

To Catch a Bee

(Mx) Margaret Dylan Jones

Allegro, in a chasing style ♩ = 116

First learn the three long phrases which use minims (half-notes). Play them from memory, one hand at a time. Compare them. For example, are they all the same length?

With the two-note slurs (e.g. bar 1), be sure to play the second note lightly (softly), and detached from the following note.

The rhythm at bar 20 will be easy after you've learnt the R.H. at bar 9.

Is this piece a perpetuum mobile? Say why or why not.

Insects never stop moving. What kind of bee are you chasing? Will it be sharp? Or natural? Or flat? Do bees fly in a straight line, or do they zig-zag?

Musical score for measures 13-16. The piece is in G major (one sharp). Measure 13 starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble staff has a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and B4. The bass staff has a quarter note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, B2, and C3. Measure 14 has a treble clef with a half note G4 and a half note A4. The bass staff has a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G2, A2, and B2. Measure 15 has a treble clef with a half note G4 and a half note A4. The bass staff has a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G2, A2, and B2. Measure 16 has a treble clef with a half note G4 and a half note A4. The bass staff has a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G2, A2, and B2. Dynamics include *f* in measure 14 and *p* in measure 15. Fingerings are indicated with numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Musical score for measures 17-20. The piece is in G major. Measure 17 has a treble clef with a half note G4 and a half note A4. The bass staff has a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G2, A2, and B2. Measure 18 has a treble clef with a half note G4 and a half note A4. The bass staff has a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G2, A2, and B2. Measure 19 has a treble clef with a half note G4 and a half note A4. The bass staff has a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G2, A2, and B2. Measure 20 has a treble clef with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and B4. The bass staff has a quarter rest. Dynamics include *pp* in measure 20. Fingerings are indicated with numbers 2 and 3.

Musical score for measures 21-24. The piece is in G major. Measure 21 has a treble clef with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and B4. The bass staff has a quarter rest. Measure 22 has a treble clef with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and B4. The bass staff has a quarter rest. Measure 23 has a treble clef with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and B4. The bass staff has a quarter rest. Measure 24 has a treble clef with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and B4. The bass staff has a quarter rest. Dynamics include *mp* in measure 22. Fingerings are indicated with number 3.

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About the composer

MARGARET D. JONES studied composition with Roger Smalley at the University of Western Australia for five years beginning in 1979. She founded and conducted two choirs and played in many piano recitals and other performances.

Margaret is an androgyne. Since 2002 she has been consistently using a non-binary transgender title, Mx. In 2015 she published a [major article about Mx](#) on her website some months after Mx appeared in dictionaries. The article also has a little about the [singular they](#).

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¹Mx, or Mix, is the composer's title rather than Miss, Mrs, Ms or Mr. Mx is best pronounced as 'mix.'

Margaret, assumed male at birth (AMAB), is referred to as 'she' or 'they' (using the singular they).

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