

Music IQ Songs

A new dimension in music for young people

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Ice Is

Very

Nice

**an easy and fun
song for young people**

**includes
easy piano accompaniment
and
chord and fretboard symbols for guitar**

by

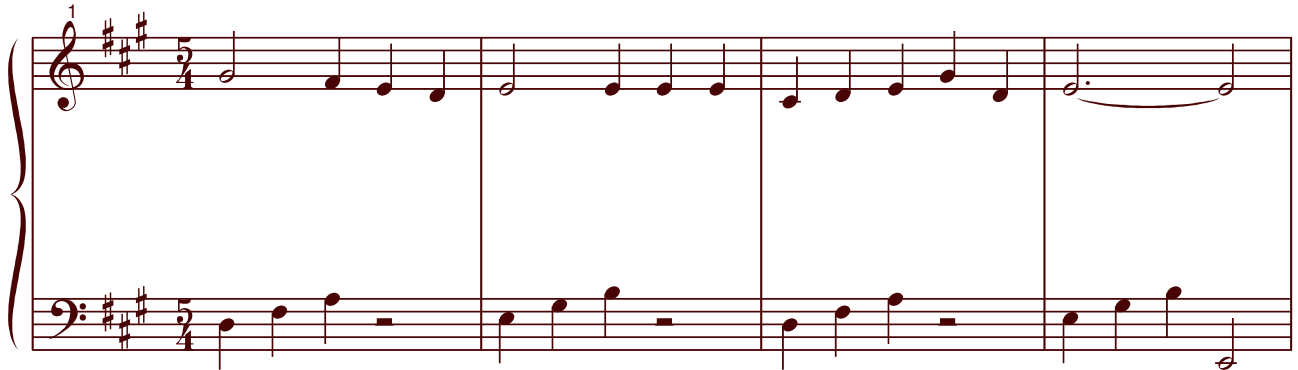
Brent and Jonathan Hugh

Ice Is Very Nice

a song by Brent and Jonathan Hugh
mixolydian mode, 3+2 meter

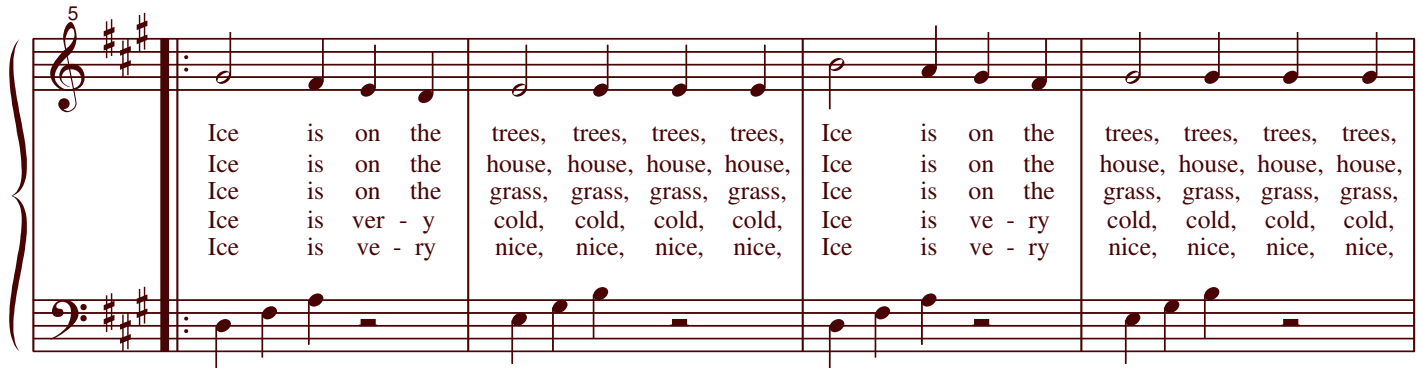
Moderately, ♩ = 152-180

Piano



Musical notation for the piano introduction, measures 1-4. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 5/4. The melody in the right hand consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The bass line in the left hand consists of quarter notes: G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F#1, E1, D1, C1.

