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PIRATE'S TARANTELLA

by Catherine Rollin

Alfred Signature Series

Alfred Publishing 42408

This late elementary solo is engaging and very satisfying to play. The $\frac{5}{8}$ time signature, lilting rhythms, and varied articulations give the music a rollicking, nautical feel. The main technical challenges in the piece are left hand leaps and different articulation in the two hands (staccato LH chords under a legato RH melody). The accompaniment focuses mainly on primary chords in A minor (with a brief diversion to C Major in the middle of the piece). The damper pedal is used sporadically to emphasize important chords and to create contrast between more delicate and forceful phrases. This piece would make a lively and energetic addition to a recital program or an enjoyable quick study for a more advanced student. I imagine it becoming a favourite of any student who learns it.

Nancy Mitchell - Ontario

WINTER!

Elementary/Intermediate Piano Solos

by Susan Griesdale

Red Leaf Pianoworks

This collection is so much fun! I thoroughly enjoyed playing through each selection in this book (a few times 😊)

Some of my favourites were: *Blizzard Blues*, with a great 12 bar blues pattern. The articulation and Latin rhythms of *Snowboots n Shovels* is sure to have many students putting it on their "to play" list. The "very fast, breathless" tempo of *Mushing* will definitely be a good fit for all of the thrill seekers.

Skating on the Rideau Canal has rubato and tempo fluctuations that will allow the expressive pianists to challenge themselves. The melody switching between the hands and the 3 against 2 can be tricky but will really help the performer to tell the story.

The very simple but beautiful *Longing for Summer* is a lovely ending piece for this collection. The singing melody above the light accompaniment is haunting.

Overall, the many styles in this collection would make it a welcome addition to any musician's library.

Rita Raymond-Millett - New Brunswick

