

Scorpion

(Focus: *Bartok pizzicato*/D string notes/B flat)

Scorpion's partner piece is Frog

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Exciting New Sound:

A *Bartok pizzicato* is played by pinching a string between your thumb and index finger, then quickly pulling up on the string and letting go so that the string slaps against the frets. It makes a harsh and percussive sound. In *Scorpion* the *Bartok pizzicato* represents the scorpion's sting.

Practice Tip:

Before you play *Scorpion*, practice alternating between *Bartok pizzicato* and normally plucked rest strokes on the open G or D string.

The musical score for 'Scorpion' is written for a single treble clef staff in 3/8 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 76. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The piece consists of 28 measures. The notation features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes followed by a rest stroke, which is a *Bartok pizzicato*. The notes are on the D string (open, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd frets). The piece begins with a first-measure rest (marked '1') and ends with a double bar line at measure 28. Measure numbers 1, 8, 15, 22, and 28 are indicated at the start of their respective lines. Pizzicato symbols (a circle with a vertical line) are placed above the notes in measures 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, and 28. Fingerings 2, 3, and 2 are indicated below the notes in measures 4, 8, and 12.

Amazing Animal Facts!

*There are over 1500 species of scorpion 25 of which are deadly to people.

*Scorpions have been recorded as living up to 25 years.

*Some scorpions can live a year without food or water.