

Grasshopper

(Focus: *staccato*/dotted notes/pick-up measure)

Grasshopper's partner songs are Praying Mantis and Dragon Fly (*Garden Music*)

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Exciting New Sounds:

There are several *staccato* notes in Grasshopper. A *staccato* note is a note that sounds very short. Notes that are played *staccato* are marked with a dot just above or below the note. In Grasshopper and again later in Frog, *staccato* notes are used to sound like hopping.

Practice Tip:

Before playing Grasshopper practice playing *staccato* on the open B string. Play the first note with your 'i' finger and stop it immediately by placing your 'm' finger on the string. Keep your 'm' finger on the string. For the next note, play with your 'm' finger and stop the note with your 'i' finger. Alternate fingers in this manner for every note.

104 - 108

0 3 0 0 1

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8 2

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Amazing Animal Facts:

*Grasshoppers have five eyes.

*There are 18,000 different kinds of grasshoppers.

*Some grasshoppers can rub their wings together to make music!