

# Maple Leaf Rag

Scott Joplin 1899

1. Write in the beats before playing.
2. Play hands separately as you count aloud.
3. Play hands together as you count aloud.

What is the key signature?

**Allegro**

count aloud → *mf* 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

5 3 1 2 4 3 1 2 5

1 5 3 5 1 2 1 2 1 2

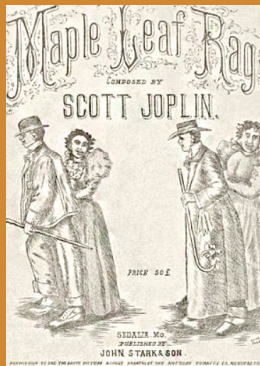
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

3 1 2 4 3 3 2 3

1 2 1 2 5 5 5 5

1 + 2 + 4 + 3 + *mf* *RH* *8va* *RH* *LH* *LH* *8vb*

1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2



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8va

5

2 1

1

*f*

8va

3

3

4 3

3

5

2 1

3

3

1

8va 15ma

*mf* *f*

LH

1 RH

5 LH

8vb

2 4

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for a piano in 3/4 time, in the key of B-flat major. It consists of three systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system starts with a treble clef staff containing a melody with notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, and a final G4. Fingerings are 5, 2, 1, 1. The bass clef staff has a bass line with notes Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, and a final G4. The second system continues the melody in the treble clef with notes A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, and a final G4. Fingerings are 3, 5, 2, 1. The bass clef staff continues with notes Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, and a final G4. The third system features a more complex melody in the treble clef with notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, and a final G4. Fingerings are 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1. The bass clef staff has notes Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, and a final G4. The final measure of the third system includes dynamic markings *mf* and *f*, and is annotated with 'LH' and 'RH' for the left and right hands, and '8va' and '15ma' for octave and fifteenth interval markings. The left hand has a note G4 marked '5 LH' and the right hand has a note G5 marked '1 RH'.