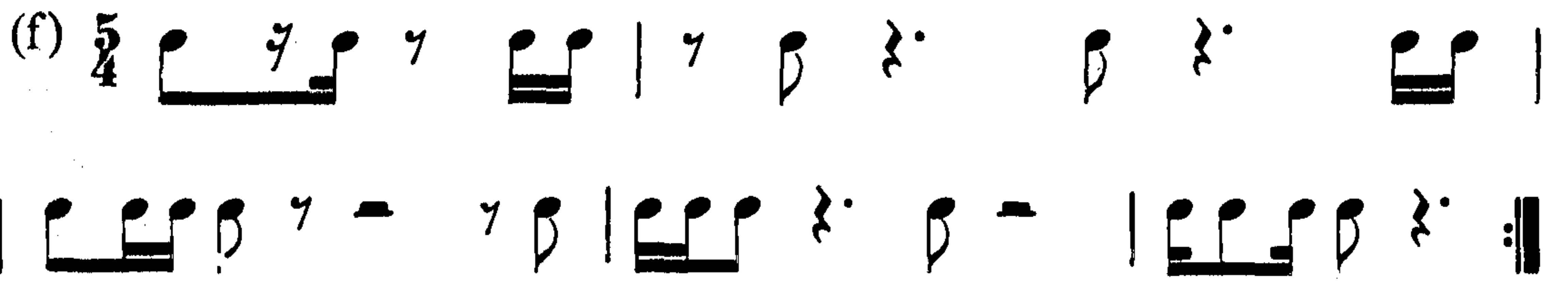
(d) $\frac{8}{4}$ 



Larghetto



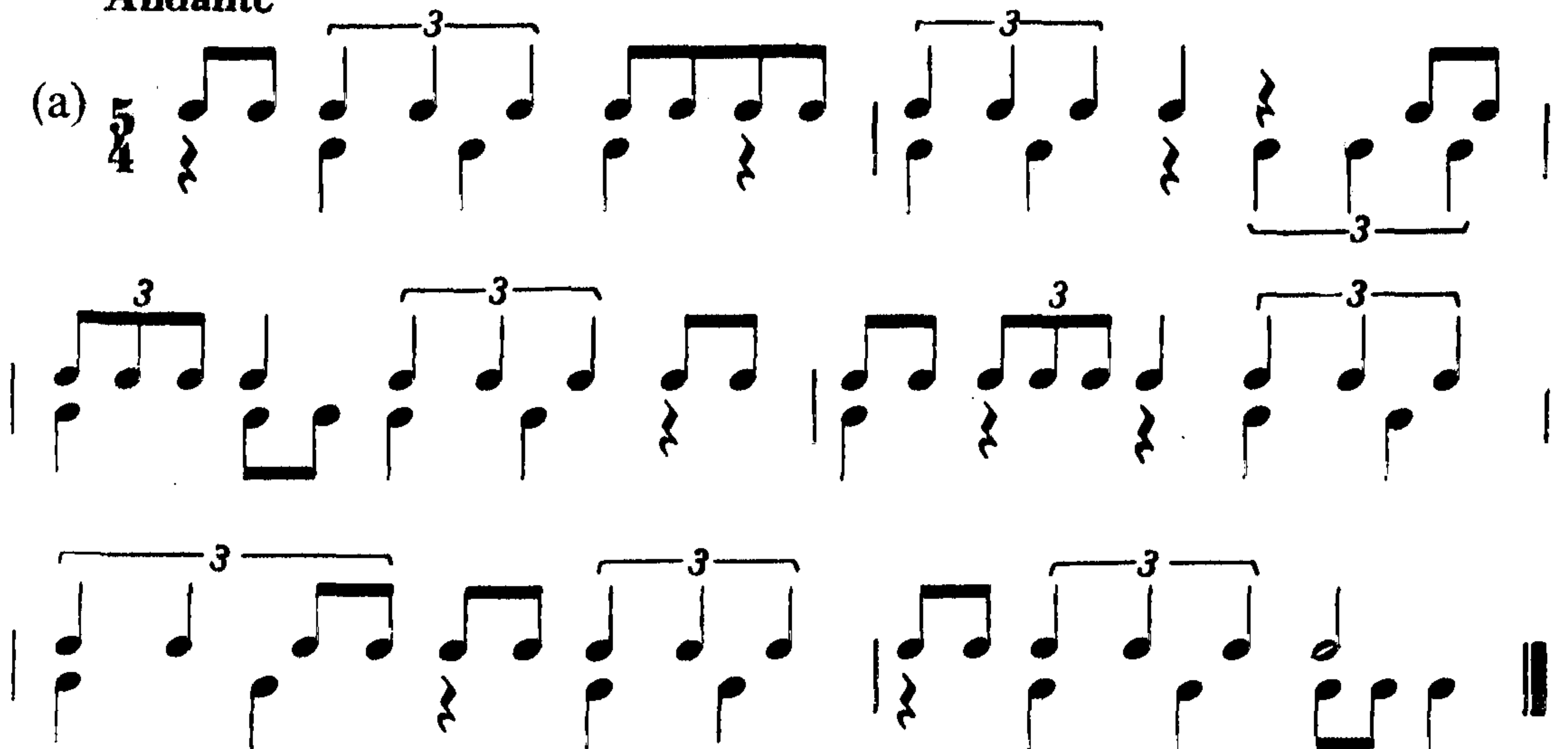
Allegro assai



2. Invent similar examples.

3. Sing, following instruction 3 on page 119:

Andante



Allegretto

(b) $\frac{9}{8}$



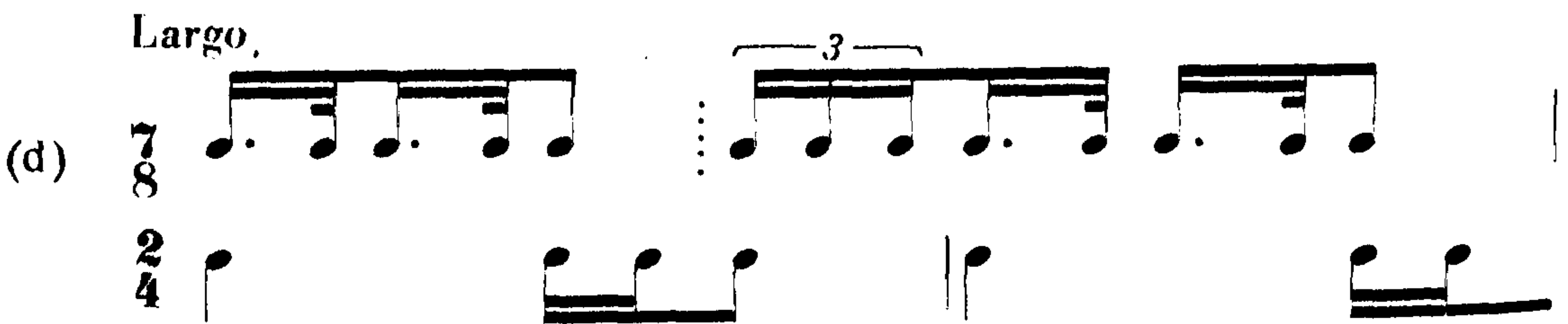
Andantino

(c) $\frac{15}{16}$
 $\frac{5}{8}$



Beat time first for the upper part, then for the lower:

(d) **Largo.**





Presto

(e)

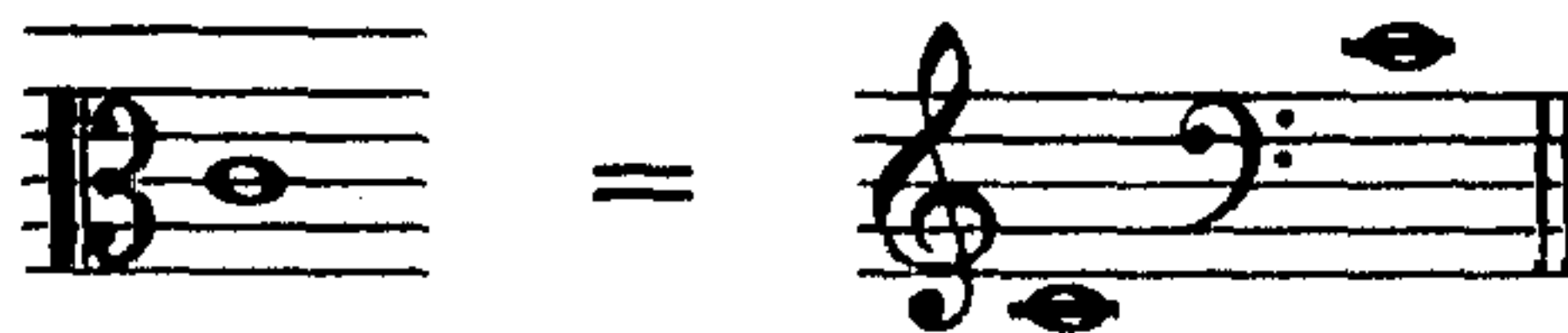
4. Invent similar examples.


B. Action-in Space


NOTATION: For certain instruments whose range occupies the middle region of our tone-system, clefs are used which render unnecessary the frequent writing of ledger lines that the use of  or  would necessitate.

One of these is the *Alto Clef*, used for the low and middle region of the Viola. Originally conceived for the contralto voice (whose approximate range, as used in choral writing, it covers almost without ledger lines), it served also in notation for Alto Trombones and high Violas da gamba.

It is a *c'*-clef, marking the place of *c'* on the middle line of the staff:



Not more than two or three upper ledger lines are commonly used with the alto clef (for higher notes the  is used), and it is almost never used for

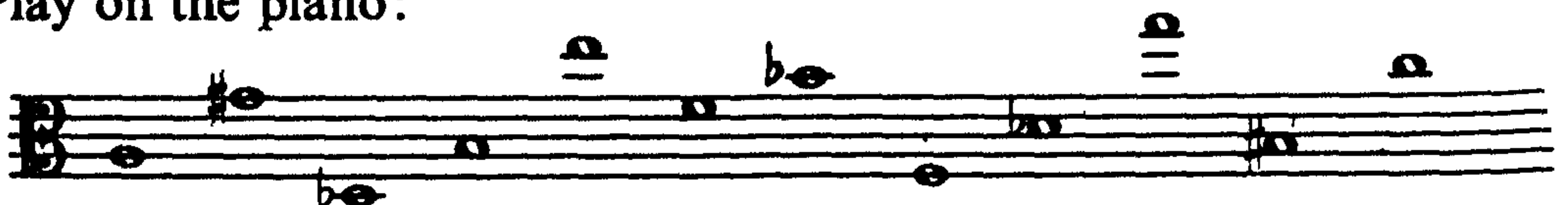
notes lower than *c*: 

— EXERCISE 47 —

1. Name the following notes. Keep in mind the remark on page 83 about reading clefs!



2. Play on the piano:



NOTATION: These intervals are augmented and diminished in respect to the perfect intervals from which they are derived. This can more easily be recognized by looking at the subdominant and leading tone of scales other than C major, as, for instance, A major:



Here we see clearly that the tritone $d'—g\#'$ is an extended form of the perfect fourth $d'—g'$, while the diminished fifth $g\#—d'$ can be traced back to the perfect fifth $g—d'$.

This fact is caused merely by the imperfection of our notation, which has more than one symbol for each tone ($e\# = f, f\# = g\flat$). If notation were constructed along the same lines as the keyboard—i.e., with only one key (= symbol) for each tone—no augmentation or diminution would exist.

On the piano the tritone and diminished fifth are the same ($c—f\# = c—g\flat$). But in a tuning based on the natural sizes of intervals (the “tempered” intervals on the piano, except for the octave, are slightly distorted; see the footnote on page 52) there is a difference. This can be felt in singing choral music or in playing ensemble music without keyboard instruments: here it will often occur that in order to produce the most satisfactory harmonic effect the function of a leading tone (its urge toward its tonic) has to be emphasized. That means that this tone will be played or sung somewhat sharper. Thus the tritone of which it is a part will be widened by the same small amount of space (called *Comma*) by which the complementary diminished fifth will be reduced.

Although the other intervals may also show slight variations of size, such variations will always be understood as deviations from a natural, normal size for each interval established in the physical fact of the overtone-series*. Tritone and diminished fifth have no such simple, normal, natural prototype. Theoretically we can construct upon one single tone an infinite number of tritones and diminished fifths, although the margin between a very narrow diminished fifth and an extremely wide tritone may not exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ tone.

Owing to this vagueness, it is difficult to sing a tritone or diminished fifth to a given tone unless additional tones make clear its melodic or harmonic meaning.

Both intervals lack the stability and independence of the perfect, major, and minor intervals. They lean towards their more stable neighbors, and have the tendency to “resolve” into one of them, either melod-

*In this book on elementary *technical* training we cannot occupy ourselves with the intricacies of tone-measurement and acoustical reasoning. See the special literature on this subject.

NOTATION: The use of $\sharp\sharp$ and $\flat\flat$ permits the construction of some additional major scales, such as $G\sharp$, $D\sharp$, $F\flat$.

— EXERCISE 49 —

Write these three major scales in alto clef through two octaves.

NOTATION: (1) These scales are but other forms (*enharmonic* transcriptions) of simpler scales already known, namely those on $A\flat$, $E\flat$, and E . Without urgent reason no one is likely to write a scale with six sharps and one double sharp if he can obtain the same result with merely four flats. Sometimes, however, the harmonic context of a piece compels us to use the more complicated notation. Thus a temporary modulation in E major to the major key on the third degree has to be written in $G\sharp$ major and not in $A\flat$ major, since the intermixture of numerous flats and sharps, and even the rapid change from one group of accidentals to the other is as far as possible to be avoided.

(2) In the major scales originally constructed (6 with sharps, 6 with flats, 1 without accidentals—see Chapters V and VI) we already relied on one enharmonic transcription: the scales on $F\sharp$ and $G\flat$ are identical in sound but different in notation. One has the key-signature of 6 sharps, the other of 6 flats. This leads us to a rule:

The sharps and flats in the signatures of enharmonically equivalent scales always add up to a total of 12 accidentals.

Thus: the key-signature of $A\flat$ major is 4 flats, and that of its enharmonic equivalent $G\sharp$ major would be 8 sharps—6 normal sharps and 1 double sharp. But in practice, while keys containing more than 7 sharps or flats are occasionally used (as a result of modulations in the course of pieces in simpler keys), they are never indicated in signatures.

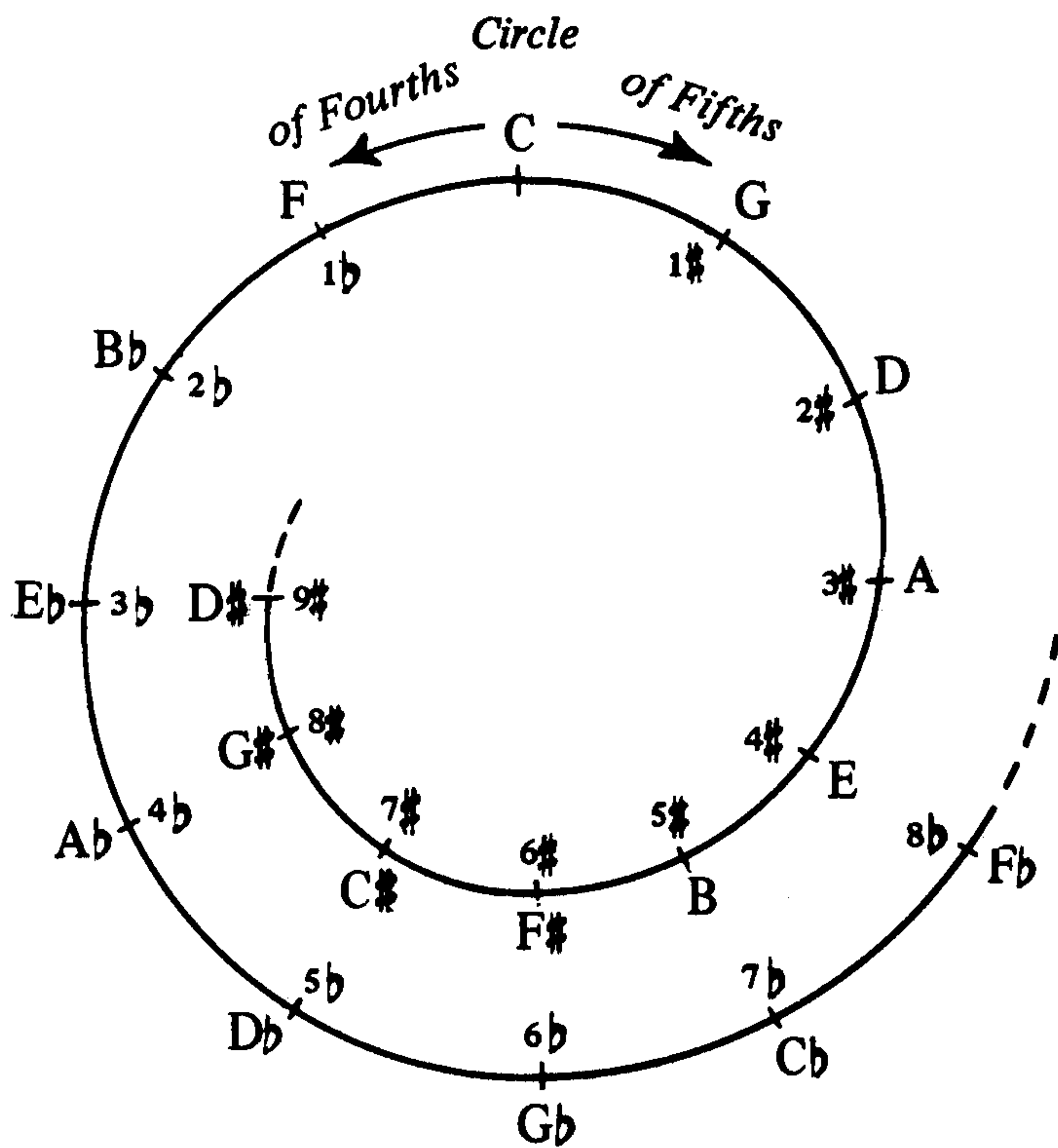
— EXERCISE 50 —

Write the major scales on $C\flat$ and $C\sharp$, in alto clef.

Question: What are the key-signatures of these scales?

If we arrange all the major scales, starting with C , progressing according to the number of their sharps in one direction and of their flats in the other, we see that they follow each other at the distance of a fifth and a fourth respectively.

The one series is called the *circle of fifths*, the other the *circle of fourths*. In both there is a region where enharmonic transcription provides two forms of several scales:



On the piano both series are real circles: they return to their starting point.

This is not true in natural (non-tempered) tuning. Here the circle is replaced by a spiral, and the twelfth fifth reaches a point which (after some octave transpositions) is slightly sharper than the starting point, while the twelfth fourth produces a tone which is correspondingly too flat. The mass of enharmonic complexity in notation gives us an approximate idea of the extent to which this tonal overgrowth accumulates.

It would be quite impossible to keep order and consistency in musical procedures if the singers and the players of untempered instruments did not unconsciously find their way back to a simpler tonal context. This highly complicated mental process, with its innumerable gradations of shifts and tone-adaptions, can at least be schematically understood by a glimpse at the preceding figure: whenever one proceeds too far into the flats or sharps one can always shift over to the next parallel track of the spiral, so as to get back into regions of less complicated tonal relationship.