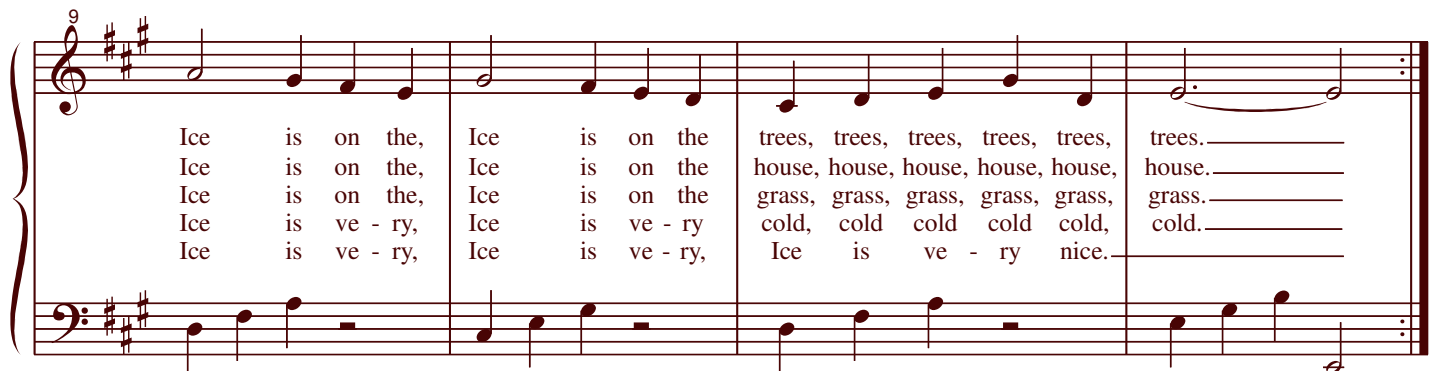
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Musical notation for measures 5-8, including lyrics. The key signature is three sharps and the time signature is 5/4. The melody in the right hand consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The bass line in the left hand consists of quarter notes: G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F#1, E1, D1, C1.

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| Ice is on the | trees, trees, trees, trees, | Ice is on the | trees, trees, trees, trees, |
| Ice is on the | house, house, house, house, | Ice is on the | house, house, house, house, |
| Ice is on the | grass, grass, grass, grass, | Ice is on the | grass, grass, grass, grass, |
| Ice is ver - y | cold, cold, cold, cold, | Ice is ve - ry | cold, cold, cold, cold, |
| Ice is ve - ry | nice, nice, nice, nice, | Ice is ve - ry | nice, nice, nice, nice, |

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Musical notation for measures 9-12, including lyrics. The key signature is three sharps and the time signature is 5/4. The melody in the right hand consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The bass line in the left hand consists of quarter notes: G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F#1, E1, D1, C1.

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| Ice is on the, | Ice is on the | trees, trees, trees, trees, trees, | trees. _____ |
| Ice is on the, | Ice is on the | house, house, house, house, house, | house. _____ |
| Ice is on the, | Ice is on the | grass, grass, grass, grass, grass, | grass. _____ |
| Ice is ve - ry, | Ice is ve - ry | cold, cold cold cold cold, | cold. _____ |
| Ice is ve - ry, | Ice is ve - ry, | Ice is ve - ry nice. | |

This song was inspired by the "Great Ice Storm of 2002". After the storm, Jonathan and I took a walk, admiring all the ice-coated trees, bushes, fences, grass, plants and power lines. When we came home, we wrote this song.

As with all the MusicIQ Songs, half the fun of singing this song is making up your own verses. Here are some sample verses to get you started:

Ice is on the road, road, road, road,
Ice is on the road, road, road, road,
Ice is on the, Ice is on the road, road, road, road, road, road.

Ice is on the cars, cars, cars, cars,
Ice is on the cars, cars, cars, cars,
Ice is on the, Ice is on the cars, cars, cars, cars, cars, cars.

Ice is melt-ing, drip, drip, drip, drip,
Ice is melt-ing, drip, drip, drip, drip,
Ice is melt-ing, Ice is melt-ing, drip, drip, drip, drip, drip, drip.

You can also substitute snow, rain, sleet, or any other kind of weather for "ice":

Snow is on the trees, trees, trees, trees,
Snow is on the trees, trees, trees, trees,
Snow is on the, Snow is on the trees, trees, trees, trees, trees, trees.

Rain is on the ground, ground, ground, ground,
Rain is on the ground, ground, ground, ground,
Rain is on the, Rain is on the ground, ground, ground, ground, ground, ground.

Fog is in the air, air, air, air,
Fog is in the air, air, air, air,
Fog is in the, Fog is in the air, air, air, air, air, air.

The Songs

With these ideas in mind, I began making a series of songs for my four-year-old son Jonathan. They are designed to be in a variety of scales, modes, rhythms, and meters--the ones found less often in the usual children's songs. They were made to fit specific interests of Jonathan, and in fact he helped choose the topics and words for many of them.

At the same time, the songs are designed to be flexible and adaptable, so that teachers, parents, and children in other situations can use the tunes and adapt the words to their interests. In particular, I have tried to give enough options to make the songs useful at home, at school, and at camps.

In addition, I have tried to give options to make the songs simple enough to be singable by younger children, yet fun and engaging for older children as well.

Teaching this song

You might try chanting the words as well as singing them. Clapping or patsching (clapping hands against legs) can also be fun.

Teachers or parents who having difficulty mastering the rhythm or melody of the song should listen to the recorded version of the song several times daily for a period of days or a few weeks. The music, internalized in this way, will become much easier to grasp and to teach.

Recordings of this and other Music IQ Songs can be found at mp3.com/MusicIQ.

The Accompaniment

If the left-hand accompaniment is difficult for you, you can play simple block chords in the left hand.

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