

Lesson 7: Hornpipe from Water Music

Baroque composer George Frederic Handel was born in Germany but lived most of his life in England where, in the summer of 1717, he composed *Water Music* at the request of King George I. Handel was a great source of inspiration for composers who followed him including Mozart and Beethoven.

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George Frederic Handel
(1685–1759)

Allegro maestoso

The musical score is written for two ukuleles, labeled Uke. I and Uke. II. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked **Allegro maestoso**. The score is divided into four systems, each with two staves (I and II).

System 1: Measures 1-8. Chords: F, C, F, C, F, C, F. Dynamics: *f* (forte).

System 2: Measures 5-8. Chords: C, Am, Dm, Gm, C, F, Dm, Gm. Dynamics: *f*.

System 3: Measures 9-13. Chords: C⁷, F, B^b, C, C⁷, F, N.C.*. Dynamics: *f*.

System 4: Measures 14-17. Chords: Am. Dynamics: *p* (piano) and *f* (forte).