Enharmonic transcription makes possible the construction of diminished and augmented derivations of each perfect, major, or minor interval.

diminished intervals have the tendency to lean towards other, stronger intervals. In a context devoid of accidentals or one in which sharps prevail, flats (or b) generally indicate a downward melodic tendency; the converse is also true.

NOTATION: All these intervals are, as far as sound is concerned, only written variations of the simpler basic (perfect, major, and minor) intervals, at least on the piano: the keyboard makes no distinction between an augmented second and a minor third. That despite this simple fact we so often use the more complicated forms of "spelling" instead of their undiminished and unaugmented equivalents, is again due to the ambiguous character of our notation. In notation we try as far as possible to express the melodic and harmonic functions of tones and intervals.

For instance, the relationship tonic-dominant is written without exception as a perfect fifth and not as a diminished sixth; and the interval from the leading tone to the tonic will always be a minor second and not an augmented prime. Half-tone steps leading into main functional tones (tonic, dominant, subdominant, leading tone), must generally be written as diatonic half-tones (provided the harmonic context demands no other orthography), and it is obvious that with all these and similar regulations and restrictions the notation of augmented and diminished intervals is inevitable.

— EXERCISE 51 —

1. Name the following intervals:

$e\flat - f\sharp$, $d - b\sharp$, $b - a\flat$, $g\flat - b\flat\flat$, $c\sharp - c\flat$, $c\sharp - d\flat$, $c\sharp - c\times$, $a - c\flat$, $b\sharp - g'$,
 $a\sharp - a'$, $d\sharp - g$, $e\sharp - e\times'$, $a - c\flat$, $f\sharp - e'$, $g\sharp - d\sharp'$, $e\flat - b$, $a\flat\flat - d\flat'$.

2. Name the following tones:

- (a) Augmented primes of f , $b\sharp$, $a\flat$, $e\times$, $g\flat\flat$;
- (b) the diminished second above b , d , $g\sharp$, $a\times$;
- (c) the augmented second above $f\sharp$, $c\flat$, $d\flat\flat$, b ;
- (d) the diminished third above $d\sharp$, $a\times$, d , g ;
- (e) the augmented third above b , $f\flat$, $c\sharp$, $a\flat\flat$;
- (f) the diminished fourth above a , $d\times$, $b\sharp$, $c\flat$;
- (g) the augmented fourth above $e\flat\flat$, $b\sharp$, $f\flat$, $c\flat\flat$;
- (h) the diminished fifth above $g\flat$, $e\sharp$, $d\times$, $f\flat$;
- (i) the augmented fifth above e , $a\flat\flat$, b , $c\flat$;
- (j) the diminished sixth above $f\sharp$, $e\times$, g , $b\flat$;
- (k) the augmented sixth above e , $c\flat$, $g\flat\flat$, a ;
- (l) the diminished seventh above d , $a\flat$, $e\sharp$, $f\times$;
- (m) the augmented seventh above $f\flat$, g , $b\flat\flat$, e ;
- (n) the diminished octave above $c\times$, $b\flat$, $e\sharp$, a ;
- (o) the augmented octave above $f\flat$, $d\sharp$, $g\flat\flat$, b .

3. What intervals are these?

The image shows five staves of musical notation, each containing several measures of music. The notes are placed on a five-line staff, and various accidentals (sharps, flats, double flats) are used to indicate specific pitches. The intervals between notes are the focus of the exercise.

4. Play given tones or chords on the piano and sing tone-progressions involving diminished and augmented intervals (one octave lower for men's voices).

(a) Sing the progression: aug. 2nd—maj. 3rd above the upper tone:

Model:

The model for (a) shows a sequence of notes on a five-line staff. It starts with a G4, followed by an augmented 2nd interval to A4, and then a major 3rd interval to C5. The notes are G4, A4, C5.

(b) Sing aug. 5th—maj. 6th above the upper tone:

Model:

The model for (b) shows a sequence of notes on a five-line staff. It starts with a G4, followed by an augmented 5th interval to D5, and then a major 6th interval to F5. The notes are G4, D5, F5.

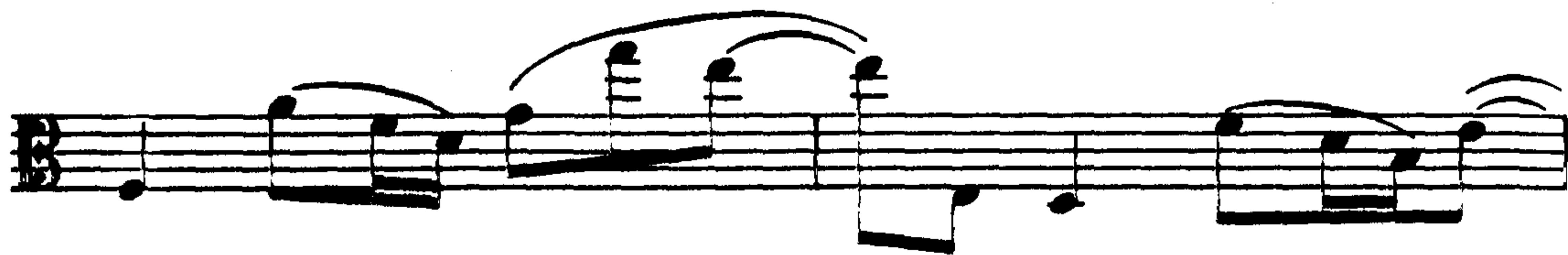
(c) Sing dim. 7th—min. 6th above the upper tone:

Model.

The model for (c) shows a sequence of notes on a five-line staff. It starts with a G4, followed by a diminished 7th interval to F4, and then a minor 6th interval to D4. The notes are G4, F4, D4.

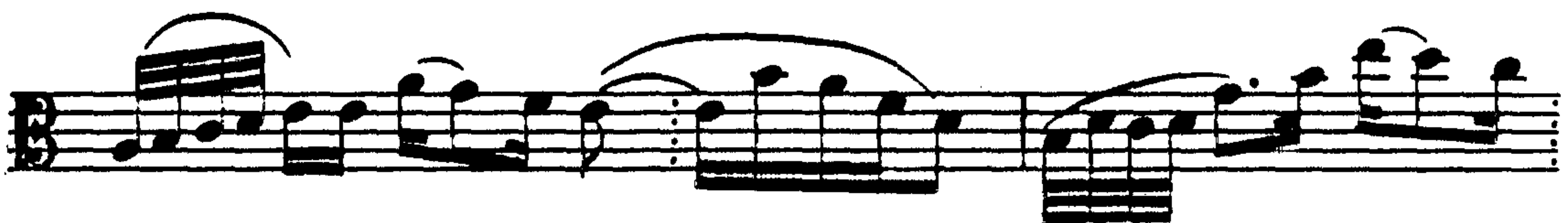
Andantino in C# major

(b) 



Allegretto in D# major

(c) 



Presto in Cb major

(d) 



Moderato in G # major

(e)

2. Sing; beat time:

Allegro

(a)

Moderato

(b)

Allegro

(c) Musical staff (c) first line: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. A slur covers the next four notes: D5, E5, F#5, and G5. This is followed by quarter notes A5, B5, and C6.

Musical staff (c) second line: Continuation of the melody from staff (c). It starts with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes E5, F#5, and G5. A slur covers the next four notes: A5, B5, C6, and B5. This is followed by quarter notes A5, G4, and F#4.

Allegro moderato

(d) Musical staff (d) first line: Treble clef, key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb), 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note Bb4, followed by quarter notes C5, D5, and E5. A slur covers the next four notes: F5, G5, Ab5, and Bb5. This is followed by quarter notes C6, Bb5, and Ab5.

Musical staff (d) second line: Continuation of the melody from staff (d). It starts with a quarter note G5, followed by quarter notes Ab5, Bb5, and C6. A slur covers the next four notes: D6, Eb6, F6, and G6. This is followed by quarter notes Ab6, Bb6, and C7.

Musical staff (d) third line: Continuation of the melody from staff (d). It starts with a quarter note D6, followed by quarter notes Eb6, F6, and G6. A slur covers the next four notes: Ab6, Bb6, C7, and Bb6. This is followed by quarter notes Ab6, G6, and F6.

Moderato

(e) Musical staff (e) first line: Treble clef, key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. A slur covers the next four notes: D5, E5, F#5, and G5. This is followed by quarter notes A5, B5, and C6.

Musical staff (e) second line: Continuation of the melody from staff (e). It starts with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes E5, F#5, and G5. A slur covers the next four notes: A5, B5, C6, and B5. This is followed by quarter notes A5, G4, and F#4.

Fine

Musical staff (e) third line: Continuation of the melody from staff (e). It starts with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes E5, F#5, and G5. A slur covers the next four notes: A5, B5, C6, and B5. This is followed by quarter notes A5, G4, and F#4.

Musical staff (e) fourth line: Continuation of the melody from staff (e). It starts with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes E5, F#5, and G5. A slur covers the next four notes: A5, B5, C6, and B5. This is followed by quarter notes A5, G4, and F#4.

Musical staff (e) fifth line: Continuation of the melody from staff (e). It starts with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes E5, F#5, and G5. A slur covers the next four notes: A5, B5, C6, and B5. This is followed by quarter notes A5, G4, and F#4.

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NOTATION: (1) The degrees of loudness are indicated by

f = *forte*

p = *piano*

and their augmented and reduced forms:

ff (*fortissimo*), *fff*

pp (*pianissimo*), *ppp*

mf (*mezzo forte*) = softer than *forte*

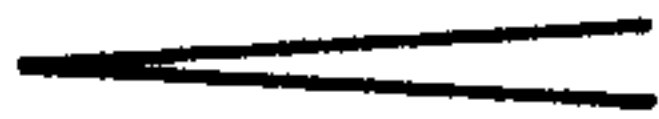
mp (*mezzo piano*) = louder than *piano*.

“*più*” and “*meno*” are also used in combination with *f* and *p*.

The symbol *fp* represents a kind of dynamic accent (*forte*, and immediately *piano*); similar effects are indicated by:

sf, *sfz*, *fz* (*sforzato* or *sforzando*) = forcing, pressing, i.e., suddenly stressed.

(2) The gradual change from one degree of loudness to another is marked:

cresc. (*crescendo*), or: 

dim. (*diminuendo*), or: *decrescendo*, or: 

the gradation being sometimes emphasized by an added “*poco a poco*.”

The symbols for loudness are the same in all languages.

(3) Besides the terms for tempo and degrees of loudness, composers use a great number of other explanatory terms in order to give—as far as possible—a more minute description of the mood and character to be expressed in performing their music. In fact the entire arsenal of those adjectives and participles which are related to tempo, mood, and dynamics can be used. Therefore it would be a bold enterprise to attempt to give in the realm of this book an even superficial outline of the possibilities. The reader must rely on a special dictionary of musical terms.

There are, however, certain standard terms, used everywhere, some of which may follow here:

affettuoso—*innig*—*affectueux* = tender, expressive;

agitato—*lebhaft bewegt*—*agité* = agitated;

amabile—*lieblich*—*aimable* = amiable;

con anima—*munter*—*avec verve* = with spirit;

animato—*belebt*—*animé* = spirited;

appassionato—*leidenschaftlich*—*passionné* = impassioned;

arioso = singing;

con brio—*schwungvoll*—*avec verve* = with dash, with fire;

cantabile—*gesangvoll*—*chantant* = singing;

dolce—*zart*—*doucement*, *doux* = sweet;

dolente—*klagend*—*triste* = grieving;

con dolore—*schmerzlich*, *kummervoll*—*douloureux* = with grief;

con fuoco = *feurig*—*ardent* = with fire;

giocoso—*scherzhaft*—*en badinant* = playfully;

gioioso—*freudig*—*joyeux* = joyously;

grazioso—*zierlich*—*gracieux* = gracefully;

leggiere—*leicht*—*léger* = lightly;

lusingando—*schmeichelnd*—*caressant* = caressingly;

maestoso—*feierlich*, *würdig*—*majestueux* = majestically;

marziale—*kriegerisch* = martially;

misterioso—*geheimnisvoll*—*mystérieux* = mysteriously;

con moto = *bewegt*—*mouvementé* = with movement;

perdendosi—*verlöschend*—*en s'effaçant* = disappearing;

piacevole—*gefällig*—*plaisant* = smoothly, agreeably;
risoluto—*entschlossen*—*résolu* = resolutely;
scherzando—*scherzend* = jokingly;
sostenuto—*getragen*—*soutenu* = sustained;
teneramente—*zärtlich*—*tendre* = tenderly;
tenuto—*gehalten*—*tenu* = held.

Hand in hand with these terms go hundreds of others designating musical forms and customs, others referring to historical developments, still others giving instrumental and vocal, orchestral and choral directions—and so forth. In the realm of our present work the mere mentioning of this fact must suffice. Again a good dictionary and additional studies are recommended for those who want to be regarded as well-educated musicians.

CHAPTER XI

A. Action in Time

While music theory has discovered the basic principles of melody and harmony, it has not yet been able to find satisfactory explanations for those higher constructive functions of meter and rhythm that make up what is generally known as "*Musical Form*". We know empirically how to build forms, and by analysing existing compositions we can arrive at certain rules of thumb for form-construction. But the underlying laws upon which such construction is based are still a secret to musicians, at least as far as conscious understanding and formulation are concerned. What is usually taught in schools as "form" is only the analytic process of taking apart pre-constructed forms, and has nothing in common with the creative process of building up such forms—a synthesis based on laws more fundamental than the mere regulations derived from practical experience, or from copying older works.

Hence it is not possible to provide within the framework of this book exercises which would enable the student to reproduce and practise patterns of form as he has reproduced and practised patterns of rhythm (meter), harmony, and melody. But in order to give at least some information about musical form, although only in rudiments and as a stimulus to the student's own thinking rather than as a ready-made explanation, a short survey of some materials for a possible theory of form follows.

A musical form is a temporal entity, of which, as of any temporal entity in other artistic activities (poem, drama, lecture, film, etc.), the aesthetic effect as a whole cannot be comprehended until it reaches a conclusion in a final tone or chord. Thus judgment of the aesthetic effect or technical shape of a temporal form is necessarily retrospective. Nothing can be added or subtracted in the course of the unfolding of such a form (not even single tones) without destroying the form and replacing it by a new one.

In analysis, the entity can, of course, be split up into its smallest particles: we can trace the formal functions down to the minutest metric units, two-beat or three-beat groups (see Chapter VIII), and to the basic rhythmic grouping of a "motive" (a term for which there is no exact definition generally agreed upon by theorists). But any rhythmic or

metric section longer than these smallest units has an effect upon us quite different from the mere accumulation of the effects of smaller constituent parts. Although the position and function of each constituent part is determined by the higher requirements of the entity, and although this entity cannot exist without the accumulated effects of its constituents, yet as a completed temporal form it creates effects of a higher and independent aesthetic order.

Thus we see that the casual relationship between the work of art and its aesthetic effect has no connection with the laws of simple arithmetic. The smallest metric and rhythmic units, previously mentioned, are therefore only the ultimate subdivisions and ramifications of the powerful metric and rhythmic pulsations that organize the general temporal outlines of a musical form and divide it into movements and sections, peaks and valleys of intensity, and so on down to the very smallest subordinate units.

This higher metric-and-rhythmic (formal) power influences the two other constructive elements, melody and harmony, and is in turn influenced in its own course by them. Subordinate musical elements such as dynamics, tone-color, phrasing, etc., may also influence the aural impression of a musical form, but they cannot modify its construction, since their power is merely decorative, not constructive.

The effects of formal construction embodied in rhythm, melody, and harmony are compound, being achieved through various factors:

- (a) Duration, which can be measured by a clock.
- (b) Tempo (uniform or changing), which can be measured by a metronome.
- (c) Relative speed of unfolding (proportional inter-relationships of the constituent parts), for which we do not know what means of measurement to use.
- (d) Closeness (degree of complexity) of texture, for which, also, we possess no means of measurement.

The principles by which the compound effects are achieved when the sounding material is cast into molds of temporal construction are three:

- (a) Repetition (re-use of one constituent part of the formal entity, on the same pitch level, or in transposition).
- (b) Variation (some of the elements of a constituent part are changed while others remain unchanged. For instance, the melodic line may be retained but with different harmonic and rhythmic treatment; or the rhythmic shape of a motive—or melody, etc.—may be retained, but with changed melodic outline and new harmonies).

Between the literal repetition of a given material and complete change to new material there are infinite gradations, their complexity in-

creased by the inclusion of the aforementioned subordinate, decorative elements. It is in the application of the principle of variation that a composer's power and intelligence in formal construction manifests itself most obviously.

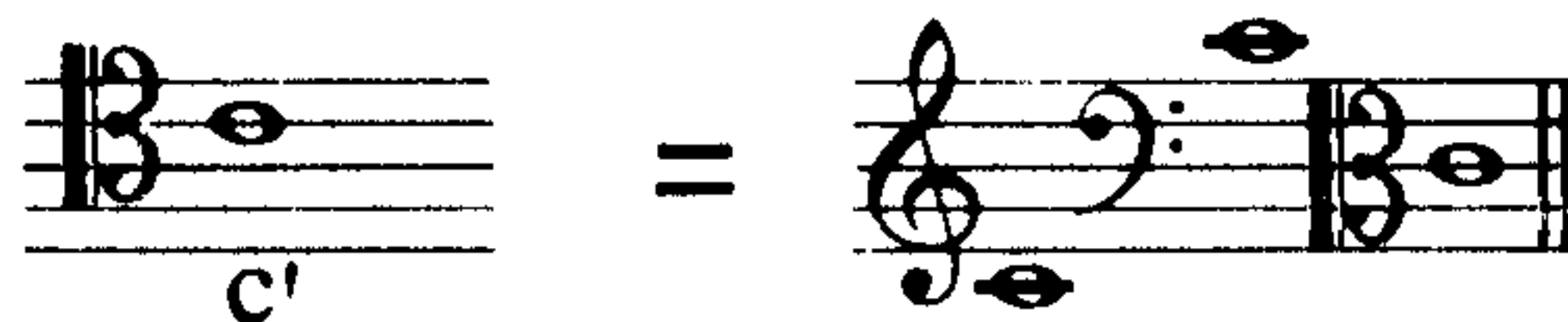
(c) Change (one constituent part gives place to an entirely different one).

In constructing a musical form—either by recreating a form used in the past or by building up a new one on a strictly theoretical basis—the emphasis at any given moment may be on any one of the aforementioned factors, or on more than one of them. Not only do different musical forms vary widely in their treatment of these factors, but even in one and the same form-category the means of expression vary with different periods, individualities, technical and sociological conditions of performance, etc. The same composer, even in two pieces belonging to the same form-category, will never use the constructive factors in exactly the same way. His is an infinite number of possibilities in calculating the dimensions and choosing permutations and combinations for his building stones. In this procedure, he is guided by the accumulated experience of previous composers, and by considerations generally covered by such vague terms as talent, inspiration, purpose, taste, etc. But obviously even the most independent and most radically inspired talent, irrespective of taste and purpose, must, in the construction of his musical forms, follow a pathway the landmarks of which are immovably fixed by nature.

