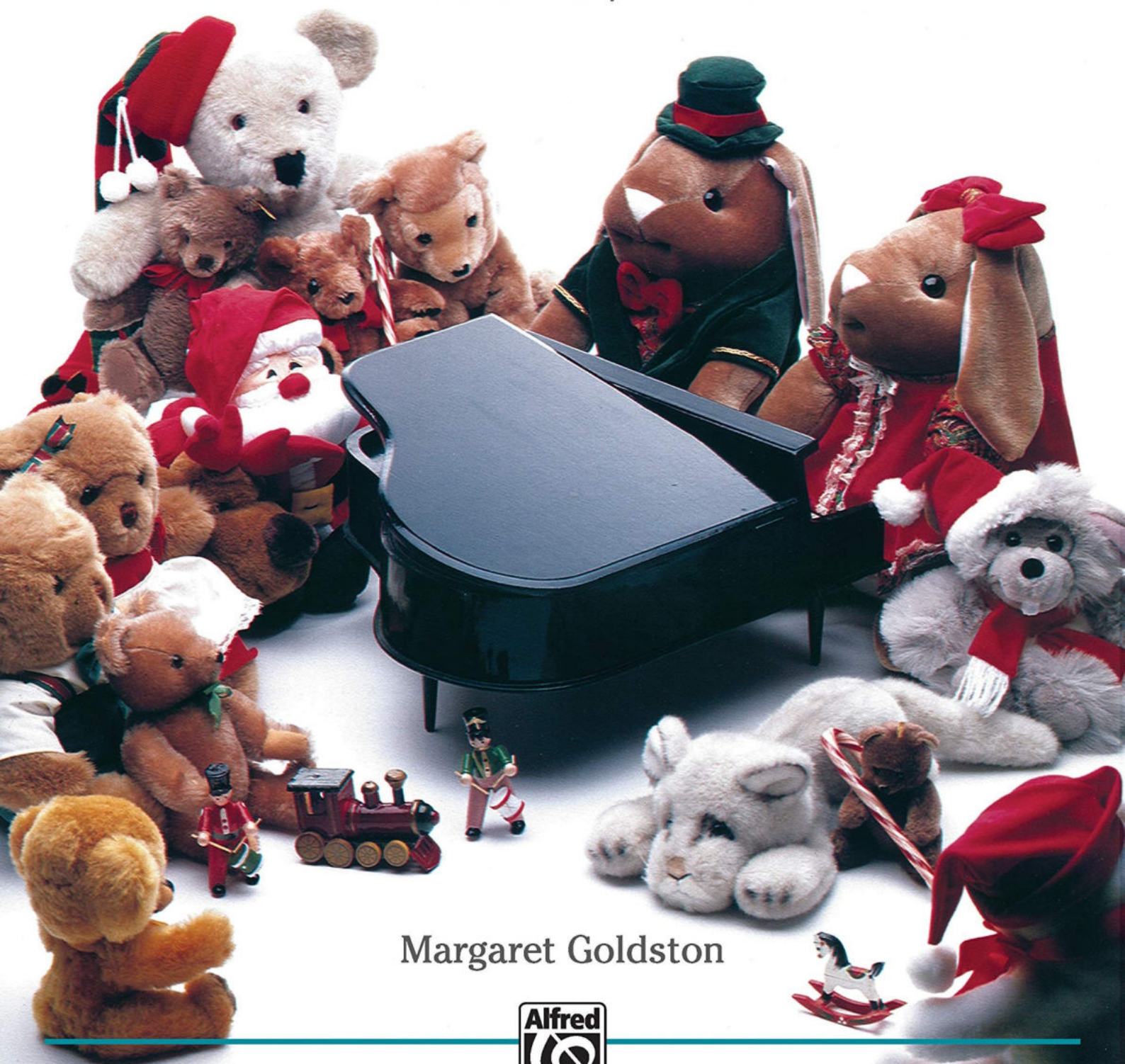


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FOREWORD

Some of the most satisfying and exciting moments of my life have been to hear of successful experiences with *Duets for Dog Lovers*, *Duets for Bear Lovers* and *Duets for Cat Lovers* from so many students and teachers. This encouragement inspired me to write three similar collections of Christmas duets with the following features:

1. All primo parts can be played alone as a solo.
2. All primo and secondo parts are equal in difficulty.
3. The three duet books (early elementary, elementary and late elementary levels) can be used with the first three books of any piano method.

Duets for Christmas Lovers, Book 2 has 10 duets. Each part is written primarily in one five-finger position using two-part harmony. Groups of two eighth notes are introduced. When the primo part is played as a solo, it should be played in the octave written rather than as indicated for the duet.

Beginning students may have difficulty combining the duet parts using the dotted quarter-eighth (♩. ♪) rhythm found in so many of the familiar carols. To help with this problem, I have notated these carols in a simple quarter-note rhythm and suggest having each player learn their part using this easier rhythm. The quarter notes can be easily changed on the music to ♩. ♪ by adding a dot and a flag.

During the short Christmas season, students can play a number of these pieces, either as solos or duets, as they are short and easy to learn. They are arranged so that family members or others can sing along as well. Warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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