

# Animal Magic

7 Magical Solos for Elementary Pianists

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The world of animals can open up so many creative avenues from both composing and performing perspectives. These elementary level solos are designed to explore the sights, sounds and characters of several interesting animals through imaginative and artistic compositions that encompass a wide range of the instrument, yet never require a stretch beyond a five-finger position. Students will discover a colorful mixture of melody and harmony and will also be delighted by some of the optional duet parts, which can be played by the teacher, parent or another student. From “Gnu Sounds” to “Woodpecker Blues,” students are going to have lots of fun performing every piece from this collection! Enjoy.

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# There's a Hippo in My Tree!

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Moderately

1 2

*f* There's a hip - po in my tree, And he's look - ing right at

1 2

Optional Duet Accompaniment (Student plays one octave higher.)

Moderately

*f*

5

10

14

*mp*

*f*

# A Hairy Canary Named Fred



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5

*f* A hair - y ca - nar - y named Fred,

1 3

4

Not Ted, but Fred,

1 2 1 5

8

1 1

Kept sing - ing his song, it was ter - ri - bly

1 3

12

2 4

long, and he sang till he final - ly dropped dead!

3 2 1