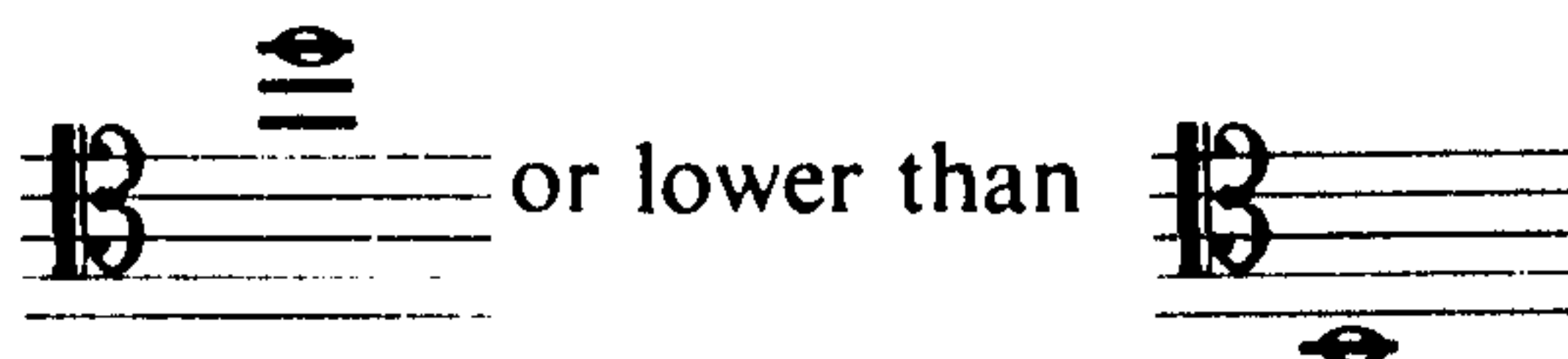
It is the task of a future theory of music to discover and formulate the laws of form, which will introduce into the realms of the higher functions of meter and rhythm the same order and thorough organization we already enjoy in the fields of harmonic and melodic construction.

B. Action in Space

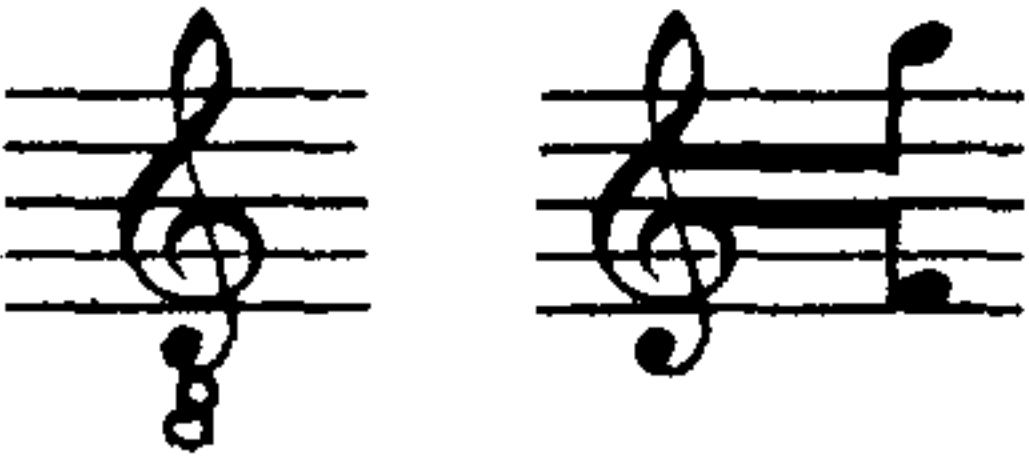
NOTATION: (1) Besides the alto clef another *c'*-clef is used for the middle region of our tone system: the *Tenor Clef*.



Although it was formerly used in writing for the high male voice and its instrumental equivalents, it is nowadays used only for the higher regions of 'Cello, Bassoon, and Trombone (sometimes even Double Bass). Ledger lines are rarely written higher than



(2) In writing vocal music, a tendency towards using hybrid clefs for the

tenor region is spreading nowadays. They are  and similar

forms, invariably transposing the notes of the treble clef one octave lower. An excuse for the introduction of these rather amateurish inventions may be found in the modern neglect of proficiency in clef-reading and transposing, in which neglect singers usually even surpass other categories of musicians. For a musician of some culture it is always contemptible to rely on such stop-gaps, not because it is praiseworthy to overcome difficult obstacles when there is an easier way to approach a goal, and not out of mere traditional prejudices, but because it is absurd musical provincialism not to understand the complete range of musical tones as a whole (out of which we may cut any section and place it in any conceivable way upon the staff lines), instead of having to rely, for lack of experience in the craft of the musician, on one or two standard clefs in order to write and read any given tone.

(3) The now obsolete *c'*-clefs on the first and second staff-lines (soprano and mezzo-soprano clef respectively) are for advanced students of the same importance as alto and tenor clefs, since most of the pre-Classic music uses them. Perfect ability to read them fluently (singly and in combinations) is essential! The same is true (though in a lesser degree) for other *f*- and *g'*-clefs, such as:

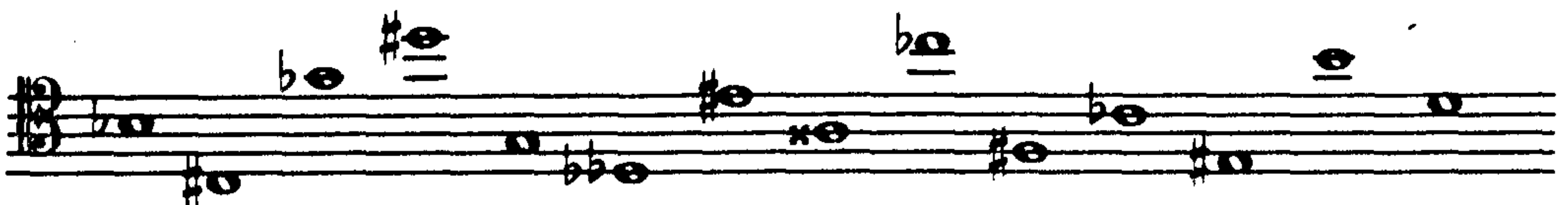


— EXERCISE 53 —

1. Name the following notes:



2. Play on the piano:





Intervals exceeding the octave use as names the ordinal numbers ninth, tenth, etc., although they are in fact but repetitions of the intervals within the octave. Thus: ninth = second, tenth = third, eleventh = fourth, twelfth = fifth.



Still larger intervals are named as combinations of the octave and the interval exceeding it, such as octave and sixth, octave and seventh, up to and exceeding the double octave.

In certain very complex harmonic progressions now and then doubly diminished or doubly augmented intervals may occur. It is needless to prove again that they are caused merely by the ambiguity of notation, and that in sound they are identical with simpler intervals or deviate only slightly from them (see page 144 ff).

— EXERCISE 54 —

1. Name the following intervals:





2. Write a number of doubly augmented and doubly diminished intervals on different notes.

— *Dictation 42*

The freedom in handling intervals gained in the last chapters now permits us the construction of the *Minor Scale*, in music theory the second handy array of diatonic material used in composition since about 1600.

In the minor scale certain features are the same as in the major; in others it differs from its simpler prototype.

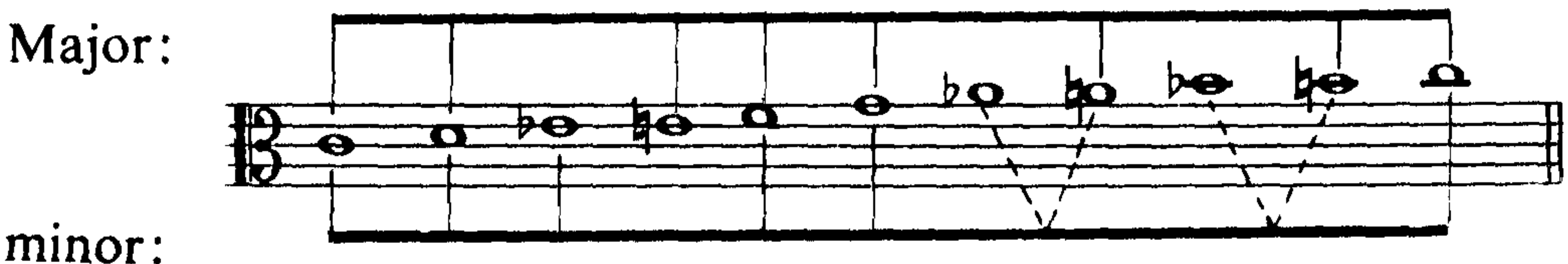
Both have in common: the tonic, the second degree (sometimes called the *Supertonic*), the subdominant, and the dominant.

Entirely different is the third degree. In minor it is the minor third of the tonic, a half-tone above the second degree (*e-flat* in *c* minor).

NOTATION: In theoretical work all names of minor keys are written with small letters, in contrast to the capitals used to designate major (*see page 54*).

The sixth and seventh degrees in minor are variable: sometimes they correspond with those in major (major 6th, major 7th), in other cases minor 6th and minor 7th are used, or minor 6th and major 7th.

The total supply of tones contained in the major and various forms of minor scales on *c* is, accordingly, as follows:



Number 4, however, determines the key-signature of the minor tonality, which is the same as that of the major scale one minor 3rd higher, called the *relative* major. This means that the raised leading tone in minor is never shown in the key-signature, but always has to be marked wherever it appears on the staff line. The same is true for the raised sixth degree (as in scale No. 1). Thus: *f*[#] minor has the same key-signature as *A* major, but its *e*[#] (and *d*[#]) are not marked at the beginning of the staff line.

— EXERCISE 55 —

Name the relative minor or major scales of:

*A, D^b, g, E, b, B, a^b, C[#], c[#] G^b, d[#], B^b, a,
D, d, F, f[#], c, E^b, e^b, F[#], g[#], b^b, e, G, C, f.*

How many sharps or flats do their key-signatures have?

The aforementioned distance of a minor scale from a major scale with the same number of accidentals gives us a clue to the construction of the circles of fifths and fourths respectively for minor scales.

— EXERCISE 56 —

Name (a) the circle of fifths starting with *a* minor and going up to seven sharps;

(b) the circle of fourths starting with *a* minor, going up to eight flats.

The *ambitus* (approximate ranges) of the two scales having the same finals were different, however:

- I (or Dorian) starts on *d*,
- II (or Hypodorian) starts on *a*,
- III (or Phrygian) starts on *e*,
- IV (or Hypophrygian) starts on *b*,
- V (or Lydian) starts on *f*,
- VI (or Hypolydian) starts on *c*,
- VII (or Mixolydian) starts on *g*,
- VIII (or Hypomixolydian) starts again on *d*.

Melodies in these modes, although they may liberally exceed the compass of an octave, move mainly between the final and the *repercussa* (tenor, dominant, recitation-tone) of each. The *repercussae* are:

a in I, *f* in II, *c* in III, *a* in IV,
c in V, *a* in VI, *d* in VII, *c* in VIII.

The attempt to accommodate the church modes to the demands of harmonic writing

C. Coordinated Action

— EXERCISE 57 —

1. Sing, as described in Exercise 20, in succession the melodic, harmonic, Dorian, and natural (Aeolian) forms of minor scales.

(a) in *c, g, b \flat , f*:

melodic

harmonic

dorian

fine

The repetition starts with the natural scale.

(b) in *e, f \sharp , d, a*:

melodic

harmonic

dorian

fine

natural

led to a revised system as immediate predecessor of our major and minor scales. This system is still in use in the old-fashioned method of school counterpoint. It differs from the original system by its fixed dominants in its modes (a fifth distant from the final); furthermore triads (major or minor) can be built on each tonic, and each fourth and fifth degree. The scale-names in this system are Dorian (on *d*), Phrygian (on *e*), Lydian (on *f*), Mixolydian (on *g*), Aeolian (on *a*), and Ionian (on *c*). Aeolian corresponds with our minor scale number 4, Ionian with the major scale; in Dorian and Phrygian we find close approximations to minor, in Lydian and Mixolydian to major.

(c) in $e\flat$, $c\sharp$, $g\sharp$, $d\flat$:

melodic *harmonic*

dorian

natural

(d) in $d\sharp$, $a\flat$, b , $a\sharp$:

melodic *harmonic*

dorian

natural

major!

2. Play a chord on the piano. Sing the c minor scale, upwards and downwards in its melodic and harmonic forms. The procedure is as described in Exercise 38, paragraph 3. For men's voices: Play one octave higher, sing one octave lower.

Chords to be played:

3. Play on the piano. While playing add the accidentals necessary for the key marked at the beginning of each piece. The accidentals for the sixth and seventh degrees are already marked.

Allegro assai in e♭ minor

(a)

Musical score for 'Allegro assai in e♭ minor'. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is marked with '(a)'. The music is in 7/4 time and features a melodic line with various rhythmic values and phrasing, including slurs and accents. The key signature has three flats (e♭ minor).

Allegro in C♯ minor

(b)

Musical score for 'Allegro in C♯ minor'. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is marked with '(b)'. The music is in 3/4 time and features a melodic line with various rhythmic values and phrasing, including slurs and accents. The key signature has one sharp (C♯ minor).

Allegretto scherzando in e minor

(c)

Musical score for 'Allegretto scherzando in e minor'. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff is marked with '(c)'. The music is in 2/4 time and features a melodic line with various rhythmic values and phrasing, including slurs and accents. The key signature has no sharps or flats (e minor).

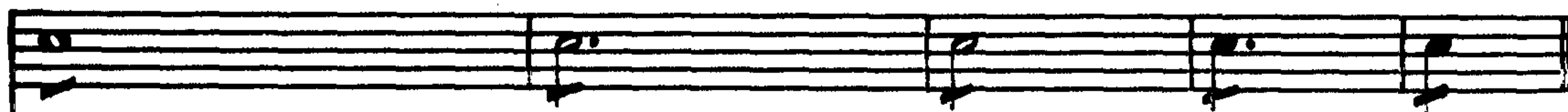


— DICTATION 43

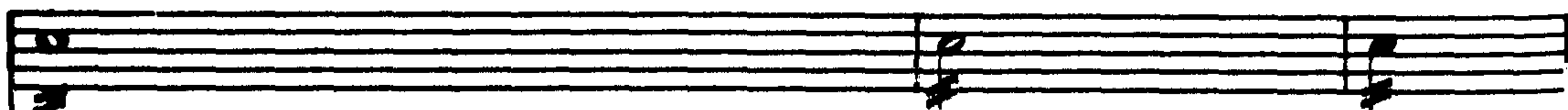
NOTATION: Although not used in the elementary exercises of this book, certain peculiarities of notation may be mentioned here.

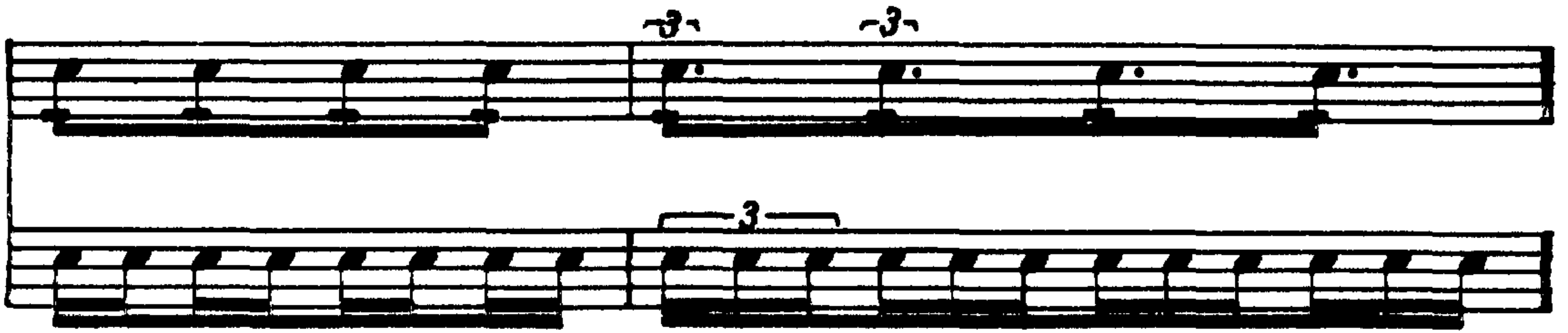
(a) *Abbreviations.* For the repetition of notes, figures, and measures, shorthand symbols are sometimes used, which, with the knowledge gained so far, ought to be self-explanatory.

Written form:

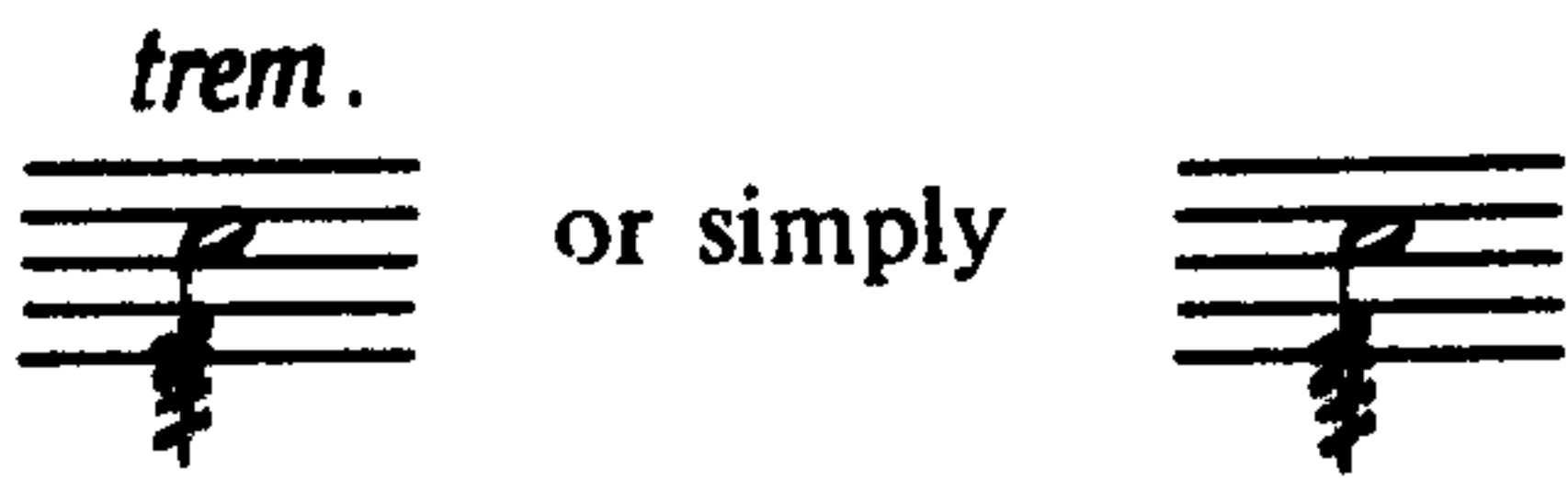


To be played:





Written form:



To be played:

Repetition of the same tone, as fast as possible, without a distinct rhythm (*tremolo*).

Tremolo legato. Fast repetition of two alternating tones at the distance of at least a minor third.

