

Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

$\text{♩} = 70$

The image displays the first 12 measures of the Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel. The score is written for piano in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 70. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 4/4. The piece begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The first system (measures 1-4) shows the right hand playing a series of half notes (D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, D) and the left hand playing a continuous eighth-note pattern (D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, D). The second system (measures 5-8) continues the right hand melody and the left hand pattern. The third system (measures 9-12) shows the right hand playing a series of half notes (D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, D) and the left hand playing a continuous eighth-note pattern (D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, D). The score includes fingerings (1-5) and breath marks (red lines) for the left hand. The right hand melody is marked with a *p* dynamic.

Measures 1-4: Right hand (treble clef) plays a series of half notes: D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, D. Left hand (bass clef) plays a continuous eighth-note pattern: D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, D. Fingerings: 1, 2, 3, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2. Breath marks: Red lines under the left hand.

Measures 5-8: Right hand (treble clef) plays a series of half notes: D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, D. Left hand (bass clef) plays a continuous eighth-note pattern: D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, D. Fingerings: 1, 2, 3, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2. Breath marks: Red lines under the left hand.

Measures 9-12: Right hand (treble clef) plays a series of half notes: D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, D. Left hand (bass clef) plays a continuous eighth-note pattern: D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, D. Fingerings: 1, 2, 3, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2. Breath marks: Red lines under the left hand.

9

5 4 5 3 2 1 5 4 5 2 1 4 3 2 1 5 4 5

5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2 5 3 1 3

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

11

5 4 3 5 5 4 3 2 3 2 3 5 5 4

5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. rit.

13

5 3 4 5 3 4 5 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 3 1 2 3 2 3 4 5 4 3 4 2 3 4

5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2 5 3 1 3

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. mp

15

3 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 3 2 3 4 5 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3

5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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5 3 3 4 5 3 4 5 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 3 1 3 4 5 1 2 3 1 4 3 2 1 4 3 4

5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2 5 2 1 2 5 3 1 3

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

19

Red. Red. Red. Red.

21

mf

Red. Red. Red. Red.

23

rit.

Red. Red. Red. Red.

25

f

Red. Red. Red. Red.

27

Red. Red. Red. Red.

8

29

5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 1 2 3 1 2 3 5

5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 1 2 3 4 3 2 3 1 1 1

5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 3 2 1 2 3 5 3

Red.

8

31

5 1 5 1 5 1 4 3 4 3 2 3 4 1 1 1

5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1

5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2

Red.

cresc.

33

5 1 2 3 5 3 2 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1

5 1 2 3 5 3 2 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1

5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 3 2 1 2 3 5 3

Red.

35

5 1 2 3 5 3 2 1 5 1 2 3 5 3 2 1 3 1 2 3 5 3 2 1 5 1 2 4 1 2 3 2

5 1 2 3 5 3 2 1 5 1 2 3 5 3 2 1 5 1 2 4 1 2 3 2

5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2

Red.

37

5 1 2 3 5 3 2 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1

5 1 2 3 5 1 2 3 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1

5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 2 1 2 1 2 5 2 5 3 2 1 2 3 5 3

Red.

