

Beethoven Bear woke up the next morning and ran to the calendar. December 24th! Tomorrow was Christmas!

"Wake up!" he said to Mozart Mouse as he gently shook his friend. "It's Christmas Eve!" He began to bounce up and down on the end of the bed.

Mozart Mouse sat up quickly. "Christmas Eve!" he exclaimed. "That means tonight is the Christmas Pageant at church."

"I almost forgot!" Beethoven Bear replied. "Let's find J. S. Bunny and get our costumes ready." They were going to be *The Three Kings* in the pageant.

Mozart Mouse scrambled out of bed. A few minutes later, they found J. S. Bunny looking through a trunk of old clothes.

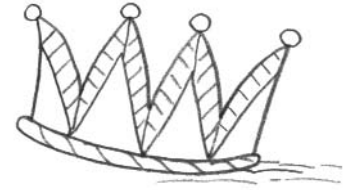
"We should be able to find just what we need in here," J. S. Bunny said to his friends.

"I wish I could find a beautiful box to hold, just like the Wise Men had for the gifts to the Baby Jesus," said Mozart Mouse.

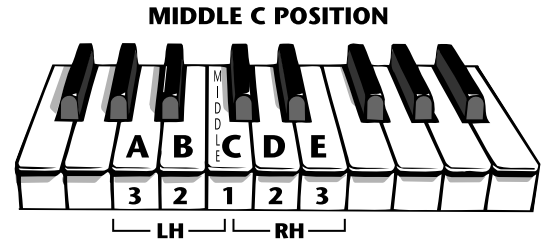
That evening, Beethoven Bear, Mozart Mouse and J. S. Bunny took their places on stage in the costumes they had found in the trunk. Their friends from the playroom watched proudly as they acted out the Christmas story.



We Three Kings of Orient Are



- 1 Clap (or tap) *We Three Kings of Orient Are* and count aloud evenly.
- 2 Point to the notes & rests and count aloud evenly.
- 3 Say the finger numbers aloud while playing them in the air.
- 4 Play and say the finger numbers.
- 5 Play and say the note names.
- 6 Play and sing the words.



Hand diagrams for RH and LH with fingerings 1, 2, 3. Musical notation for the first system with dynamics *f*. Lyrics: We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts, we tra - verse a - far.

Count: 1 - 2 1 1 - 2 1 1 1 1 1 - 2 rest

Hand diagrams for RH and LH with fingerings 1, 2, 3. Musical notation for the second system with dynamics *p*. Lyrics: 1 - 2 rest 1 - 2 rest 1 - 2 rest 1 - 2 rest

Student plays two octaves higher with duet part.

Teacher or Parent duet part. Musical notation for the third system with dynamics *mf*. Lyrics: Gently Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.