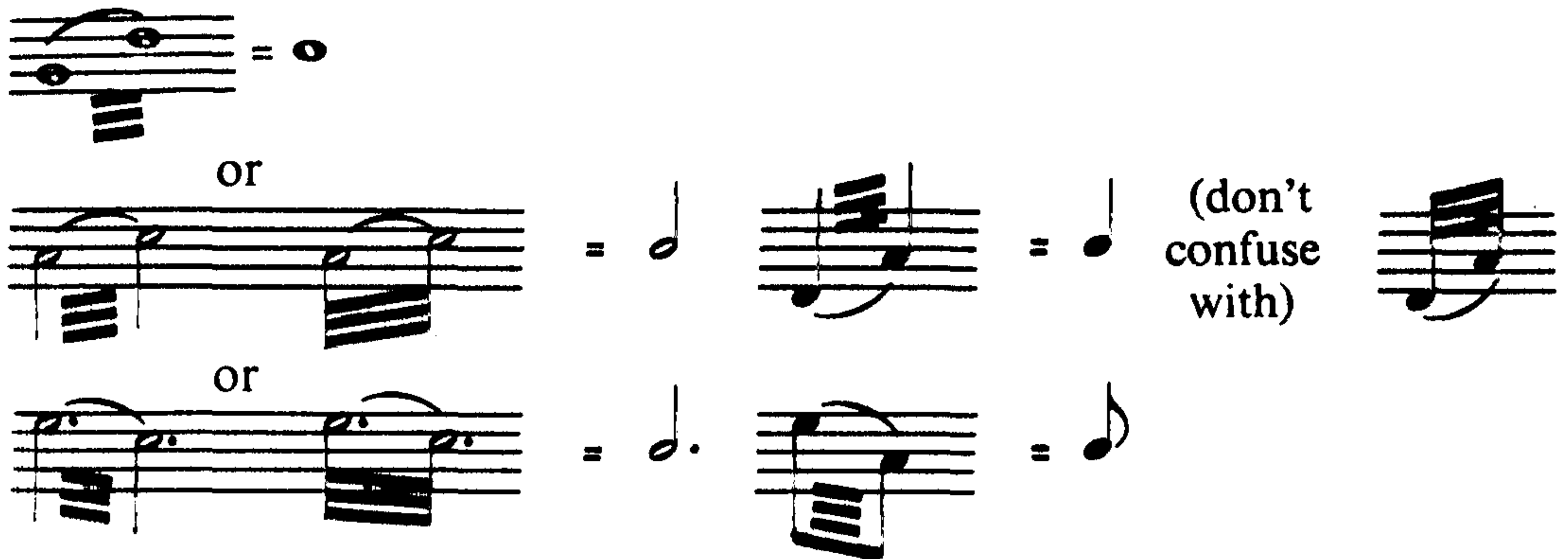
In slow tempo the three or more beams put between the two notes may mean a definite rhythmical undulation of $\frac{1}{32}$ or $\frac{1}{64}$ time-values. In order to secure a genuine tremolo without definitely recognizable regular alternation of the two tones, the addition of the word *trem.* is necessary.



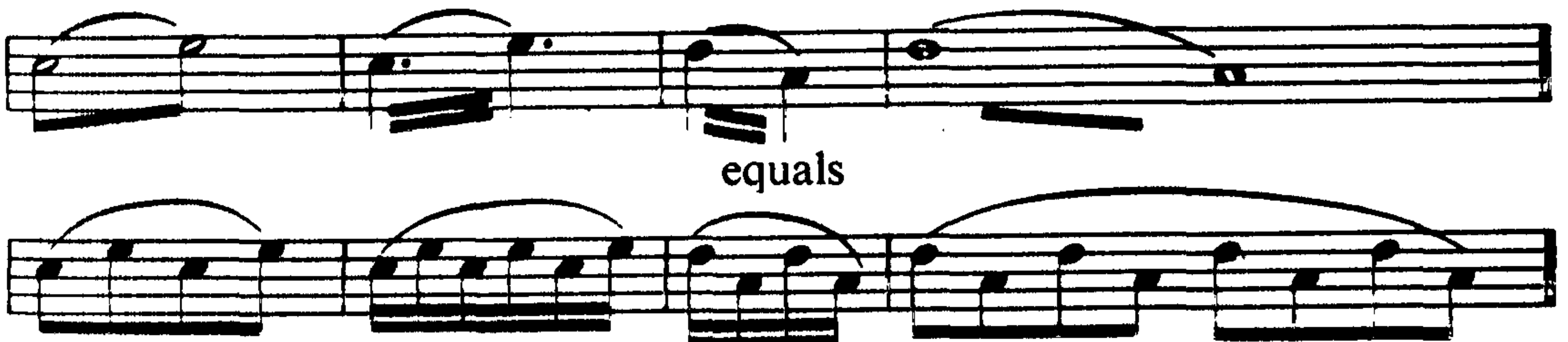
Adagio



In writing *tremolo legato* both notes of a group are given the metric value that the group as a whole has. In groups that count a quarter or less, the beams must not touch the stems; with half-notes two kinds of writing are permissible. Thus:

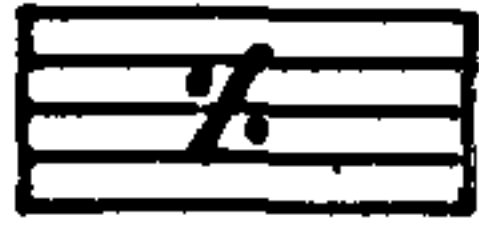


Alternating notes connected by only one or two tremolo beams can always be regarded as figures consisting of regular $\frac{1}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{16}$ notes:



This latter kind of notation is also used for *non legato* execution (without slurs).

Written form:



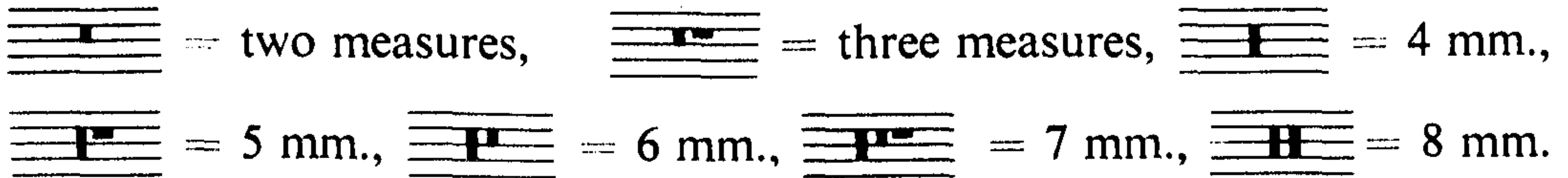
To be played:

Repeat the last beamed group of eighths, sixteenths, or thirty-seconds, respectively.

Repeat the preceding measure.

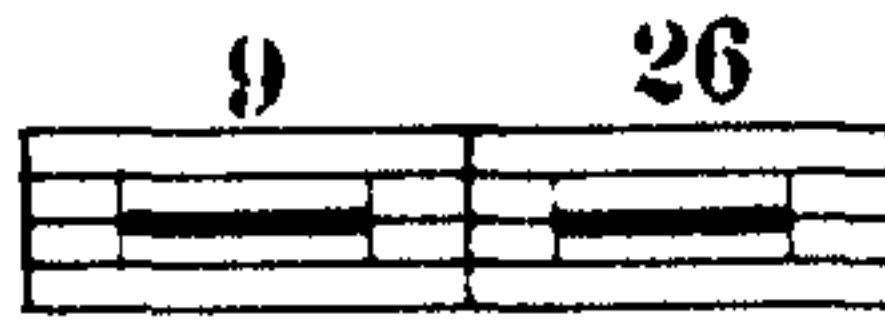
Repeat everything under the bracket.

(b) Rests longer than one measure are written thus:



Mostly a number is added to facilitate reading:

Rests exceeding eight measures are written thus:



(c) *Ornaments*. Of the tremendous variety of abbreviations for ornamental figures once in use (especially during the 18th century*) only a few are still alive. Nowadays the prevalent tendency is to write out each ornament, and so avoid all ambiguity.

In performing *grace-notes* the general agreement is that they are fractional parts of the main notes with which they are connected by slurs. Thus the following grace-notes:



are to be played:



and not:



The *trill* is a legato tremolo with the upper neighbor of a tone:



On very short notes it can include only one appearance of the upper tone. A trill may begin with the main tone or with its upper neighbor, the latter form being more frequently used.

*See special explanations in editions of 18th-century music.

The habit of ending a trill with one or two grace-notes




is so inveterate that these endings need not be written; on the contrary: a special remark is necessary for a trill without concluding grace-note, except in the case of a tied-over trill:

Andante



In the rare instances when a trill uses the lower neighbor of the main note, it must be written as a tremolo legato:



In keyboard music (in rare cases in music for stringed instruments) the sign  stands for the harp-like effect of *arpeggio* (or *arpeggiando*):



Nowadays completely out of use is the *long grace-note*, which in spite of its miniature size was generally played like a full-sized note of the same order:



Almost completely obsolete are the *Pralltriller* and the *Mordent*:



also the *turn*, either on one single note, or between two notes:



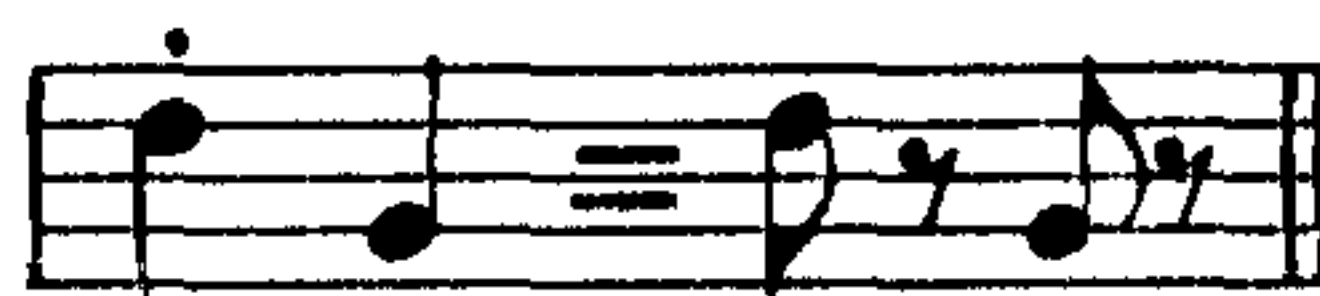
In the latter case it is generally executed on the second half (in fast tempo) or the last fourth (slow) of the first note when the latter is bipartite, or on the last third or sixth when it is tripartite:



A certain ambiguity prevails, however, concerning the use of turns. Sometimes a distinction is made between \sim (starting with the upper neighboring tone) and its counterpart \sim , and some musicians hold that a turn added to a dotted note must be played so that the value represented by the dot sounds in its full length:



(d) *Articulation*. The slur as symbol of articulation demands a *legato* execution (see page 37). The opposite effect (*staccato*) is symbolized by dots or “wedges” above or below the heads of the notes. Notes with such additions are to be sung or played with a shorter metric value than indicated, followed by a rest:

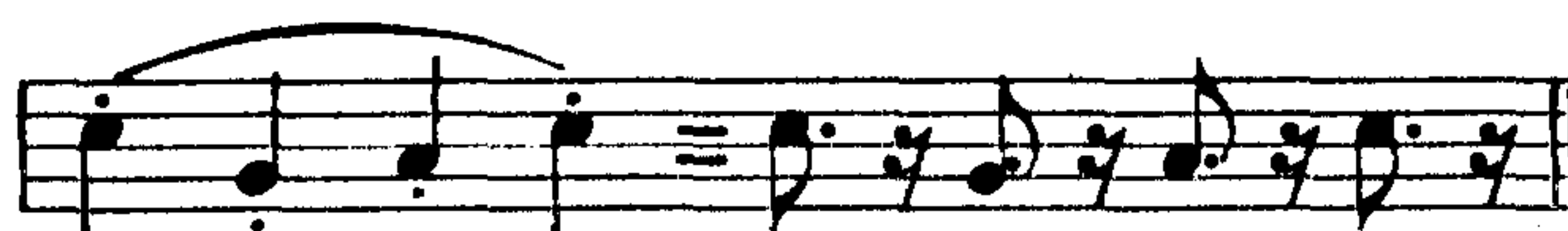


The wedge is generally regarded as a sign for intensification of the staccato:



Dots within a slur imply:

in keyboard notation, a “portato” execution:



and for string instruments, the playing of a number of short staccato tones on a single stroke of the bow, either downwards (∇) or upwards (∇).

A slight lengthening of a tone is demanded by a dash, or by the word *ten.* (= tenuto):



EXERCISE 58

1. Sing, beat time. Additional obstacles as in Exercise 44. Name the key. Women’s voices sing one octave higher.

Allegro assai





Allegretto grazioso

Sing $\frac{1}{2}$ tone lower.



♩ = ♩. of preceding



Andante espressivo

Sing $\frac{1}{2}$ tone higher.



Sing in *g* and in *a*.

In singing these two transposed forms you will observe that to a certain degree real transposition can be replaced by clef-transposition: the transposition of this piece to *g* can be achieved by reading the original in treble clef, and the notes read in alto clef give you the transposition to *a*. But you will soon find out the weakness of this procedure! Real transposition transfers each interval of the original to its new place in its exact size, while in clef-transposition the fixed half-tones *e—f* and *b—c* of the clef frequently appear in places where the original has whole-tone steps. Hence it is not advisable to rely in transposition on clef-reading. The safe way is to take in as quickly as possible the tonal structure in the original key with all its intervals, and transfer it as a whole to the new tonic. Only by frequently practising this method (not by transposing merely the few pieces in this book!) can you acquire perfect fluency and accuracy in transposition.

Lento

(d)

Sing in *g#* and *f*.

Major and minor scales, in spite of their usefulness and the fact that they are sanctioned by tradition and habit, have one great disadvantage: they are, like all other kinds of diatonic scales, already “composed” structures. Melodies following their patterns must necessarily be limited by the already melodic distribution of the raw material, and harmonic progressions built upon their measurements cannot transgress certain confines of tonal construction without bringing the entire system of diatonic tonality to the verge of chaos.

Hence music theory in recent decades has shown a strong trend towards the use of a more neutral scale material, which has all the advan-

tages of the diatonic major and minor scales without sharing their limitations.

We can get an approximate idea of such an extended tonal material when we imagine that the free use of tones, as observed in the upper half of our minor scale, can be applied throughout the whole octave, thus providing abundant material for melodic as well as harmonic purposes.

The *chromatic scale* is the simplest and most obvious display of this richer material. It consists of twelve half-tones to the octave, but in spite of the equal distance of its tones the main tonal functions (tonic, dominants, leading tone) remain with the same tones as in major and minor. Thus in the chromatic scale on *c* the main functional tones are, as ever, *c*, *f*, *g*, and *b*.

This is not the place to develop theories of the chromatic scale, nor can we enlarge upon discussions concerning the technical possibilities and aesthetic qualities of chromaticism. Certain rules about its handling in notation and some practical examples may, however, be given.

NOTATION: Although the urge upwards in a scale implies in general the use of sharps for chromatically altered tones (see p. 149), and the reverse impulse demands flats, the notation of chromaticism is above all determined by the harmonic function of the tones: as long as the chromatically altered notes are parts of the simpler intervals (fifth, fourth, the two thirds, and the two sixths) they have to be written as such and not as their enharmonic equivalents (as already stated; see the discussion following Exercise 49).

Sometimes, however, the *melodic* function of a tone has the first claim to expression in notation (for instance, in the diatonic step *leading-tone to tonic*); then it is simply not possible to satisfy equally the notational demands of both kinds of functions.

If there are no obvious harmonic implications—as in the case of an unaccompanied chromatic scale—we generally follow the upward or downward tendency of the accidentals. Owing to the inherent harmonic strength of dominant and subdominant, however, the tones representing these functions are always written as the fifth and fourth of the tonic, both upwards and downwards. Furthermore the minor seventh of the tonic is usually written as such in both directions, and not as an augmented sixth preceding and preparing the leading-tone. For the half-tone between dominant and subdominant there is no set rule in downward notation.

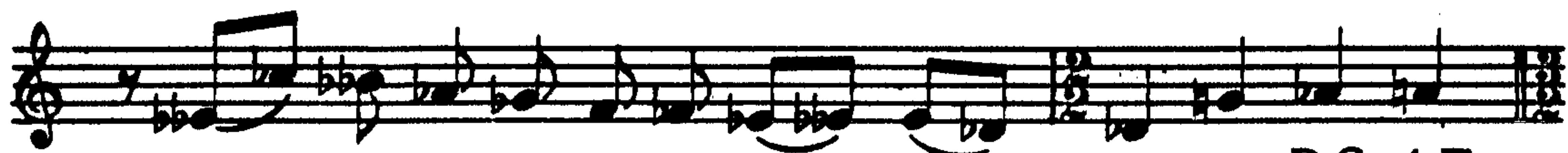
Tonic C

The image shows three musical staves. The first staff is labeled 'Tonic C' and shows an upward chromatic scale from C to C. The notes are: C (natural), C# (sharp), D (natural), D# (sharp), E (natural), E# (sharp), F (natural), F# (sharp), G (natural), G# (sharp), A (natural), A# (sharp), B (natural), B# (sharp), C (natural). The second staff shows a downward chromatic scale from C to C. The notes are: C (natural), B (natural), Bb (flat), Ab (flat), G (natural), Gb (flat), F (natural), Fb (flat), Eb (flat), D (natural), Db (flat), C (natural). The third staff is labeled 'Tonic Db' and shows a downward chromatic scale from D-flat to D-flat. The notes are: D (flat), Db (flat), C (natural), Cb (flat), B (natural), Bb (flat), Ab (flat), G (natural), Gb (flat), F (natural), Fb (flat), Eb (flat), D (flat), Db (flat).

Tonic D \flat



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Part Two

DICTATION

PREFACE TO PART TWO

Dictation, as it appears in the curricula of our music schools, namely as a separate course, unrelated to other more important subjects, is in my opinion an almost completely useless part of musical education. Sometimes excellent musicians are not able to write down even comparatively simple dictated examples, while frequently musicians of inferior quality easily reproduce elaborate dictations. This shows that the ability to follow musical dictation is not necessarily an index of the degree or quality of musical talent, any more than the memory for numbers, the gift to imitate others' actions, or the sense for spatial direction are essential criteria for general intelligence.

On the other hand it cannot be denied that the complete absence of such ability is at least an unfavourable indication of the state of a musician's knowledge. It is therefore necessary to develop it—whatever its amount or quality may be—to the utmost, just as all other parts of his gift must be developed. (This by no means warrants a separate dictation course, stretched out over a whole year or even longer!) To meet this necessity, the most reasonable way of using dictation is to combine it with other musical activities and apply it merely to check up on the general development. The understanding of rhythmic phrases, harmonic progressions, and melodic lines can easily be re-checked by dictating similar material. Not only is this one of the few ways a teacher can follow the student's methods of tackling and solving problems, but such combined activity also makes palatable a course otherwise essentially dry, unpleasant, and boring.

These statements ought to make clear what the purpose of the following exercises is: they follow closely the examples given in the first part of the book, each one using the material that has been worked out in the actively performed example which precedes it. There is no doubt that any student who has mastered the material in its first form must be able to write down its dictated equivalent; he will thus improve his dictation work along with his progress in reading, singing, and playing.

More than in the first part of the book the teacher must here use his own judgement as to how the exercises ought to be applied. He will find that there is no uniformity of reactions to a dictated example. Each individuality in a class has its own tempo and method of approach. But

in spite of this great variety there are only two essentially different methods. They are the two ways listeners follow in perceiving and understanding music in general. One group catches primarily the general impression of a musical structure, and through further analytical thinking—with the aid of repeated apperceptions of the same material or of conclusions based on memory and logic—discovers and adds the constituent parts, thus literally filling out the pre-established musical form.

Of no less importance is the other method, which adds up great numbers of single aural impressions, till in the listener's mind the complete form is synthetically reconstructed.

A well experienced musician will never rely on either of these two methods alone but will always mix them, using at any given moment (consciously or intuitively) the one that gives him the greater push forward.

In dictating the exercises the teacher must take into account both methods of approach. He must know which of them he wants to emphasize with each example, and he must inform the class of his intentions.

