Elephant

(Focus: thumb rest strokes)

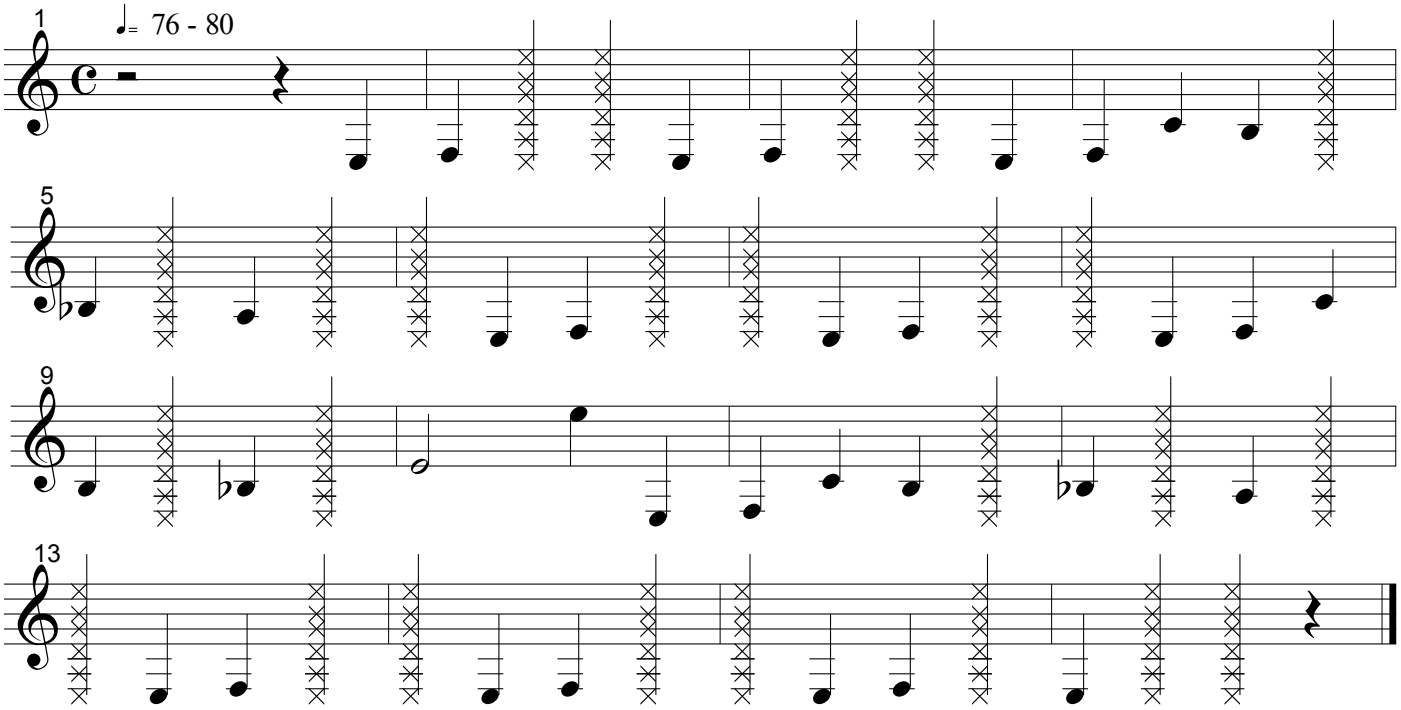
Exciting New Sounds:

There are two interesting sounds in Elephant. The first sound (×) was introduced in Fly but is used much more in Elephant. It is made by slapping your right hand against all six strings over the sound hole. Here it represents the heavy stomping of an Elephant's feet.

Elephant also uses a *glissando*. A *glissando* is played by sliding your left hand finger up or down the string after playing a note. This *glissando* represents the elephant's call.

Practice Tips:

On the open E (6th) string, practice alternating between thumb rest strokes and the percussive slap in Elephant to get used to quickly moving your right hand between those two positions. You should also practice the two-beat *glissando* (which ends with an open E [1st] string) by itself.



Amazing Animal Facts:

*Elephants can weigh as much as a school bus - between ten and fourteen thousand pounds!

*Elephants sleep standing up.

*They can run up to 24 miles per hour.