

Alternating bass

# Come Little Children

Lesson 7

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The bass line is an alternating bass, meaning it alternates between a single eighth note and a pair of eighth notes. The piano accompaniment consists of quarter notes in the treble staff and eighth notes in the bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: C, G, C, G, C, G, C, F, C, G, C. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

System 1 (Measures 1-5):  
Chords: C, G, C  
Measure 1: Treble (C4, D4, E4), Bass (C4, G3)  
Measure 2: Treble (D4, E4, F4), Bass (D4, A3)  
Measure 3: Treble (E4, F4, G4), Bass (E4, B3)  
Measure 4: Treble (F4, G4, A4), Bass (F4, C4)  
Measure 5: Treble (G4, A4, B4), Bass (G4, F4)

System 2 (Measures 6-10):  
Chords: G, C, G, C  
Measure 6: Treble (A4, B4, C5), Bass (A4, E4)  
Measure 7: Treble (B4, C5, D5), Bass (B4, F4)  
Measure 8: Treble (C5, D5, E5), Bass (C5, C4)  
Measure 9: Treble (D5, E5, F5), Bass (D5, G4)  
Measure 10: Treble (E5, F5, G5), Bass (E5, C4)

System 3 (Measures 11-15):  
Chords: F, C, G, C  
Measure 11: Treble (F4, G4, A4), Bass (F4, C4)  
Measure 12: Treble (G4, A4, B4), Bass (G4, F4)  
Measure 13: Treble (A4, B4, C5), Bass (A4, E4)  
Measure 14: Treble (B4, C5, D5), Bass (B4, F4)  
Measure 15: Treble (C5, D5, E5), Bass (C5, C4)