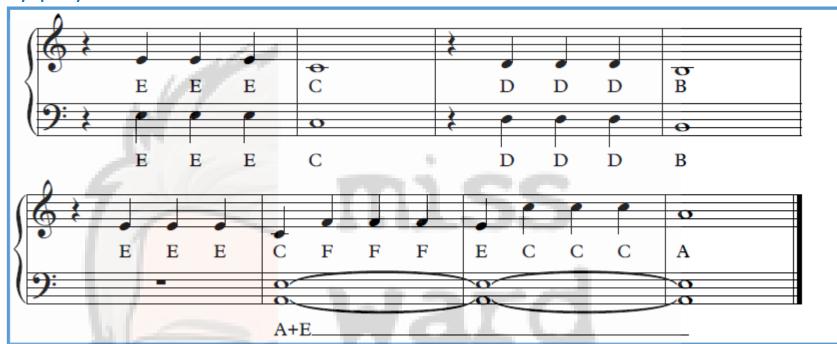
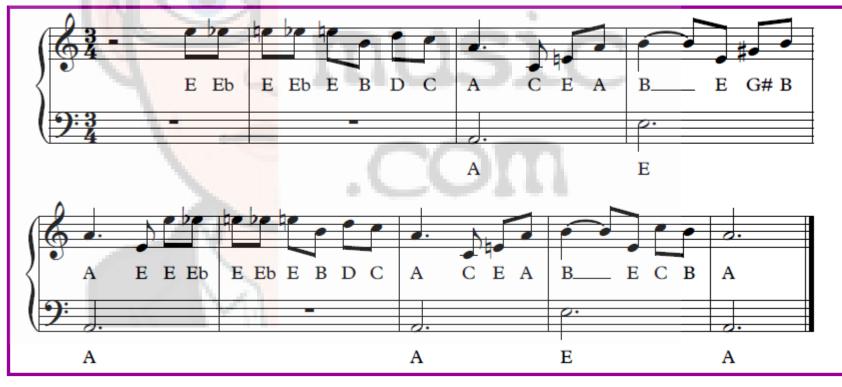
Symphony No 5



Fur Elise



Beethoven



Ludwig van Beethoven was born in 1770 in Germany.

He is one of the most famous composers in western music, and was one of the first composers to write in the 'Romantic' style.

The Romantic style had beautiful flowing melodies, smooth changes in dynamics and a variety of structures.

Beethoven was famous for writing Symphonies, which are big pieces for an orchestra with 3 or 4 sections; called movements.

When he was 26, Beethoven started to lose his hearing and he eventually went totally deaf!

Lissis Van Beethoven

Moonlight Sonata



A '3' above a group of notes means 'triplet'. A triplet is 3 notes played in the space of 2 notes. So triplet quavers means that 3 notes are played in the space of 2 quavers (2 half beats). A good way to count the triplets is '1 and a'.

Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata uses a repeated triplet pattern to create a lovely soft blanket of sound for the melody to be placed onto. When you play this task, create a flowing even pattern with your right hand - think of it like the ebb and flow of waves.