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51 Exercises for Piano

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1a*

The musical score for exercise 1a is written for piano. It is in the key of A major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The exercise consists of seven systems of music. The first system is marked '1a*'. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, including triplets and sixteenth-note runs, across both treble and bass staves. The exercise concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots in the final measure of the seventh system.

* These and similar exercises are also to be practiced in other keys (for example, 1b in A Major, 1c in E Major, and so on). Variations in tempo and volume are left to the performer's discretion.