

November: Thanksgiving

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The word "novem" means nine in Latin. Originally it was the ninth month, before the addition of January and February to the calendar. November has 30 days. Thanksgiving is a celebration of the story of the starving pilgrims who were saved by the native Americans who gave them food and invited them to a great feast. Today it is a holiday of thanking God for all of his blessings. Traditional foods for Thanksgiving include stuffing, turkey, sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce. In 1941 the third Thursday of November was officially named Thanksgiving by the US Congress. Other countries that celebrate Thanksgiving include Canada, Japan and South Korea.

♩ = 84

The musical score is written for piano and consists of three systems of four measures each. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system begins with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The right hand plays a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The second and third systems introduce triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in both the right and left hands, adding rhythmic complexity to the piece.

3 3 3 3

Like a snare drum

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

mf

The first system of music consists of two staves. The treble staff contains a sequence of four measures, each beginning with a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff contains a sequence of four measures, each beginning with a triplet of eighth notes. A slur is placed over the final two measures of the bass staff, indicating a continuation of the triplet pattern.

The second system of music consists of two staves. The treble staff is mostly empty, with a few notes in the final measure. The bass staff contains a sequence of four measures, each beginning with a triplet of eighth notes. A forte dynamic marking (*f*) is placed above the final measure of the bass staff, which also contains a triplet of eighth notes.

The third system of music consists of two staves. The treble staff contains a sequence of four measures, each beginning with a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff contains a sequence of four measures, each beginning with a triplet of eighth notes.