

ALTO 1

PRACTICE SCRIPT

- 1) **TEACHER** starts recording on the **RECORDING DEVICE**.
- 2) **TEACHER** presses play on the **PLAYBACK DEVICE** to begin audition track:
- 3) *“ALTO. We will now begin.”*
- 4) *“At this time, you will sing “Aura Lee.” You will hear four measures of piano accompaniment before you sing.”*

STUDENT sings “Aura Lee”

The musical score is for the Alto 1 part of the song "Aura Lee". It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score consists of three systems, each with an Alto vocal line and a Piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment features a consistent rhythmic pattern in the bass line and chords in the treble line.

System 1: The Alto part has four whole rests. The piano accompaniment consists of four measures.

System 2: The Alto part begins with measure 5, marked with a fermata. The lyrics are: "As the black-bird in the spring, 'neath the wil-low tree." The dynamic marking is *mp*. The piano accompaniment continues for four measures.

System 3: The Alto part continues with measure 9, marked with a fermata. The lyrics are: "Sat and piped I heard him sing, prais-ing Au-ra Lee." The dynamic marking is *mf*. The piano accompaniment continues for four measures.

13

A

Au - ra Lee, Au - ra Lee, maid of gold - en hair.

f

Pno.

17

A

Sun-shine came a - long with thee, and swal-lows in the air.

Pno.

- 5) “At this time, you will sing an Ascending and Descending Major Scale beginning on the following pitch.”
(Pitch is played.) “One, Two, Ready, Go.”

STUDENT sings Major Scale on any syllables.

- 6) “You will now sing an Ascending and Descending Major Triad beginning on the following pitch.”
(Pitch is played.) “One, Two, Ready, Go.”

STUDENT sings Major Triad on any syllables.

- 7) “You will now sing an Ascending and Descending Minor Triad beginning on the following pitch.”
(Pitch is played.) “One, Two, Ready, Go.”

STUDENT sings Minor Triad on any syllables.

- 8) “You will now hear a short choral example played three times. Be sure to follow the line that matches your voice part. For the first two listenings, you may sing along without being scored. The third time, you will sing the example with piano accompaniment **only** for a score. Here is your starting pitch, followed by the first listening.” (Example is sung with accompaniment.)

The musical score is for a choral example in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of five staves: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone, and Piano. The lyrics are: "to dream, dream of peace." The Soprano part starts with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5. The Alto part starts with a whole rest, followed by a half note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note Bb3, and a half note C4. The Tenor part starts with a whole rest, followed by a half note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note Bb3, and a half note C4. The Baritone part starts with a whole rest, followed by a half note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note Bb2, and a half note C3. The Piano part provides accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

STUDENT sings example with text.

- 9) “You will now hear the example a second time. This is another opportunity to practice without being scored. Here is your starting pitch, followed by the second listening.” (Example is sung with accompaniment.)

STUDENT sings example with text.

- 10) “You will now sing back the example as demonstrated in the first two listenings for a score. You will hear the piano accompaniment but no voice will sing to assist you. Here is your starting pitch, followed by the example.” (Example is played with accompaniment.)

STUDENT sings example with text.

- 11) “At this time, you will look at *Sight Reading No. 1.*” (Piano establishes key and starting note is given.)
“Your 45 seconds of *unscored* practice time begins now.”

STUDENT practices **Sight Reading No. 1**



“It is now time to perform *Sight Reading No. 1.*” (Piano re-establishes key and plays starting note.)
“One, Two, Ready, Go.”

STUDENT performs **Sight Reading No. 1 (above)**

- 12) “At this time, you will look at *Sight Reading No. 2.*” (Piano establishes key, starting note is given.)
“Your 45 seconds of *unscored* practice time begins now.”

STUDENT practices **Sight Reading No. 2**



“It is now time to perform *Sight Reading No. 2.*” (Piano re-establishes key and plays starting note.)
“One, Two, Ready, Go.”

STUDENT performs **Sight Reading No. 2 (above)**

- 13) “Your audition is now complete. Teachers, you may now stop the recording.”
14) **TEACHER** stops the recording device.