

# Etudes for Piano

## Book 1

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### About Etudes—Books 1, 2, and 3

These Etudes are studies in ways of playing as well as studies in musical materials. Some are more obviously virtuosic, others more contemplative. There are three Books, each comprising 9 short pieces. Although there are correspondences and connections between the etudes across the three sets, each book has its own character, and can be played independently. The first three etudes can also be played as a short independent set.

The set of three books, when played as a whole, have something of a cyclical character, with the middle book acting a bit like a “development” section in the structure, and the final set bringing back materials from the first two.

The work began as a group of three etudes composed for pianist Eunbi Kim. Book Two is dedicated to my wife, pianist Yoshiko Sato.

The Etudes touch on a variety of moods, and chart an emotional journey. But above all, they are about the pleasure of playing the piano.

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#### *Etudes*

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# Etudes for Piano

Book 1  
for Piano Solo

Allen Shawn  
(ASCAP)

for Eunbi Kim

No. 1

♩ = ca. 116, smooth and elegant

mp

Red.

simile

3

5

mf mp

mf mp

mf mp

mf mp

mf mp

Red.

simile

7

mf

legato

Red. ad lib.

(8va)-----

19

21

*lunga*

*mf*

*pp*

*lunga*

*attacca*

*sfz*

*p*

*Red.*

for Eunbi Kim  
No. 2

$\text{♩} = 66$ , floating, nocturnal, expressive

5

9

*pp*

*Red.*

*cant.*

*p*

*mp*

*con Red.*

## No. 3

♩ = 76–80, *brash, bright*

This page of piano sheet music is written for a piece in 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each featuring a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The music is characterized by various dynamics and articulations, including *f secco*, *p leggiero*, *mp*, *p*, and *secco*. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 3 and 6. The notation includes chords, single notes, and slurs. A large, diagonal watermark reading "Copyrighted Material" is overlaid across the page.

## No. 4

Allegro

*f marcato*  
*secco*  
*mp (marc.)*

4  
*p*  
*mf*  
*f*

7  
*mf*  
*mp*  
*mf*

10  
*8va*  
*mf*

## No. 5

*Andante tranquillo (poco rubato)*

The musical score is written for piano and consists of five systems of music. The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a 7/8 time signature. The second system starts at measure 4 and continues with a 4/4 time signature. The third system starts at measure 7 and includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand, with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The fourth system starts at measure 10 and includes a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic marking. The fifth system starts at measure 13 and continues with a 4/4 time signature. The score features a variety of time signatures (7/8, 4/4, 3/4, 2/4) and complex chordal textures. A large, diagonal watermark reading "Copyrighted material" is overlaid across the center of the page.

## No. 6

**Adagio***floating freely, almost without a pulse*

*pp* *ppp* *pp* *poco rit.*

*a tempo* *p* *poco*

*espr.* *mp* *p* *poco* *3*

*molto rit.* *a tempo* *mf* *p* *ppp* *pp* *5*

*Red.*

## No. 7

## Adagio

*f*

Red.

*mf* *p* *dolce* *mf sub.* *f* *p sub.*

Red.

## 8 Allegro vivace

*pp* *f* *dim.*

*p*

Red.

*ff*

Red.

## No. 8

Andante cantabile semplice

*p* *mp* *pp* *cresc.* *mp* *p* *espr.* *loco* *8va* *loco* *f* *ff* *mf* *con Red.*

## No. 9

Allegro

6/16

*p*

6

11

*f sub.*

*p*

16

*f sub.*

*p*

21

*marc.*

*f*