2ND EDITION

LEVEL 2A

PIANO
Adventures® *by Nancy and Randall Faber*
with Victoria McArthur

THE BASIC PIANO METHOD

Note: All exercises and pieces are by
Nancy and Randall Faber unless otherwise noted.

TECHNIQUE SECRETS

The student should learn these five *Level 2A* "technique secrets" gradually. The secrets are referenced one by one in the *Piano Adventures® Lesson Book*. (Correlating pages are shown at the bottom of the page.)

The teacher should demonstrate each "technique secret" as it is introduced.

Five Technique Secrets

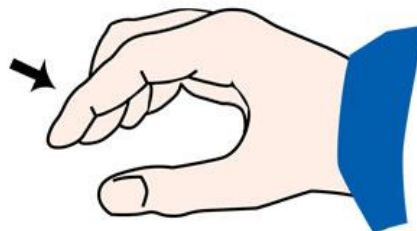1. **The first secret is FIRM FINGERTIPS.**

    ### Exercise: Finger Inspector
    (on the closed keyboard lid)

    - Place your **right hand** in a **round** hand position.

    - Use your L.H. 2nd finger and lightly press each R.H. fingernail.

        Did you pass inspection by keeping **firm fingertips**?

    - Now repeat with your **left hand** in a round hand position. (Your R.H. 2nd finger will inspect your L.H. fingertips.)

2. **The second secret is a LIGHT THUMB.**

    ### Exercise: Light as a Feather
    (on the closed keyboard lid)

    - Place your R.H. in a round hand position.

    - Rest fingers 2, 3, 4, and 5 on their fingertips, and lightly tap this rhythm with the *side tip* of your **thumb**.

    Whisper: "Thumb is play - ing light - ly."

    - Now repeat *Light as a Feather* with your L.H. in a round hand position.

Technique Secret:
fast fingers

Warm-up with *Flying Fingers* (p. 3) on the closed keyboard lid.

• Use this finger pattern:

‖: **3 - 4 - 5 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4** *hold* :‖   "Play" 4 times SLOWLY.
"Play" 4 times QUICKLY.

These exercises use a 4-note pattern.

• Think "step-ping skip-ping" for each pattern.

Finger Olympics
A 5-Finger Scale

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The Sprint
Lively

R.H.

mf └ pattern ┘ └ pattern on B ┘ └ pattern on A ┘ *etc.*

The Hurdles
Lively

└ pattern ┘ └ pattern on D ┘ └ pattern on E ┘ *etc.*

L.H.

mf

SUPER ★ STUDENT   Transpose each exercise to the **D 5-finger scale**.

Tale of a Pirate Ship

This "musical story" of a pirate ship reviews **technique secrets** you have learned.

• Demonstrate each secret for your teacher before playing the music.

The Captain's Footsteps
D minor

secret: **firm fingertips**

Andante

f Cap - tain's com - ing!   (foot - steps march - ing)   Cap - tain's com - ing!

L.H. 8va LOWER -

(foot - steps march - ing) | Stand in line while | Cap - tain Hook in - | spects!

rit.

(8va) -

Stowaway in a Barrel
G minor

secret: **light thumb**

Allegro

p Hid - ing in the ap - ple bar - rel; hope they do not find me sleep - ing here.

• Which exercise above is in **parallel motion**? Which is in **contrary motion**?

The malagueña is a colorful Spanish
dance played by guitars and castanets.

• Bring out the exciting **mood** of this piece
  with your fine technique and artistry!

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Malagueña

Traditional theme
adapted