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Stone Mountain

Stone Mountain is a huge granite dome located about 16 miles east of Atlanta. The largest rock dome in North America, it rises over 700 feet above the surrounding area and is about two miles long and one mile wide. From the summit, there are beautiful views of Kennesaw Mountain and the skyline of downtown Atlanta.

Flowing proudly

Catherine Rollin

EXPOSITION
A Theme

B Theme
a tempo

Okefenokee Swamp Blues

Okefenokee Swamp is 700 square miles, lying mostly in southeastern Georgia with a small part extending into northeastern Florida. This marshy area is lined with timberlands and freshwater lakes. The name Okefenokee comes from the Seminole Indians, who called the area Land of Trembling Earth. This is a reference to the small vegetation that appears to tremble as it floats on the lakes. The swamp is the home to many wild animals and birds, including deer, bobcats, bears, alligators, herons and egrets.

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Expressive and sultry

ABA Form

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time and follows an ABA form. It consists of four systems of music, each starting with a measure number in a box: 1, 4, 7, and 10. The first system includes the dynamics *mp* and *mf*, and features various fingering and articulation markings such as slurs, accents, and fingerings (e.g., 5, 3, 4, 2, 1, 5, 3, 2, 2, 4). The second system continues the melodic and harmonic development. The third system includes the dynamic *mf* and features a triplet in the right hand. The fourth system concludes the piece with a triplet and a sixteenth-note pattern in the right hand, and a sustained chord in the left hand.

Peanuts and Peaches Rondo Rag

The state of Georgia has many nicknames. Because it has the largest land area of any state east of the Mississippi River and is a leader in manufacturing, it is called The Empire State of the South. Farming also is very important to Georgia. Georgia is well-known for its peach crop and is sometimes called the Peach State. In addition, it produces more peanuts than any other state. In the South, peanuts are often called goobers, thus creating Georgia's other nickname, the Goober State.

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Lively and fun
RONDO FORM
A Section

1 5 3 1 3 4 1 3

f

1 2 3 4 5

4

1 3 4 1

mp

1 2 5 1 5

8

1 5 5

mf

2 1 3 1 2 1 2

11

1 4 2 1

p

1 2 1 1 2 1 2