## 5 Little Preludes

## BWV 939-943

## Johann Sebastian Bach

| Prelude 1 in C major | BWV 939 | 2 |
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| Prelude 2 in D minor | BWV 940 | 3 |
| Prelude 3 in E minor | BWV 941 | 4 |
| Prelude 4 in A minor | BWV 942 | 5 |
| Prelude 5 in C major | BWV 943 | 6 |

Bach composed various works for the purpose of teaching, and he obviously enjoyed challenging beginners. The 5 little preludes are also presumed to have originated for teaching purposes, although it is not clear when Bach wrote them or for whom. The originals have been lost, while the copies date from 1726 at the earliest. All 5 preludes are part of the famous Kellner Collection (https://www.bach-digital.de/receive/BachDigitalSource_source_00025378), where the first four have no title and no composer name while the last one is entitled: "Praeludium in C di Johann Sebastian Bach".
There is some debate about whether Bach actually wrote these five preludes himself.
Nevertheless these 5 preludes have been included in several popular beginners' books.




BWV 942



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