

The Meandering Missouri

The Missouri River is the longest river in North America. Flowing from the Rocky Mountains of Montana, the Missouri travels for over 2,000 miles before merging with the Mississippi River near St. Louis, Missouri. Explorers Lewis and Clark, as part of their Corps of Discovery expedition, became the first to travel the river's entire length in 1804–1806.

Tom Gerou

Moderato con moto

6

5 3 1 4

8va

1 2 3

3

simile

11

1 2 1 4 1

mf

3 3 3

16

5 3 1

dim.

p

Black Gold Rag

Since the early 2000s, North Dakota has seen a boom in crude oil production. The oil fields have created a modern “gold rush,” leading to the valuable oil being nicknamed “black gold.” Second only to Texas, the state has become a major oil producer and has experienced an economic and population explosion in what used to be one of the least densely populated states.

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Allegro moderato

5

5

9

13

p *mf* *f* *mf*

RH

1 2 1 2 1 4

1 2 3 2 5 2 5 2 5 1 2 3 4 1

1 2 3 2 5 2 5 1 3 2 1 2 3 4 1

1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 5 3 2 3 1

A Garden of Peace

Founded in 1932, the International Peace Garden lies on the border of North Dakota, United States, and Manitoba, Canada. Created as a symbol of friendship between the two countries, the garden features a 14-chime bell tower that rings while terraced formal gardens with reflecting pools display colorful arrays of over 150,000 flowers.

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Andante

p

5

9

13

mp *f* *mf*

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time. It is divided into four systems. The first system (measures 1-4) is marked 'Andante' and 'p'. It features a melodic line in the right hand with fingerings 1, 2, 4, 5, 1, 3, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4/2 and a bass line with fingerings 5, 1/2, 5, 1/2, 5, 5. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the first system with fingerings 5, 1/2, 5, 1/2, 5. The third system (measures 9-12) starts at measure 9 and includes a key signature change to 2/4. It has fingerings 1, 2, 4, 1, 5, 2 in the right hand and 1/2, 5, 1/2, 1/2, 1 in the bass line. The fourth system (measures 13-16) starts at measure 13 and includes dynamic markings 'mp', 'f', and 'mf'. It has fingerings 1, 2, 2, 1 in the right hand and 1, 1 in the bass line.