The students' abilities to perceive primarily the general outlines of an example will be promoted by dictating in fast tempo, and by frequent repetitions of a complete example. In dictating melodic lines it is advisable to let the students symbolize their course graphically in a continuous pencil line, before writing them down in notes. After the first vague impression has settled, main points of the example may be fixed, such as the beginning and ending, climaxes, prominent tones or rhythms, and then the remaining parts must be filled in. With growing experience the number of repeated playings necessary for the complete result will gradually decrease.

Fast playing with few repetitions (the number of repetitions should be announced in advance) serves as a test for the increasing speed of apperception. From a fixed number of, say, five playings, a student may at first gain nothing but a very vague impression of the examples, and he may only later become able to grasp most of their contents in this number of hearings.

Frequent interspersed questions about names of certain tones, values of notes, etc., may be used to sharpen the students' attentive faculty.

To develop the second, detailed method of hearing, it is recommended that the examples be split up at first into smaller sections (bars, motives); moreover, in exercises for coordinated action, the rhythmic structure may at first be dictated separately from the melodic line, until the students are able to grasp both together. Here also the emphasis can always be shifted from accuracy to speed by modifying the tempo of dictation as well as the number of repetitions.

In addition, the students should use the blackboard, constantly

watched and corrected by their fellow students, and they should take turns at substituting for the teacher in singing or playing the material which the other students are to write from their dictation. These and other variations will add life and richness to the dictation part of the present method, and will most effectively further the students' all-round musicianship.

Although the teacher must insist on strictest accuracy in both the contents of the reproduced dictated examples and their graphic appearance, he ought to be rather lenient in one respect: he should not mark as mistakes minor deviations from his dictated model if they are merely different interpretations of an aural impression. Thus frequently a dotted note may appear on the student's work sheet as a note with a rest instead of the augmentation dot; beams may be used instead of flags or hooks, and vice versa; and even ambiguous "spelling" may occasionally be permissible.

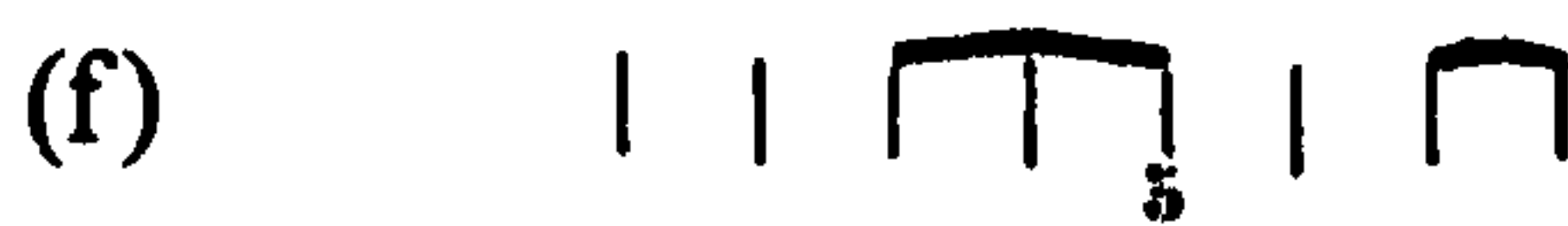
In all dictation courses the main danger is that they very easily degenerate into a kind of quiz. Nothing is so senseless as to combine musical aims with the idea of mental competition or even with a mere childish sort of riddle-guessing. The higher a teacher can maintain the musical level of his classes' dictation exercises the better he will serve their artistic purpose.

CHAPTER I

DICTION 1 —

TEACHER: Tap the beats and sing a tone where brackets are marked.

PUPIL: Mark on a sheet of paper or on the blackboard 8 short vertical dashes (for beats). Mark with brackets the tones you hear sung.



Add similar exercises, if necessary.

DICTION 2 —

TEACHER: Tap the beats and play tones where notes are marked.

PUPIL: Mark 10 beats on paper or on the blackboard. Write notes for the tones you hear played.

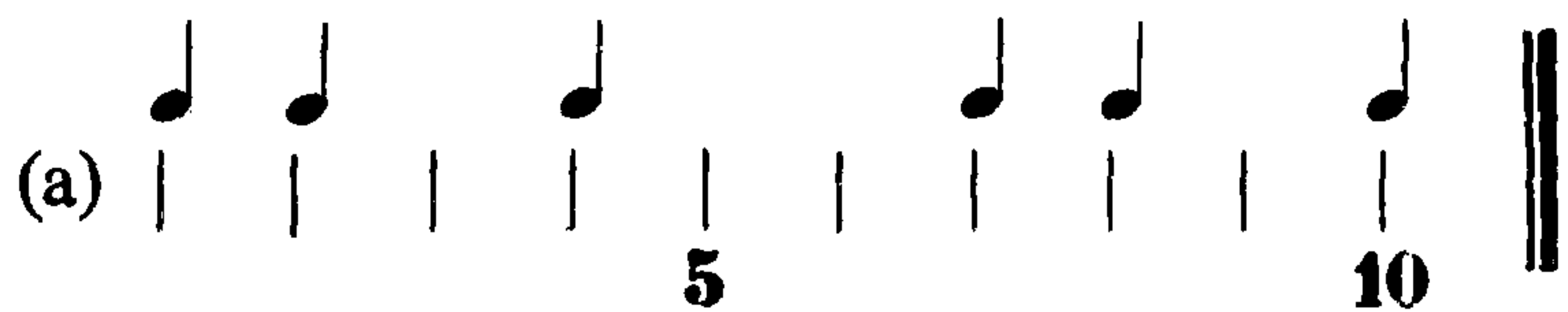
(a)									
		♪		♪	♪		♪	♪	♪
				5					10
(b)	○				○				
				5					10
(c)		♪			♪		♪		
				5					10
(d)	♪	♪			♪	♪			♪
				5					10
(e)	♪	♪		♪	♪		♪	♪	♪
				5					10
(f)			♪	♪	♪			♪	♪
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(g)				○				♪	♪
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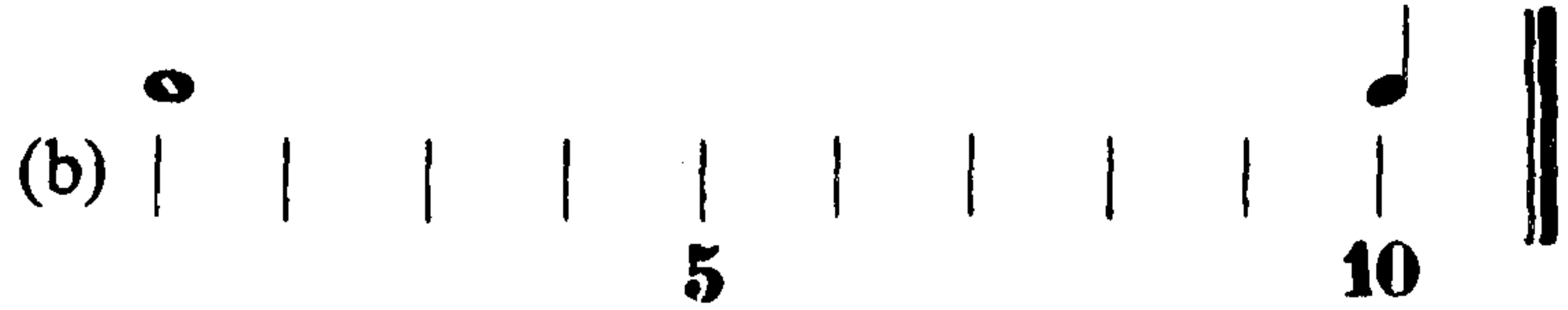
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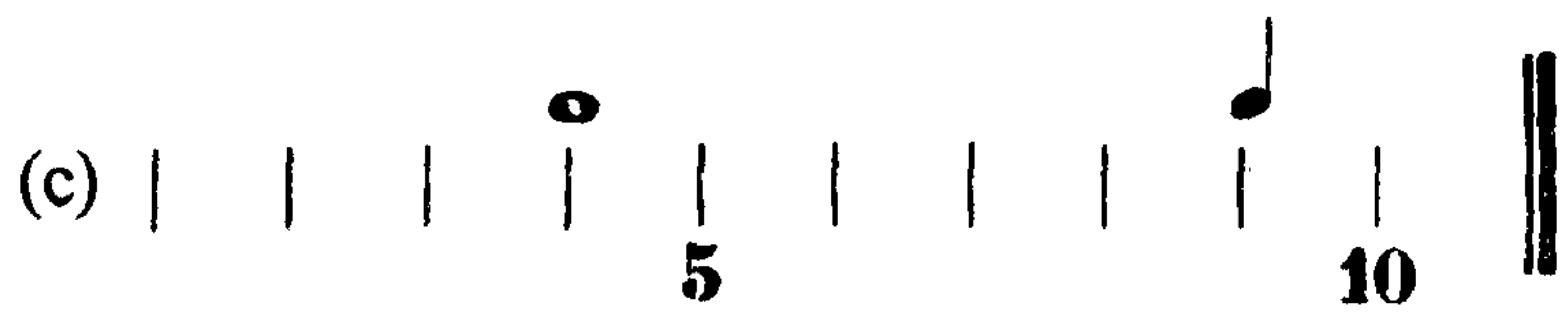
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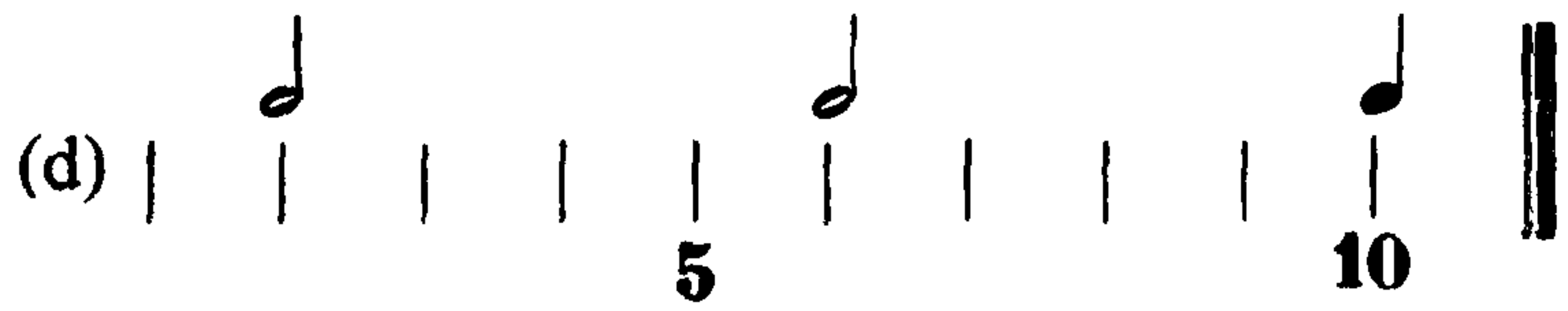
(1) TEACHER: Tap the beats and sing tones where notes are marked.

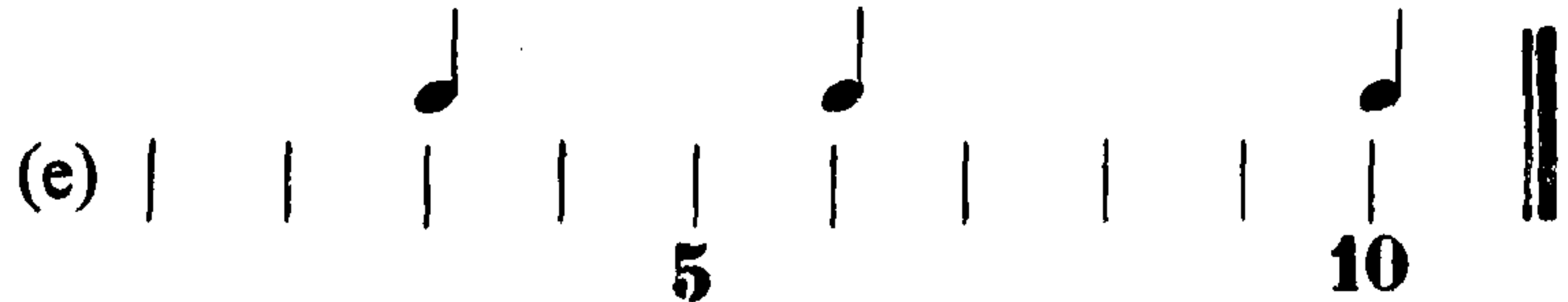
PUPIL: Listen. At the repetition sing tones where the teacher has rests.

(a) 

(b) 

(c) 

(d) 

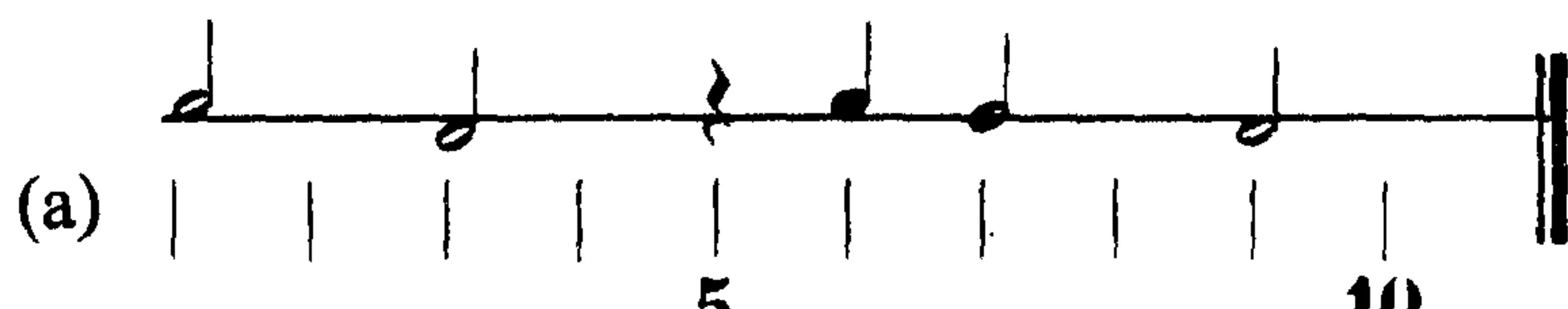
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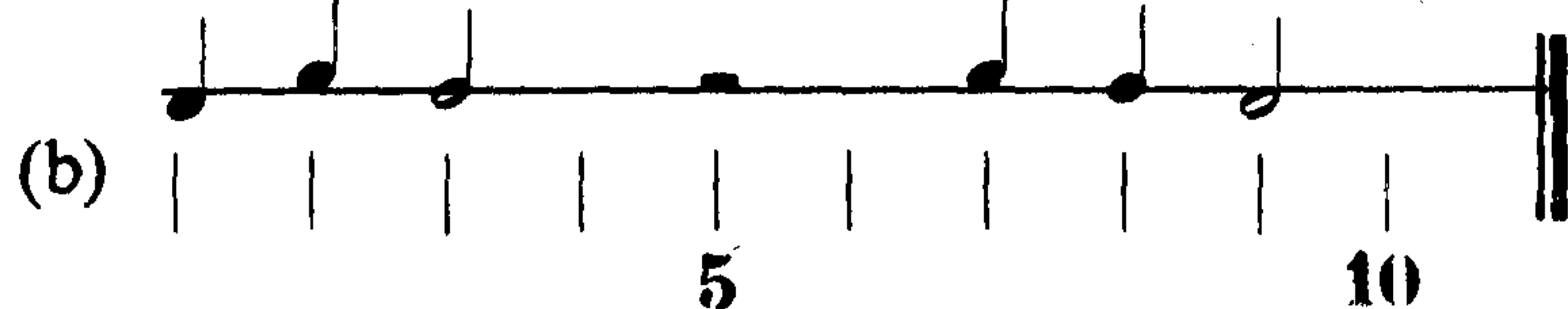
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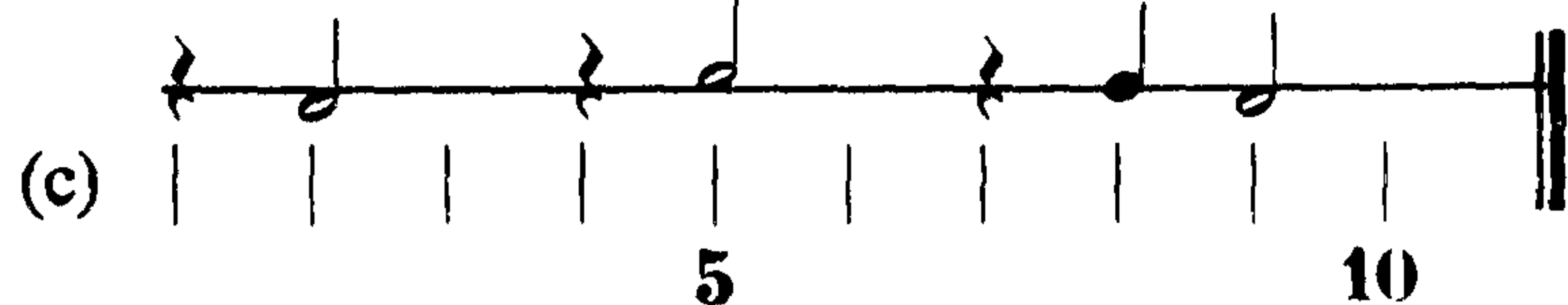
DICTATION 4 —

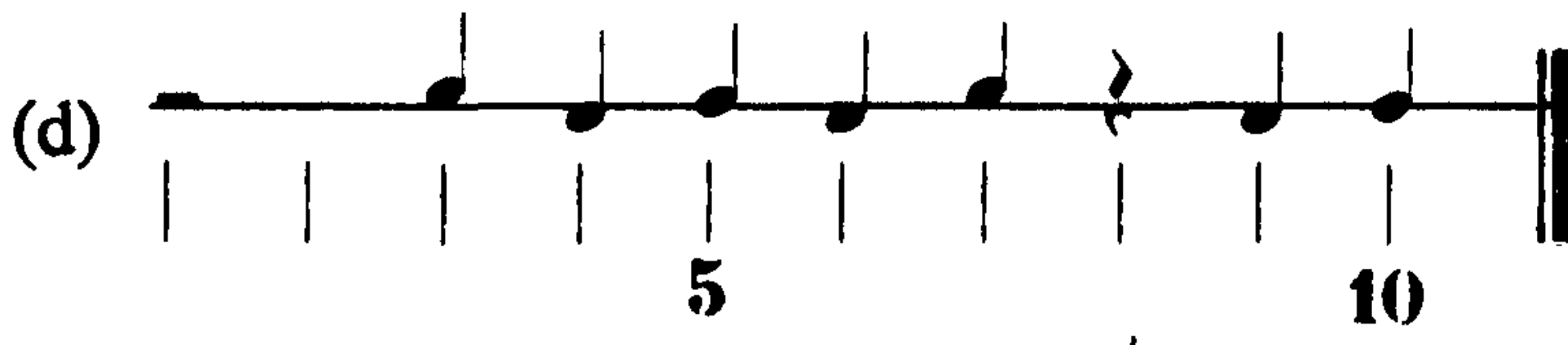
TEACHER: Tap the beats and sing tones of different pitch according to the position of the notes.

