



## *Cheesecake Walk*

Art Draper

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This 'quick learn' piece is in a ragtime style (within the jazz genre). Can you list the main features of ragtime?

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### The concert pianist

Rags are often played too quickly to reveal the music's interesting twists and turns; the music needs to saunter, not canter. In this particular example we have a three-bar introduction and a characteristically jaunty tune. Throughout, the left hand is tasked with providing a rock-steady pulse over which the syncopated right-hand rhythms can 'bounce'. Take note of the tied notes (some are accented, some are not). Though these never cut across bar lines they are vital to the music's laid-back personality. Enjoy all dynamic invitations and let the tune spring to life as if being improvised on a clarinet or violin – we need to hear all the little details of articulation, but above all, the music needs a foot-tapping quality.

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(1884–1922)

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