

The Measure

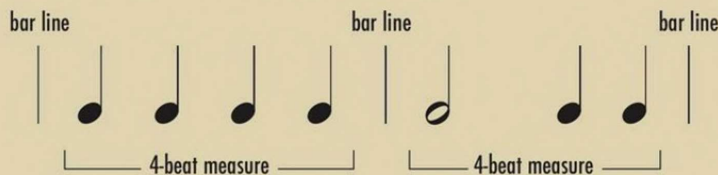
A *measure* is a group of beats.

Measures within the same piece usually have the same number of beats.

Bar lines divide the music into measures.

Keep the rhythm flowing smoothly *over* the bar lines.

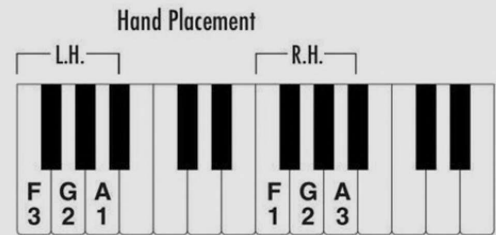
- Study the musical example below.



- How many measures are in *Merrily We Roll Along*?
- How many beats are in each measure?

- Tap (or clap) the rhythm, counting aloud.
- Playing *in the middle* of the piano, say or sing:
 - finger numbers
 - letter names
 - counts

(Say the higher finger number or letter name for the *blocked 3rds*.)



Merrily We Roll Along

Traditional

Lively

R.H. *f*

5 measure number

L.H.