

The Pedagogical Works of Miriam Hyde

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Musical & Technical Characteristics:

- Programmatic (creative titles, poems, “storyline” written in)
- Advanced harmonically
- Cantabile writing (breath marks, phrase markings, fermatas)
- Detailed articulations & pedal
- Alternate fingerings for smaller hands
- “Bite-sized”
- Finger crossings (from the earliest levels)
- Some passages are best taught by rote

Selected works, in order of difficulty:

- Monkeys at Play (*Children’s Suite No. 2*)
- Flying my Kite (*Children’s Suite No. 2*)
- Pat-a-Cake (*Little Sketch Book*)
- By the Lily Pond (*A Mountain Holiday*)
- Old Rocking Chair (*Happy Holiday Suite*)
- Morning Air (*A Mountain Holiday*)
- Shady Branches (*Little Sketch Book*)
- Wondering (*Little Sketch Book*)
- The Leaves are Falling (*Tone Pictures*)
- Bubbling Brook (*Two Short Pieces*)
- Musical Box (*Tone Pictures*)
- Rufous Fantail Returns (*Tone Pictures*)
- Fun at the Piano (*Musical Memories*)
- Merry Sailor (*Captain Cook Sketchbook*)
- Frost Fairies (*Three Impressions*)

Resources:

- <https://www.australiancomposers.com.au> - sheet music available for instant download.
- CD, “Piano Imagery,” performed by Miriam Hyde. Available on Spotify, Amazon Music, etc. Includes spoken introductions by Hyde about the pieces.
- YouTube video of Hyde performing her composition, “The Fountain:”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-FS3xuKXYY>
- A selection of 50 of her poems:
http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/women_and_politics/MiriamHydepoems.doc

Intermediate Sheet Music Available in the US

(PDF Downloads from <https://www.australiancomposers.com.au>)

Graded Piano Series:

Children's Suite No. 1 (Preliminary to Grade 1)

Children's Suite No. 2 (Preliminary to Grade 1)

Little Sketch Book (Grade 2)

Tone Pictures (Grade 3)

Musical Memories (Grade 4)

Three Impressions (Grade 5)

The New Flute (Preliminary Grade)

Susan Bray's Album (Preliminary to Grade 1)

Neighbours Suite (Preliminary to Grade 2)

My Favourite Days (Grade 1)

Happy Holiday Suite (Grade 2)

A Mountain Holiday (Grade 2)

Under the Milk Way (Grade 2-3)

Two Eastern Pictures (Grade 2-3)

Forest Echoes (Grade 2-4)

The Nest in the Rose Bush (Grade 3)

Two Short Pieces (Grade 3)

Four Dances (Grade 3-5)

Five Piano Pieces (Grade 3-5)

Miniatures (3-7)

Captain Cook Sketchbook (Grade 4-5)

Minarets (Grade 4)

The Jolly Farmer (Grade 4)

Three Summer Sketches (approx. Grade 4)

Study for Scales and Staccato (Grade 5)

Dragonflies (Grade 5)

Sight Reading Adventures (4 Books + Supplement)