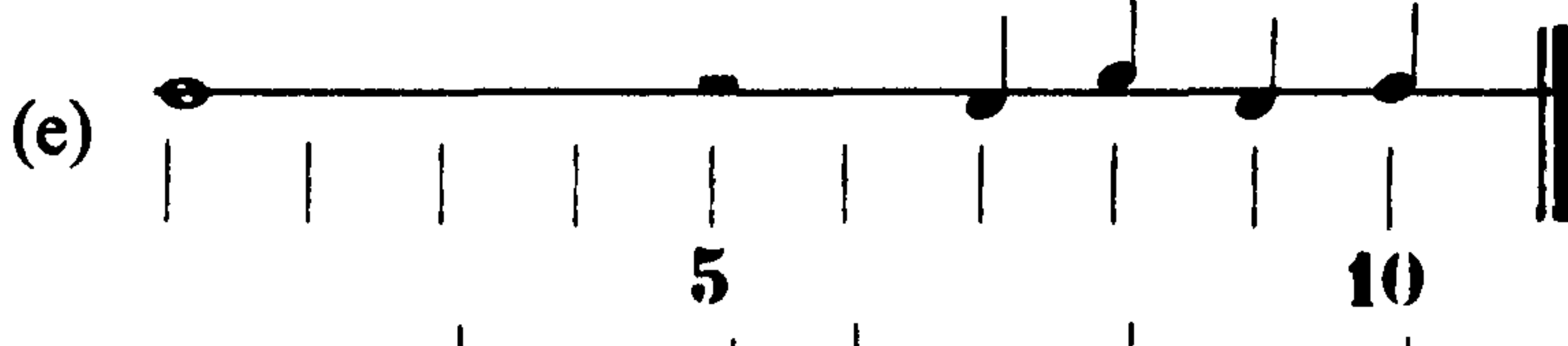
PUPIL: Draw a line. Mark 10 beats below it. Write low, middle, and high notes as you hear the tones sung, adding rests where necessary.

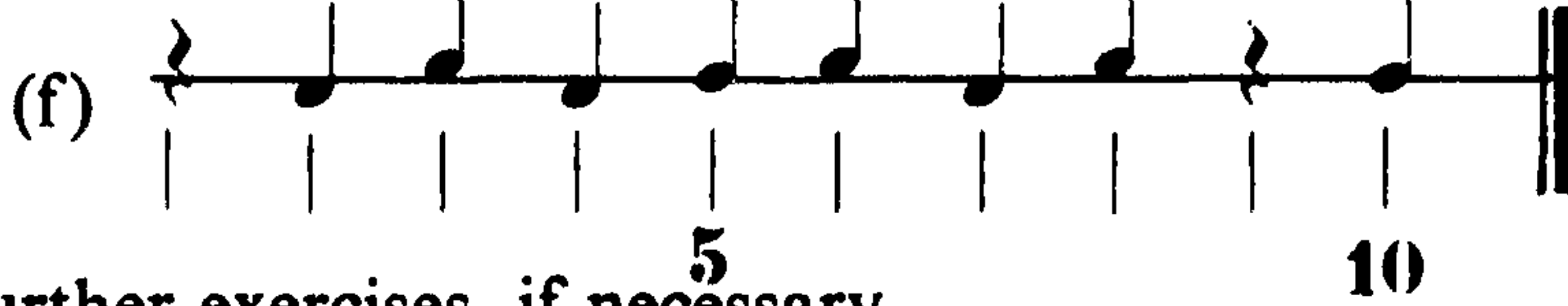
(a) 

(b) 

(c) 

(d) 

(e) 

(f) 

Add further exercises, if necessary.


CHAPTER II


DICTATION 5 —

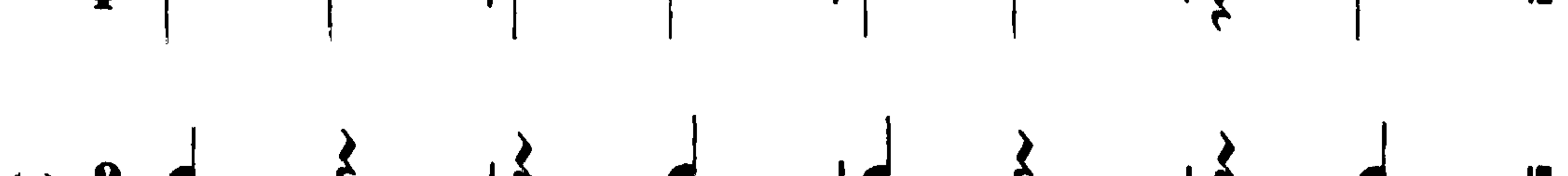
TEACHER: Tap the beats and play.


PUPIL: Write the rhythm of the played tones in notes and rests.


(1) To be written in $\frac{2}{4}$:


(a) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

(b) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

(c) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

(d) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

(e) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

(f) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

(2) To be written in $\frac{4}{4}$:

(a) $\frac{4}{4}$

(b) $\frac{4}{4}$

(c) $\frac{4}{4}$

(d) $\frac{4}{4}$

(e) $\frac{4}{4}$

(f) $\frac{4}{4}$

(g) $\frac{4}{4}$

DICTION 6 —

TEACHER: Sing, without tapping or counting.

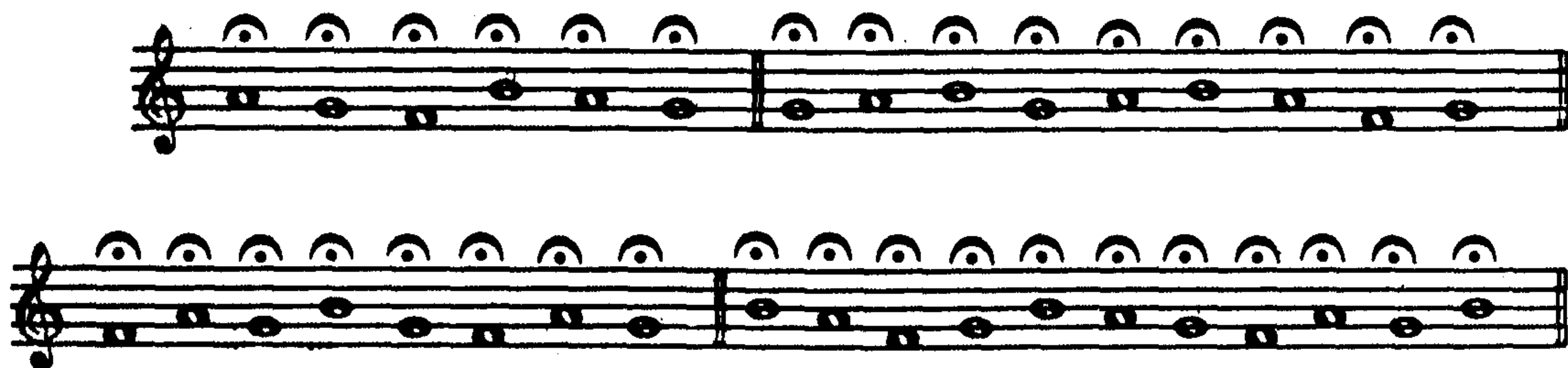
PUPIL: Write, in notes and rests, the rhythm of the tones sung, in $\frac{4}{4}$.

(a) $\frac{4}{4}$

(b) $\frac{4}{4}$

(c) $\frac{4}{4}$

(2) **TEACHER:** Sound the *a*, sing.
PUPIL: Same as before.



DICTION 8 —

(1) **TEACHER:** Play the melody (don't forget to sound the *a* first!) and tap the rhythm.
PUPIL: Write down the melody, in $\frac{2}{4}$.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

(g)

(2) **TEACHER:** Sing.

PUPIL: Write down the melody in 4.

(a) 

(b) 

(c) 

(d) 

(e) 

(f) 

(g) 

DICTION 9 —

(1) **TEACHER:** Sing, without tapping or counting (sound the *a!*), but announce the time-signature.

PUPIL: Write down the melody.

(a) 

(b) 

(d) $\frac{4}{4}$

(e) $\frac{2}{4}$

(f) $\frac{4}{4}$

(2) TEACHER: Sing; same conditions.

PUPIL: Write the rhythm.

(a) $\frac{2}{4}$

(b) $\frac{2}{4}$

(c) $\frac{4}{4}$

(d) $\frac{2}{4}$

(e) $\frac{4}{4}$

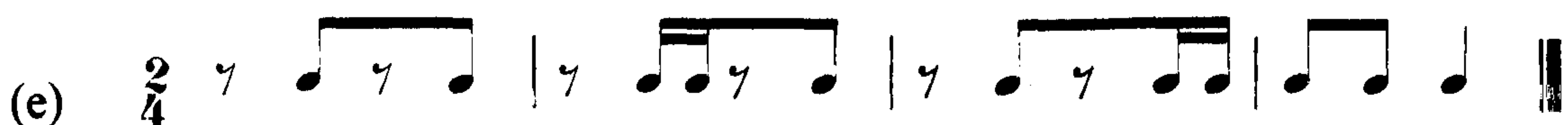
(f) $\frac{4}{4}$

(g) $\frac{2}{4}$

DICTION 11 —

TEACHER: Sing, without marking the rhythm. Announce the meter and give two beats in advance, in order to establish the tempo.

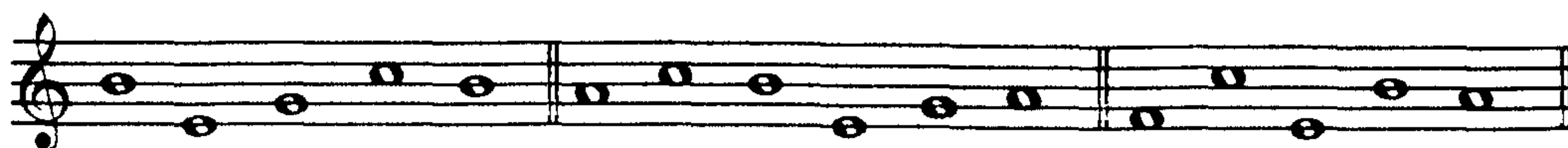
PUPIL: Write down the rhythm.



DICTION 12 —

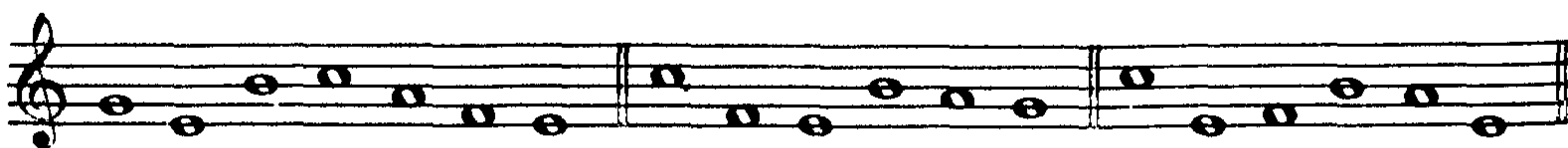
(1) **TEACHER:** Play the following tones.

PUPIL: Write them down.



(2) **TEACHER:** Sing.

PUPIL: Write the notes.



(2) TEACHER: Play and tap (or clap).

PUPIL: Repeat, singing and tapping (or clapping).

(a) Musical notation for exercise (a) in 4/4 time. The upper staff contains a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff contains a sequence of quarter notes.

(b) Musical notation for exercise (b) in 4/4 time. The upper staff contains a sequence of eighth notes. The lower staff contains a sequence of quarter notes.

(c) Musical notation for exercise (c) in 4/4 time. The upper staff contains a sequence of eighth notes. The lower staff contains a sequence of quarter notes.

(d) Musical notation for exercise (d) in 4/4 time. The upper staff contains a sequence of eighth notes. The lower staff contains a sequence of quarter notes.

(e) Musical notation for exercise (e) in 4/4 time. The upper staff contains a sequence of eighth notes. The lower staff contains a sequence of quarter notes.

(f) Musical notation for exercise (f) in 4/4 time. The upper staff contains a sequence of eighth notes. The lower staff contains a sequence of quarter notes.

(g) Musical notation for exercise (g) in 4/4 time. The upper staff contains a sequence of eighth notes. The lower staff contains a sequence of quarter notes.

(h) Musical notation for exercise (h) in 4/4 time. The upper staff contains a sequence of eighth notes. The lower staff contains a sequence of quarter notes.

(i) Musical notation for exercise (i) in 4/4 time. The upper staff contains a sequence of eighth notes. The lower staff contains a sequence of quarter notes.

CHAPTER IV

DICTION 14 —

(1) **TEACHER:** Sing and tap (or clap); announce the meter, and give preparatory beats.

PUPIL: Write the rhythm of the tones sung.

(a) $\frac{3}{4}$

(b) $\frac{2}{4}$

(c) $\frac{3}{4}$

(d) $\frac{4}{4}$

(e) $\frac{3}{4}$

(2) **TEACHER:** Play; same conditions.

PUPIL: Write.

(a) $\frac{3}{4}$

(b) $\frac{2}{4}$

(c) $\frac{4}{4}$

(d) $\frac{3}{4}$

(e) $\frac{2}{4}$

(3) **TEACHER:** Sing and tap (or clap).

PUPIL: Repeat, singing and tapping (or clapping).

(a) $\frac{2}{4}$

(b) $\frac{3}{4}$

(c) $\frac{4}{4}$

(d) $\frac{3}{4}$

(e) $\frac{2}{4}$

DICTATION 15 —

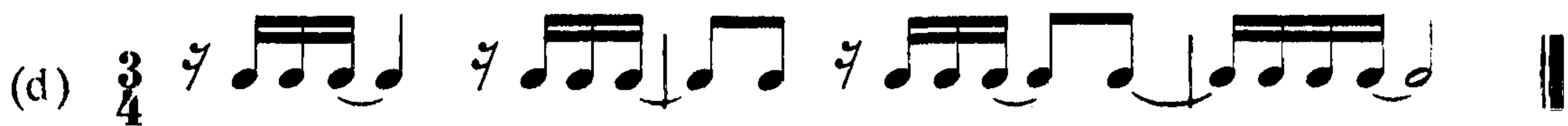
(1) **TEACHER:** Sing. Announce the meter and clap (tap) the beats of one measure in advance; but do not beat while singing.

PUPIL: Write down the rhythms.

(a) $\frac{2}{4}$

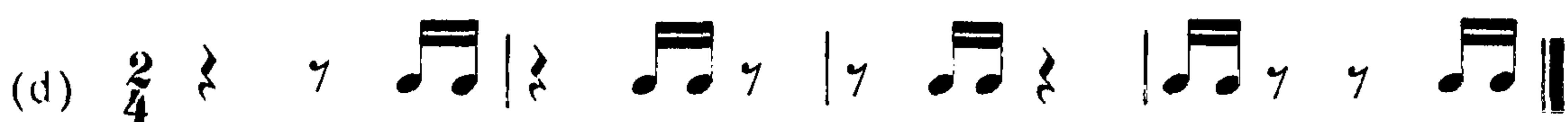
(b) $\frac{3}{4}$

(c) $\frac{4}{4}$



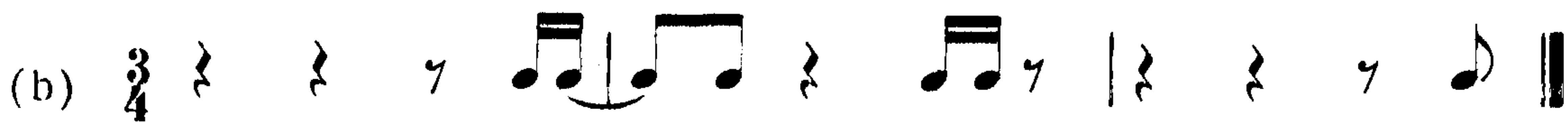
(2) TEACHER: Play; same conditions.

PUPIL: Clap the rhythms you have heard.



(3) TEACHER: Sing; same conditions.

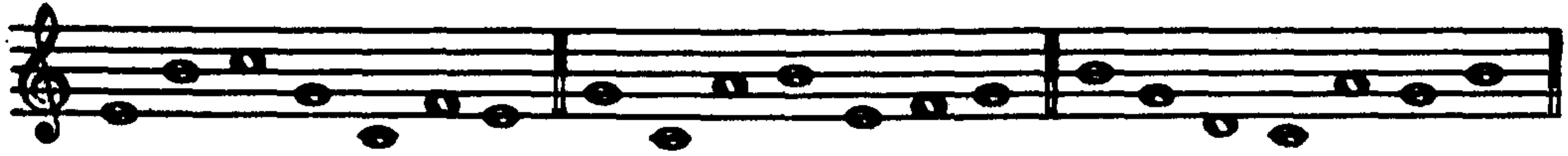
PUPIL: Repeat, singing.



DICTATION 16 —

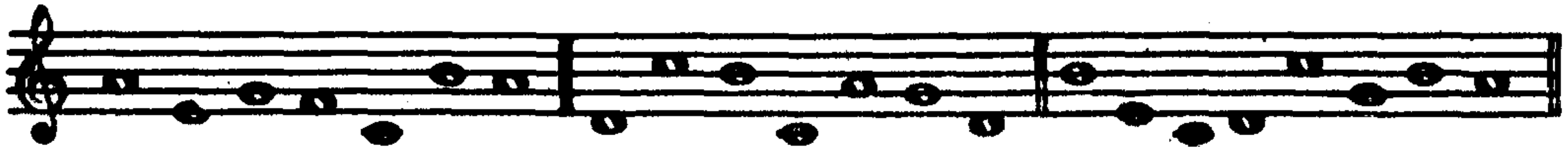
(1) **TEACHER:** Play the following tones.

PUPIL: Write them down.



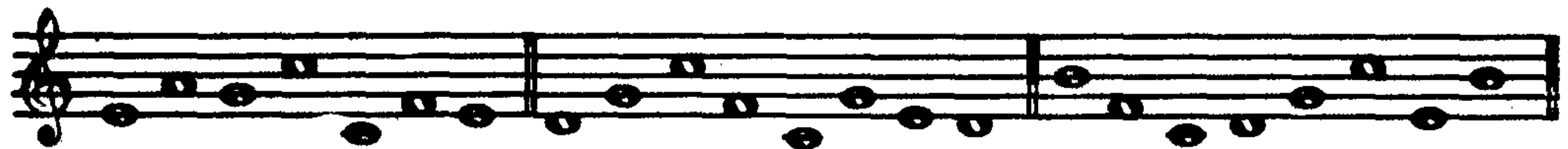
(2) **TEACHER:** Sing.

PUPIL: Write the notes.



(3) **TEACHER:** Sing.

PUPIL: Name the tones.



(4) **TEACHER:** Name the tones.

PUPIL: Sing them (men's voices sing in the lower octave).

e', b', d', c', f', c'', d', g', a', e', c'', f', c', g', etc.

DICTATION 17 —

(1) **TEACHER:** Sing, tapping (or clapping). Announce the meter, and give preparatory beats.

PUPIL: Write the melody with the proper slurs and ties.

la— la la la— etc.



(2) **TEACHER:** Sing; same conditions.

PUPIL: Repeat, singing the melodies only.

(a) Musical notation for Dictation 18 (a). It consists of two staves. The top staff is in 2/4 time and contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff shows the corresponding rhythm with vertical tick marks and stems.

(b) Musical notation for Dictation 18 (b). It consists of two staves. The top staff is in 2/4 time and contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff shows the corresponding rhythm with vertical tick marks and stems.

(c) Musical notation for Dictation 18 (c). It consists of two staves. The top staff is in 2/4 time and contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff shows the corresponding rhythm with vertical tick marks and stems.

DICTATION 18 —

TEACHER: Play, tapping (or clapping). Announce the meter and give preparatory beats.

PUPIL: Write down the melody *and* the rhythm tapped (or clapped).

(a) Musical notation for Dictation 19 (a). It consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time (C) and contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff shows the corresponding rhythm with vertical tick marks and stems.

