

Ode to Joy

Excerpt from Symphony No. 9

Ode to Joy uses two new notes:

F is played with the 1st finger in the 1st fret of the 1st (E) string. G is played with the 3rd finger in the 3rd fret of the 1st (E) string



Ludwig van Beethoven



Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) composer and pianist, was born in Bonn, Germany. In his early twenties, he moved to Vienna, Austria to study composition with Franz Joseph Haydn. While studying with Haydn he became a virtuoso pianist and refined his composing. He also met Mozart who, already an accomplished composer, said of Beethoven: "This young man shall make a great noise in our world." He was right of course! Beethoven wrote piano sonatas, concerti and string quartets, but he is best known for his nine symphonies which are certainly among the greatest musical accomplishments in history. He became troubled in his late twenties and early thirties because of his growing deafness, which is attributed to lead poisoning. He was totally deaf by the time his ninth symphony was finished, yet it was one of his finest works.

Let's Get Wild!

You're ready to play "Grasshopper" and parts one and two of "Garden Music" in *Song of the Wild*.