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Magnificent Minnesota

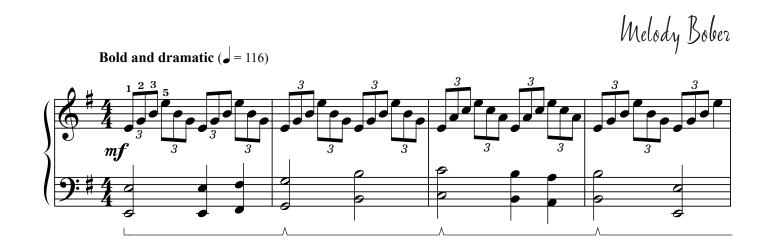
Forests, rivers, parks, and prairies—Minnesota has them all, making it one of the most diverse and beautiful states in the USA. Known as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes," it is a summer destination for boating, fishing, water skiing, tubing, and camping. There are 72 state parks, spectacular sights, wonderful wildlife, and great cities. Minnesota is truly magnificent!

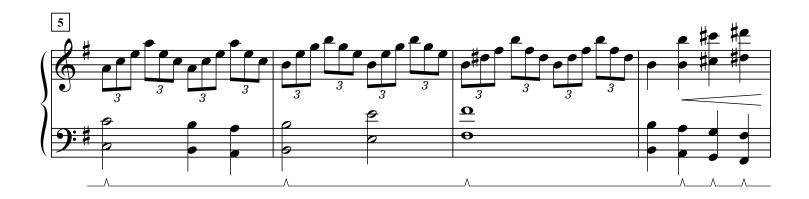


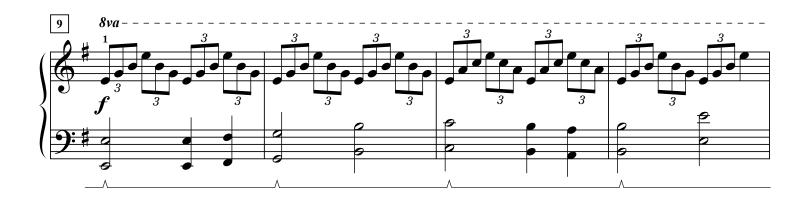
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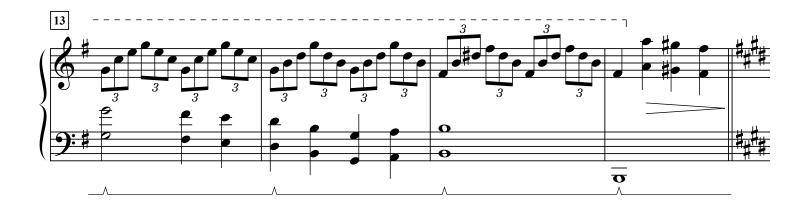
Minnesota River Adventure

The Minnesota River, one of the largest rivers in Minnesota, originates in the hills of northeastern South Dakota. It travels southeastward through Minnesota, turning abruptly to the northeast to join the Mississippi River at St. Paul. Rich in history, its 332 miles pass through some of the most fertile farmlands in the entire nation.









Lady's Slipper Waltz

Minnesota's beautiful state flower is the Showy Lady's Slipper, also known as the Queen's Lady Slipper. A flower of the orchid family, it has white petals and a pink slipper-shaped lip. A hardy species, native to the temperate and colder regions of the Northern Hemisphere, it is found in spruce and tamarack bogs, wet meadows, swamps, and cool, damp woods.



Riverboat Rag

Steamboats played an important role in the early settlement of the Midwest, providing transportation for fur traders, explorers, and settlers. Carrying wood and produce down the river, they brought back manufactured goods to the Minnesota River Valley towns. Despite the advent of the railroad and other forms of transportation, the river has remained an important trade and recreation route.