(b) Musical notation for Dictation 19 (b). It consists of two staves. The top staff is in 2/4 time and contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff shows the corresponding rhythm with vertical tick marks and stems.

(c) Musical notation for Dictation 19 (c). It consists of two staves. The top staff is in 2/4 time and contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff shows the corresponding rhythm with vertical tick marks and stems.

(d) Musical notation for Dictation 19 (d). It consists of two staves. The top staff is in 2/4 time and contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff shows the corresponding rhythm with vertical tick marks and stems.

(e) Musical notation for Dictation 19 (e). It consists of two staves. The top staff is in 2/4 time and contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff shows the corresponding rhythm with vertical tick marks and stems.

DICTATION 19 —

(1) **TEACHER:** Play, without marking the beats. Clap (tap) the beats of one measure in advance without announcing the meter.

PUPIL: Write down the melody.

(a) Musical notation for Dictation 19 (1) (a). It consists of a single staff in 2/4 time containing a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes.



(2) TEACHER: Sing; same conditions.

PUPIL: Repeat, singing. Mark the first beat of every measure by clapping your hands.



CHAPTER V

DICTION 20 —

(1) **TEACHER:** Sing, tapping (or clapping). Announce the meter and give preparatory beats.

PUPIL: Write the rhythm sung.

(a) $\frac{3}{4}$ 

(b) $\frac{4}{4}$ 

(c) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

(2) **TEACHER:** Play and tap (or clap).

PUPIL: Sing the played rhythm, tapping (or clapping).

(a) $\frac{2}{4}$ 

(b) $\frac{3}{4}$ 

(c) $\frac{4}{4}$ 

(3) **TEACHER:** Sing, without marking the beats. Beat one measure in advance.

PUPIL: Repeat singing. Clap the first beat of each measure.

(a) $\frac{2}{4}$ 



DICTATION 21 —

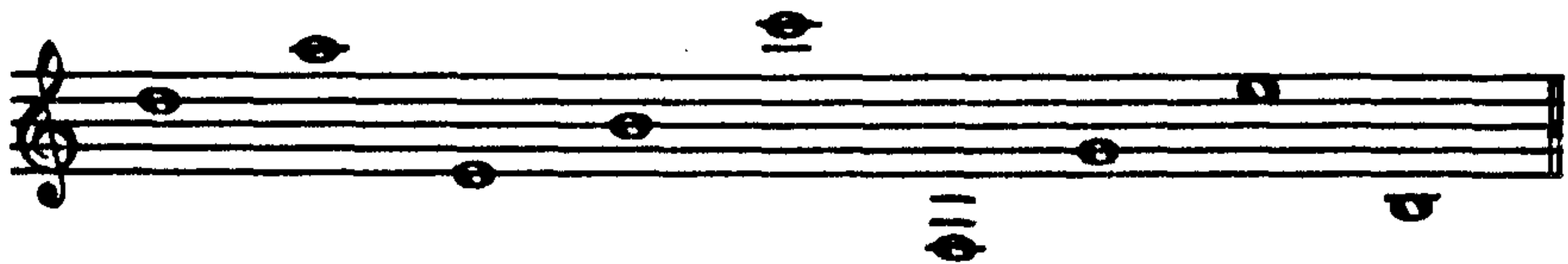
(1) **TEACHER:** Name tones.

PUPIL: Write their letter-names, indicating which octave they belong to.

e', b', a', g'', c''', f, e'', d', b'', a', g, etc.

(2) **TEACHER:** Play tones within the range *e—c'''* on the piano.

PUPIL: Name them.



For students with so-called “absolute pitch” this exercise will be no problem. This does not mean that others cannot do it! The ear of every normally gifted musician can be trained to become what is supposed to be “absolute” in its judgment, the more so since there is no such absoluteness, based on any physical attribute of the ear. What is called “absolute pitch” is merely a highly developed ability to compare quickly an audible impression with acoustic archetypes stored in our memory. These archetypes are always taken from earlier musical experience and are closely related to all kinds of external qualities of tones and of tone-production. So the “absolute” ear of a violinist may depend on the typical color of his instrument and its registers; when he hears tones in other colors he unconsciously relates them to the familiar color-scale of violin tones fixed in his memory through constant practice, and thus he determines the pitch of the most recent tone impression. For a singer the muscular tension of his vocal cords may be the basis of his judgment: he measures the pitch of each tone he hears with the muscular effort he would have to exert in producing it and thus finds its pitch.

Apart from experience, which time and again has proved that “absolute pitch” can be acquired and developed, a simple reflection confirms the relativity of even the most accurate tone-judgment: there is no absolute standard of pitch! What we call *a* or *c* is merely by convention *a* or *c*, and it has by no means a fixed place in the unlimited number of frequencies in the audible range. Not only is a clarinet-player’s *a* something very

in B major



in D major



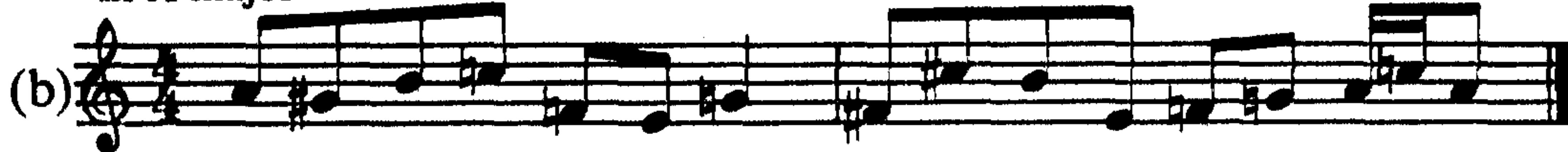
(2) TEACHER: Sing, same conditions.

PUPIL: Sing, correcting the tones that don't fit in the given tonality as they stand.

in D major



in A major



in B major



in G major



in E major



CHAPTER VI

Don't forget the Ear Training!

(see p. 206)

DICTATION 23 —

(1) TEACHER: Sing and play alternately. Announce the meter, and tap (or clap).

PUPIL: Write down the rhythm.

Slow - Sing

(a) $\frac{4}{8}$

Rather fast - Play

(b) $\frac{3}{2}$

Fast - Sing

(c) $\frac{2}{1}$

Rather fast - Play

(d) $\frac{4}{2}$

Fast - Sing

(e) $\frac{3}{8}$

(2) TEACHER: Sing, without announcing the meter. Beat one measure in advance, then stop beating.

PUPIL: Write down the rhythm.

Slow (Pupil may write in $\frac{3}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$)

(a) $\frac{3}{2}$

Fast (may be written in $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{3}{2}$)

(b) $\frac{3}{8}$

Rather fast (may be written in $\frac{4}{8}$, C or $\frac{4}{2}$)

(c) $\frac{4}{8}$

Moderately fast ($\frac{2}{8}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ or C)

(d) $\frac{2}{8}$

Moderate

(e) $\frac{4}{2}$

DICTION 24 —

TEACHER: Name tones.

PUPIL: Write them down.

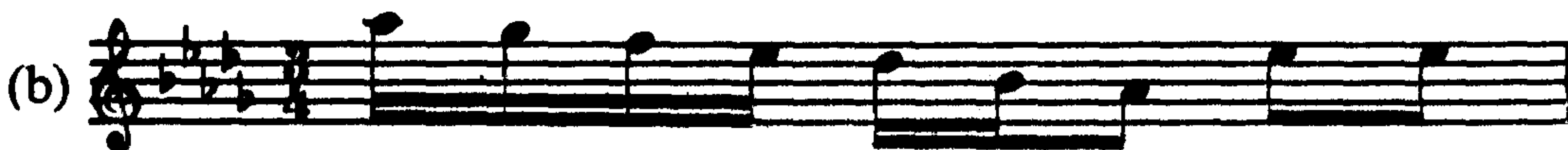
f''', *g'*, *b'''*, *e#''*, *e#*, *a''*, *a#'''*, *c''''*, *c#'*, *g''*, *d'''*, *f#''*, *g#'''*, *b#*, etc.

Some exercises in Ear Training using these high tones are to be recommended, but the degree to which such exercises can be undertaken must depend on the extent of the ability to recognize tones the pupil has gained thus far.

DICTION 25 —

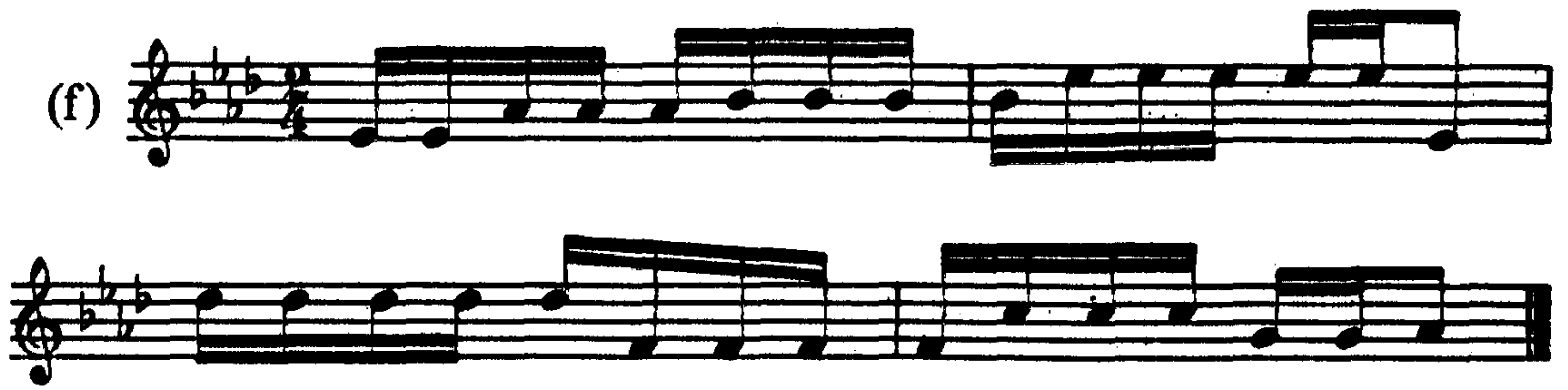
TEACHER: Play. Announce the key and the meter. Beat only one measure in advance.

PUPIL: Write down.



(can be written in G b maior)





DICTATION 26 —

(1) Same procedure as in Dictation 22, par. 1, page 207. Add flats to tones that have to be lowered.

in A \flat major



in E \flat major



in G \flat major (Pupil can also write in F \sharp)



in D \flat major



in B \flat major



(2) Instructions: see Dictation 22, par. 2, page 208.

in F major



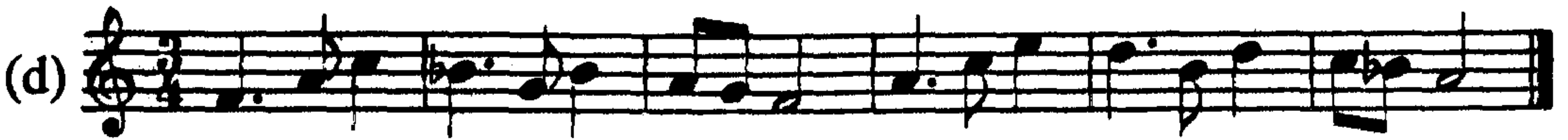
in D \flat major



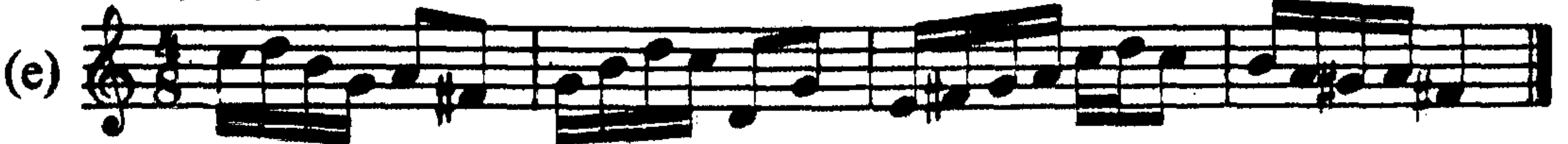
in E \flat major



in A major



in F \sharp major



CHAPTER VII

DICTION 27 —

(1) **TEACHER:** Sing* and play alternately. Announce the meter and mark the beats.

PUPIL: Write down the rhythm.

Rather slow - Sing



Fast - Play



Slow - Sing



*The syllables la-la are apt to cause certain difficulties of articulation in fast succession. Use "da-da" or any other convenient syllables for this purpose.

Slow - Play

(d) $\frac{4}{8}$

Fast - Sing

(e) $\frac{3}{2}$

(3) TEACHER: Sing, without announcing the meter. Beat one measure in advance; then stop beating.

PUPIL: Write down the rhythm.

(Pupil may write in $\frac{2}{8}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ or $\frac{2}{2}$)

(a) $\frac{2}{4}$

(in $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{3}{2}$)

(b) $\frac{3}{8}$

(in $\frac{4}{8}$, $\frac{4}{4}$ or $\frac{4}{2}$)

(c) $\frac{4}{8}$

(in $\frac{2}{8}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ or $\frac{2}{2}$)



(in $\frac{2}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{4}$)



DICTION 28 —

TEACHER: Name tones.

PUPIL: Write them down in bass clef.

g' , $F\sharp$, b , $B\flat$, a' , $C\sharp$, $C\flat$, $c\sharp$, $c\flat$, $b\sharp$, c' , $d\flat$, $d\flat'$, E , e' , etc

Ear-Training: TEACHER: Play tones in bass region.

PUPIL: Name them.

DICTION 29 —

(1) TEACHER: Play a given tone (marked \circ) and sing another one (marked \bullet).

PUPIL: Name the interval between the two tones.



(2) TEACHER: Sing.

PUPIL: Repeat what you have heard, but sing it a perfect fifth higher (or a perfect fourth lower).





(3) **TEACHER:** Sing.

PUPIL: Repeat. Sing a perfect fourth higher (or a perfect fifth lower).



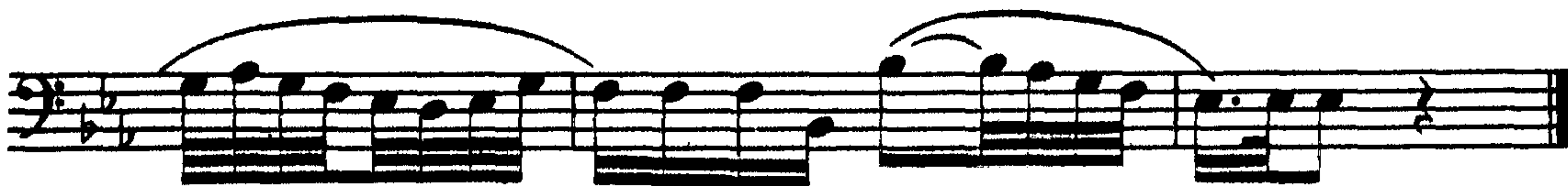
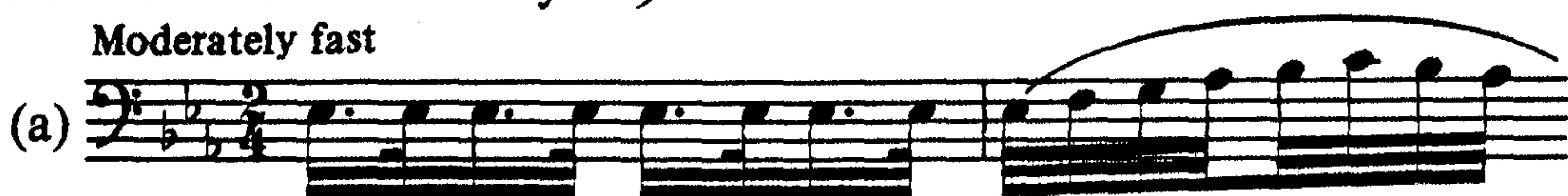


DICTATION 30 —

(1) **TEACHER:** Play, without beating except for one measure in advance.
Announce the meter.

PUPIL: Write the melody in F

Moderately fast



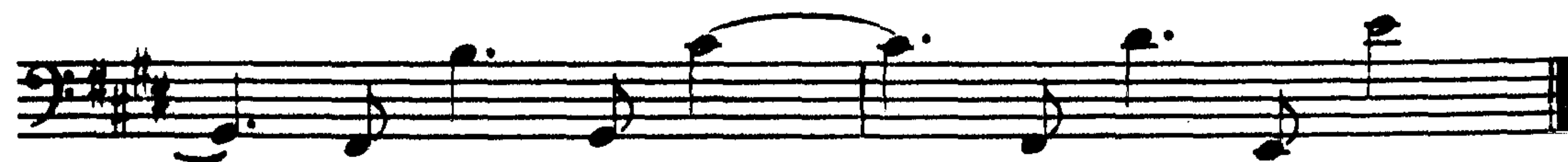
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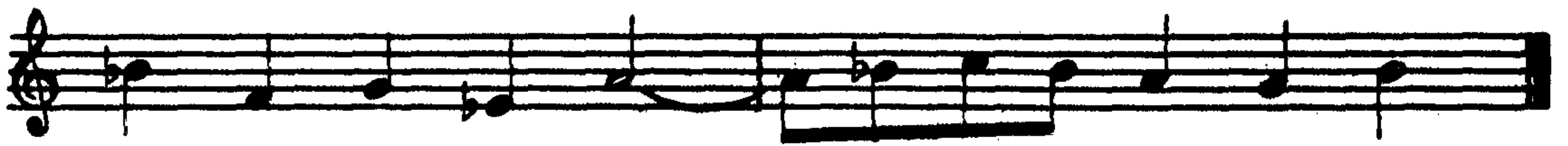


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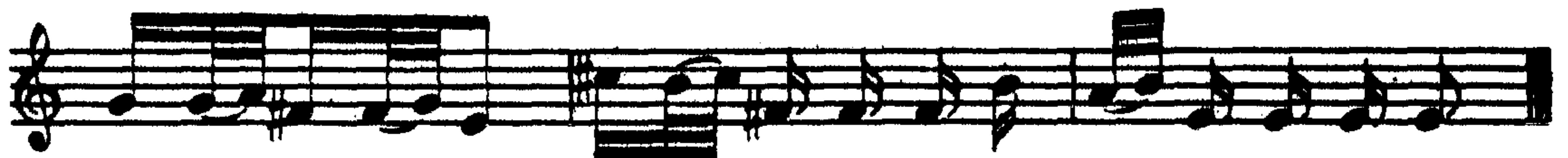


(2) TEACHER: Sing. Announce the meter, and the two keys. No beating.
 PUPIL: Sing what you heard, but add or omit accidentals so as to change the key as directed.

B ♭ major (change to G ♭ major)



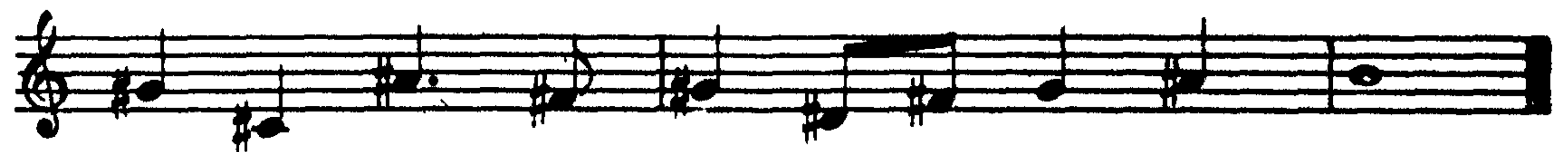
A major (to E ♭ major)



C major (to D ♭ major)



B major (to G major)



CHAPTER VIII

DICTATION 31 —

TEACHER: Name the following notes.

