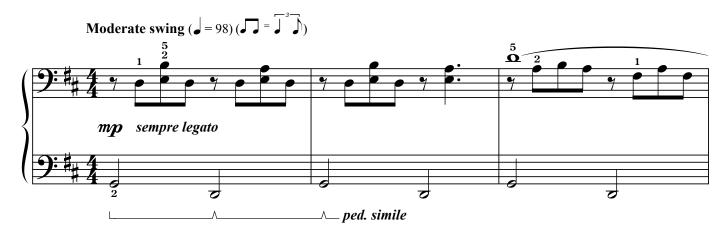
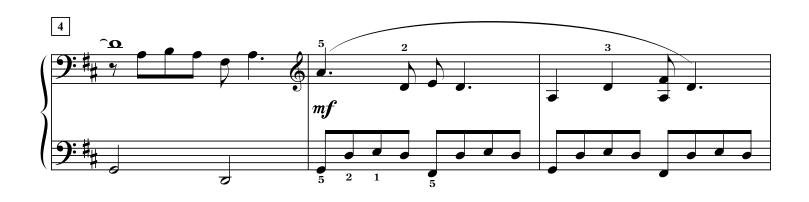
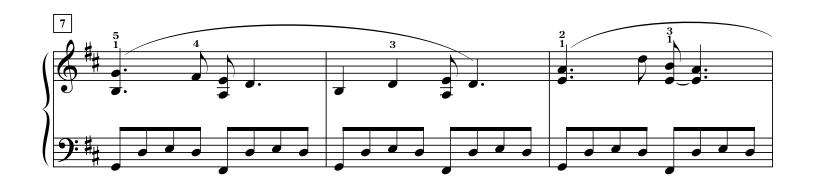
The Hike to Killington Peak

Killington Peak is the second-highest peak (4,226 feet) in the Green Mountains. This range is part of the Appalachians and covers approximately 250 miles of the state. Vermont not only takes its nickname from them (The Green Mountain State), but the true name is the literal translation (in French) of Green Mountains or "Vert Monts."

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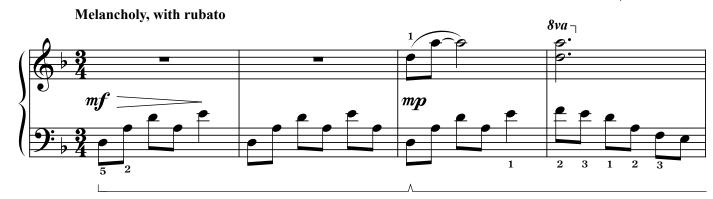


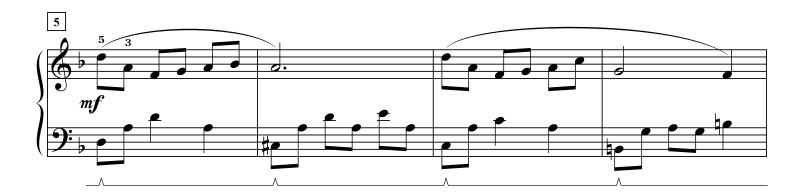
Farewell to Fall

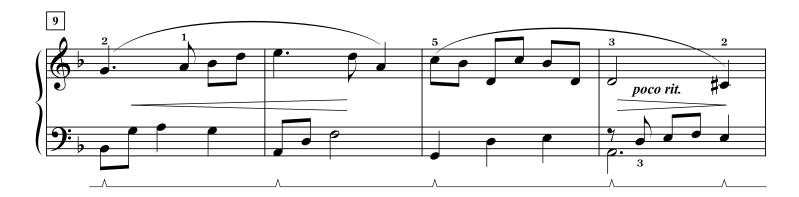
The fall foliage season in Vermont is one of the busiest times of the year as people flock to see some of the most vibrant colors in New England. One also can see many porches decorated with bright orange pumpkins, scarecrows, haystacks, and cobwebs.

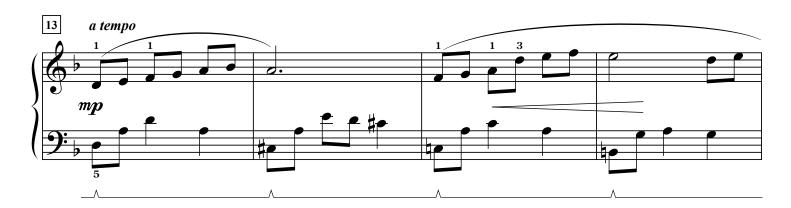
Once the trees are 'past peak,' the realization sets in that a long winter will soon arrive.

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Flowing Fields of Clover

The red clover was made the official state flower of Vermont under the Acts of 1894. Although it is not native to Vermont, one can see it growing along roadsides as well as in the hayfields and pastures of the state's numerous dairy farms.



Vermont Maple Syrup

The production of Vermont maple syrup is a tradition that occurs in late February and early March. (For the sap to flow, the weather must grow warmer until temperatures rise above freezing.) The sweet aroma of boiling maple sap escaping area 'sugar shacks' draws tourists from around the world to experience springtime in Vermont.

