

# Raven

(Focus: thumb free strokes)  
Raven's partner song is Swan

## ***Exciting New Sound:***

To make the sound marked ( $\nabla$ ), strum the strings (starting with the first string and strumming up through the sixth string) with the first finger of your left hand above the nut. Imagine this sound as the call of the Raven.

## ***Practice Tip:***

Practice Raven without the strum until you know it well. That will help you focus on what the right hand thumb is doing. After the song is up to speed and comfortable, add the sound effect to complete the atmosphere.

The musical score is written in 8/8 time with a tempo of 72. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C), with a tempo marking of 72. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains measures 1 through 3. Measure 1 has a bass line of G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. Measure 2 has a bass line of G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. Measure 3 has a bass line of G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C), with a tempo marking of 72. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat). The second staff contains measures 4 through 6. Measure 4 has a bass line of G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. Measure 5 has a bass line of G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. Measure 6 has a bass line of G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C), with a tempo marking of 72. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat). The third staff contains measures 7 through 8. Measure 7 has a bass line of G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. Measure 8 has a bass line of G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The score includes various musical notations such as stems, beams, and notes. There are also specific markings for the strummed accompaniment, including a 'p' (piano) marking and a sound effect symbol ( $\nabla$ ).

## ***Amazing Animal Facts:***

\*Once paired, ravens, like swans, will remain mated for life.

\*Among some Native American cultures, the Raven is considered the 'trickster' spirit, or the creator of man, who placed the Sun in the sky.

\*Ravens have been known to hunt with wolves and share their kill with them.