

Aura Lee

Slowly and Expressively

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p As the black - bird in the spring, 'neath the wil - low tree. _____

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Sat and piped, I heard him sing, sing - ing Au - re Lee.

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mf Au - ra Lee, Au - ra lee, maid of gold - en hair,

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p sun - shine came a - long with thee, and *ritard.* swal - lows in the air.

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This Civil War song is also known as Elvis Presley's "Love Me Tender." This slow and soft melody using quarter, half and whole notes is accompanied with a contrasting and repeated partial G, C and D7 chord pattern. The right hand begins in D position, and changes to E, then F and finally E position. The left hand is in a single extended D position.

*alternate chord symbols used in the duet for one or two pianos.

Preparatory Rhythm:

Right hand coordination of quarter and half notes with left hand whole and half notes in 4/4 time on C's.