PUPIL: Write them down in

, B e C# Cb , C# ,, A ,, B# , C Ab b# c' , E , Fb , D# , Gb etc.

(b)

System (b) consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, some beamed together. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a bass line with quarter and eighth notes.

(c)

System (c) consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a bass line with quarter and eighth notes.

(d)

System (d) consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, some beamed together. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a bass line with quarter and eighth notes.

(e)

System (e) consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a bass line with quarter and eighth notes.

(f)

System (f) consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with quarter and eighth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a bass line with quarter and eighth notes.

(g)

System (g) consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a bass line with quarter and eighth notes.

(h)

Exercise (h) consists of two staves of music. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes.

(i)

Exercise (i) consists of two staves of music. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes.

(j)

Exercise (j) consists of two staves of music. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes.

CHAPTER IX

Dictation 34 —

TEACHER: Play. Announce the meter, beat one measure in advance.

PUPIL: Find the key. Write down.

(a)

Dictation (a) is a single staff of music in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 3/4 time signature. It features a sequence of notes with a slur over the first three notes, a slur over the next three notes, a slur over the next two notes, and a slur over the final two notes. There are numerical markings '4' and '2' above the final two notes.

Continuation of dictation (a) on a single staff of music in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 3/4 time signature. It features a sequence of notes with a slur over the first three notes and a slur over the next three notes. There is a numerical marking '5' below the final three notes.

(b)

Dictation (b) is a single staff of music in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It features a sequence of notes with a slur over the first three notes, a slur over the next three notes, a slur over the next two notes, and a slur over the final two notes. There are numerical markings '6' and '3' above the notes.

Continuation of dictation (b) on a single staff of music in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It features a sequence of notes with a slur over the first three notes, a slur over the next three notes, and a slur over the final two notes. There are numerical markings '3' and '7' above the notes.

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

DICTATION 35 —

(1) **TEACHER:** Play the lower tone, sing the upper one; then vice versa.
PUPIL: Name the intervals you hear.

(2) TEACHER: Play.

PUPIL: Name the intervals.

Two staves of musical notation. The first staff contains a sequence of intervals: a major second, a minor third, a major third, a perfect fourth, a perfect fifth, a major sixth, and a minor seventh. The second staff continues with a major seventh, an octave, and a ninth, followed by the text "etc.".

(3) TEACHER: Play fifths, fourths, thirds, sixths, seconds, and sevenths, suiting the order of succession, choice of register, and tempo to the pupils' ability.

PUPIL: Name the tones of each interval.

DICTION 36 —

TEACHER: Play the following two-part examples. Count one measure in advance. Announce key and meter.

PUPIL: Write them down.

(a)

Two-part musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The upper staff features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the lower staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

(b)

Two-part musical notation in 4/4 time, key of D major. The upper staff contains complex rhythmic patterns with slurs and a triplet, while the lower staff has a steady accompaniment.

(c)

Two-part musical notation in 4/4 time, key of E-flat major. The upper staff features a complex melodic line with many sixteenth notes and slurs, while the lower staff has a steady accompaniment.

(d)

System (d) consists of two staves in bass clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. The upper staff features a melodic line with a long slur spanning the first two measures. The lower staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes.

(e)

System (e) consists of two staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps and a common time signature. The upper staff contains a complex melodic line with slurs and triplets. The lower staff features a bass line with triplets and rests.

(f)

System (f) consists of two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (F) and a 2/4 time signature. The upper staff has a melodic line with slurs, while the lower staff provides a bass line with slurs and ties.

(g)

System (g) consists of two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 2/4 time signature. The upper staff features a melodic line with slurs and ties, and the lower staff provides a bass line with slurs and ties.

(h)

System (h) consists of two staves in bass clef with a key signature of three sharps and a common time signature. The upper staff features a melodic line with a long slur spanning the entire system. The lower staff provides a bass line with slurs and ties.



More dictation material for this exercise and the corresponding ones in the next two chapters can easily be found in short sections of all kinds of published music.

CHAPTER X

DICTION 37 —

TEACHER: Sing: announce key and meter; do not beat time.

PUPIL: Sing, clapping the first beat of each measure.



(PUPIL: clap subordinate accents also.)

(c)

Exercise (c) consists of two staves of music in G major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody features eighth and sixteenth notes with various rests and accents. The second staff continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns and accents.

(PUPIL: same as before.)

(d)

Exercise (d) consists of two staves of music in B-flat major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody features eighth and sixteenth notes with various rests and accents. The second staff continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns and accents.

Fast

(e)

Exercise (e) consists of two staves of music in G major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Fast'. The melody features eighth and sixteenth notes with various rests and accents. The second staff continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns and accents.

(f)

Exercise (f) consists of two staves of music in B-flat major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody features eighth and sixteenth notes with various rests and accents. The second staff continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns and accents.

DICTATION 38 —

TEACHER: Name tones.

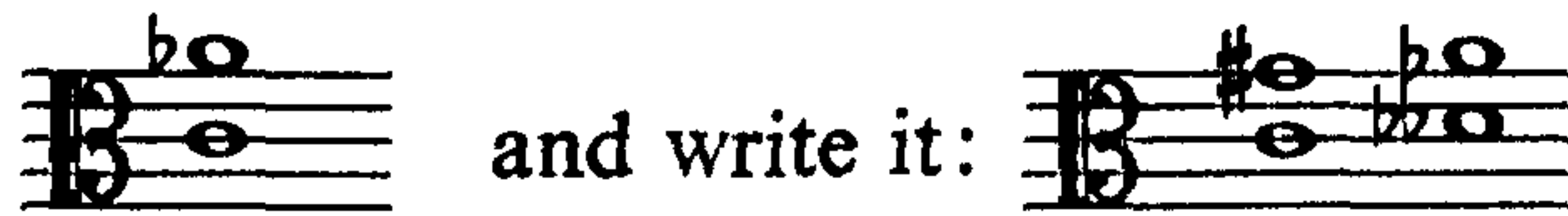
PUPIL: Write them down in alto clef.

c#, *e*" , *f*#' , *a*b , *c*' , *b*# , *e*b , *c*b , *b*b , *g*" , *e*# , *f*" , *f* , *g*# , etc

DICTION 39 —

TEACHER: Play intervals.

PUPIL: Write the sound you hear in all diminished and augmented forms you can find. Thus you may hear:



Write in alto clef.



DICTION 40 —

TEACHER: Play on the piano. Announce key and meter.

PUPIL: Sing at first the middle voice of each three-part setting in the octave convenient to your voice. Then sing the lower voice. Finally write the whole piece down. Write the upper line in alto clef.



(c)

Musical score for exercise (c) in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter notes and rests.

(d)

Musical score for exercise (d) in 3/4 time, key of D major. The right hand has a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, and the left hand has a steady accompaniment of quarter notes.

(e)

Musical score for exercise (e) in 4/8 time, key of B-flat major. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth notes and rests, and the left hand has a simple accompaniment of quarter notes.

(f)

Musical score for exercise (f) in 3/4 time, key of D major. The right hand has a melodic line with eighth notes and rests, and the left hand has a simple accompaniment of quarter notes. The piece concludes with two triplet markings in the right hand.

(g)

Musical score for exercise (g) in 4/8 time, key of B-flat major. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth notes and rests, and the left hand has a simple accompaniment of quarter notes.

(h)

Musical score for exercise (h) in 4/4 time, key of D major. The right hand has a melodic line with eighth notes and rests, and the left hand has a simple accompaniment of quarter notes.

(i)

(j)

CHAPTER XI

DICTION 41 —

TEACHER: Name tones.

PUPIL: Write them in tenor clef.

f, b[#], c', gb', e[#], bbb', db', d[#], a^x, abb, B[#], c'', fb', cb, etc.

DICTION 42 —

TEACHER: Play the following intervals.

PUPIL: Write down what you hear in all possible doubly augmented and doubly diminished forms, in tenor clef.

DICTION 43 —

TEACHER: Play. Announce key and meter.

PUPIL: Sing first each of the two middle voices. Then write down each complete example. Use tenor and alto clefs wherever possible (for both upper and lower staves).

(a)

Musical notation for example (a) in G major, 3/4 time. The upper staff is in alto clef (C4) and the lower staff is in tenor clef (C3). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, and the accompaniment is a simple harmonic pattern.

(b)

Musical notation for example (b) in D major, 4/4 time. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The melody features a triplet of eighth notes in the third measure. The accompaniment consists of quarter notes.

(c)

Musical notation for example (c) in B-flat major, 3/4 time. The upper staff is in alto clef (C4) and the lower staff is in tenor clef (C3). The melody is primarily eighth notes with some beamed sixteenth notes. The accompaniment features a long slur across the first two measures.

(d)

Musical notation for example (d) in D major, 3/4 time. The upper staff is in alto clef (C4) and the lower staff is in tenor clef (C3). The melody includes a long slur across the first two measures. The accompaniment is a simple harmonic pattern.

(e)

Musical score for exercise (e) in 12/8 time, key of B-flat major. The piece consists of two staves. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in the second measure. The left hand provides a bass line with dotted eighth and sixteenth notes, and some chords. A fermata is placed over the final measure of the right hand.

(f)

Musical score for exercise (f) in 3/4 time, key of D major. The piece consists of two staves. The right hand has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in the second measure. The left hand has a bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes. A fermata is placed over the final measure of the right hand.

(g)

Musical score for exercise (g) in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The piece consists of two staves. The right hand has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in the second measure. The left hand has a bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes. A fermata is placed over the final measure of the right hand.

(h)

Musical score for exercise (h) in 2/4 time, key of D major. The piece consists of two staves. The right hand has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in the second measure. The left hand has a bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes. A fermata is placed over the final measure of the right hand.

(i)

Musical score for exercise (i) in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The piece consists of two staves. The right hand has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in the second measure. The left hand has a bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes. A fermata is placed over the final measure of the right hand.

(j)

The musical score is written for piano and consists of two staves. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/8. The notation includes various note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are several instances of beamed notes, particularly in the first few measures of each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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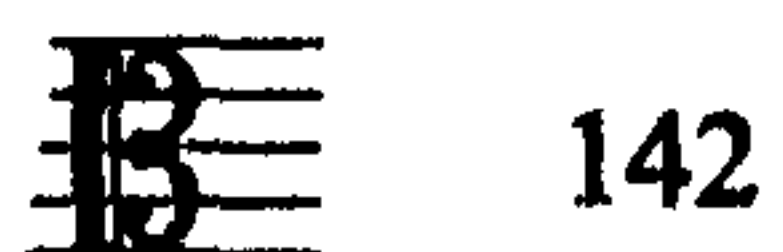
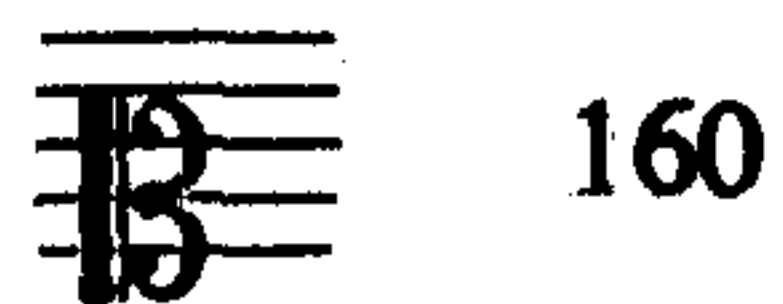
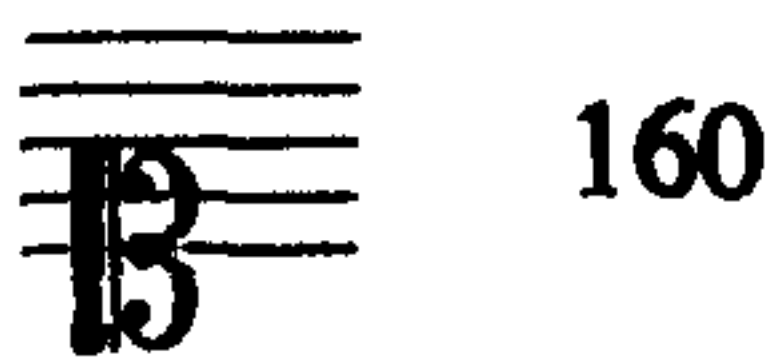
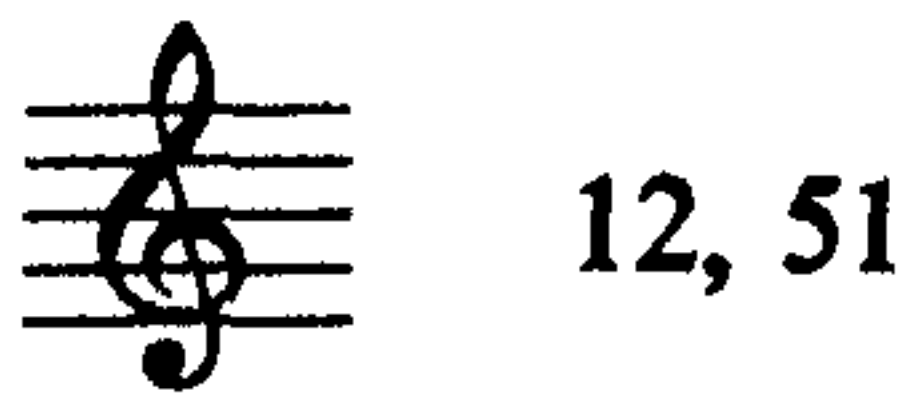
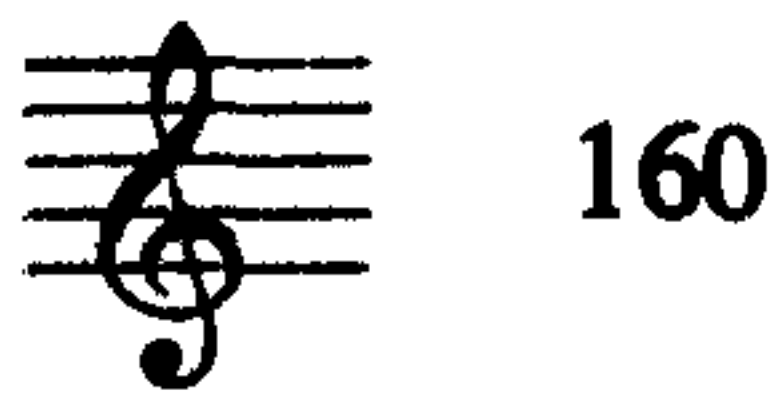
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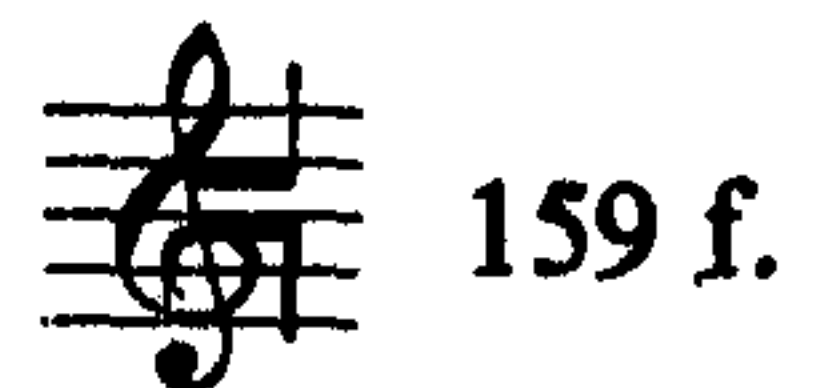
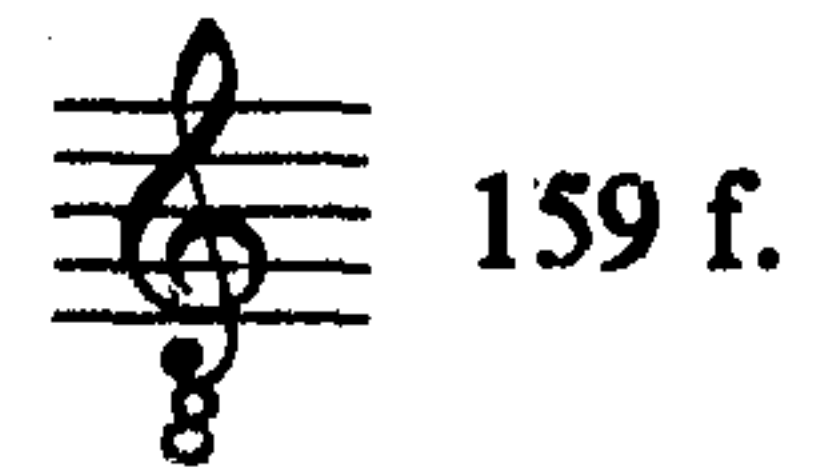
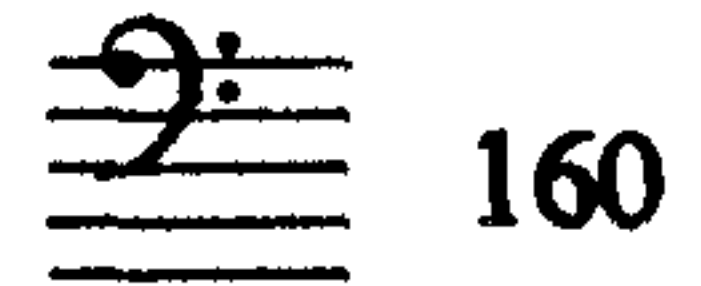
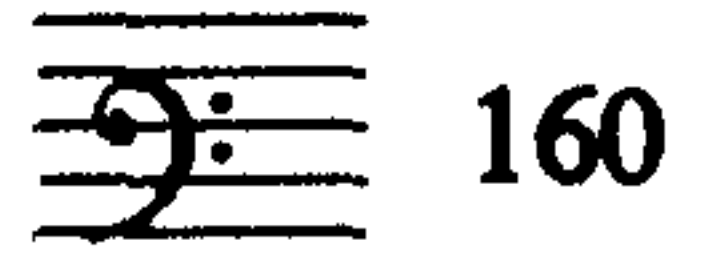
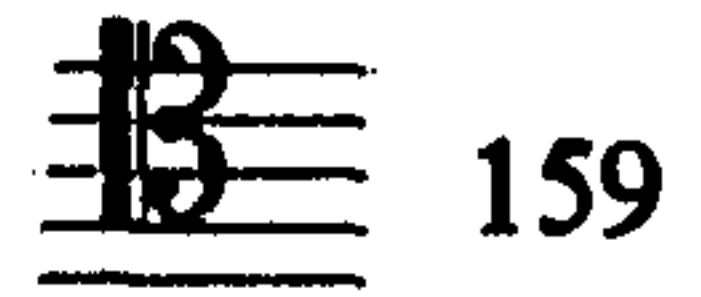
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∩	172
┌	172
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Clefs:



Clefs—Continued



Ornaments:

∞	171
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∞	171 f.
∞	172

Time-signatures:

$\frac{3}{8}$	62
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Time-signatures—*Continued*

$\frac{2}{4}$	9
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$\frac{4}{4}$	9
C	9
♢	62
$\frac{6}{4}$	100
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$\frac{3}{2}$	62, 65
$\frac{4}{2}$	62, 65

Miscellaneous:

Ƶ	17
≡	65
⤿	13, 95
<i>gva</i>	66, 106
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