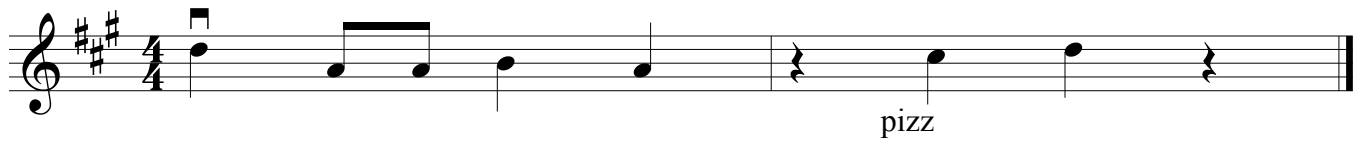


Easy Riffs

Shave and a Haircut, Two Bits.



Two Bits is the price of a shave and a haircut, exactly 25 cents! This riff has been recontextualized to mean *many* things, some very offensive.

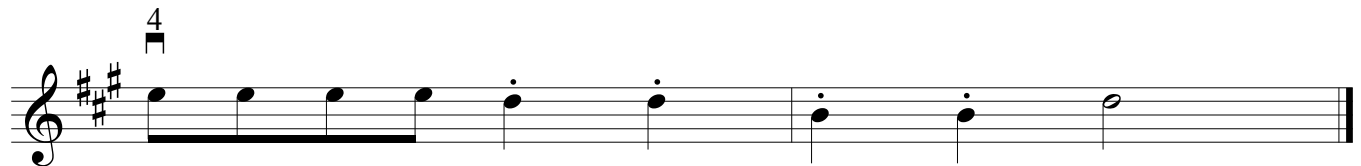
The Italian version is "Ammazza la vecchia... col flit." "Kill the fly with DDT insecticide."

This riff plays a major role in the 1988 film *Roger Rabbit* in a call and response gag.

One way that American captives in the Vietnam war would verify a new prisoner's identity was by tapping the first notes of "Shave and a Haircut" against a wall, waiting for the appropriate response: (Two bits!). American prisoners were then able to communicate with one another via the quadratic alphabet code, similar to Morse Code, but simpler.

At the time of writing (Dec 2014), I had several students knock on the door to my studio with the "Shave and a Haircut" riff. They heard it in the Disney movie, "Frozen."

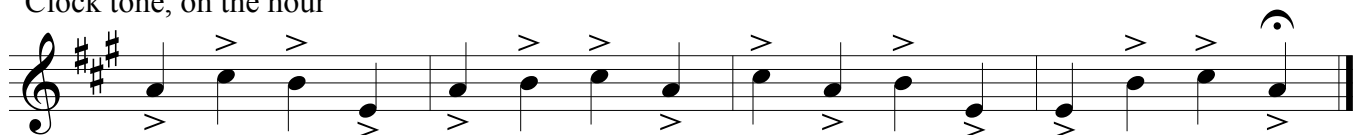
Stereotyped "Asian" riff



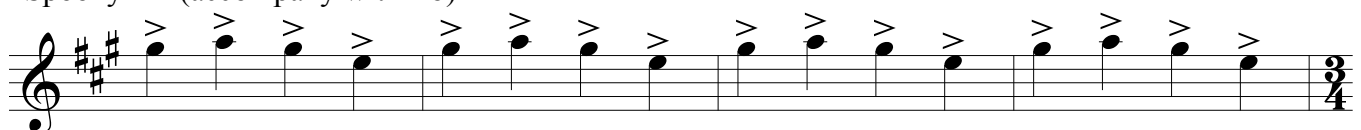
This tune is a western invention. It's been adapted for songs like Carl Douglas' "Kung Fu Fighting," and the theme of the original "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" animation. We'll get a chance soon to play some authentic Japanese folk tunes!

Introduce accents:

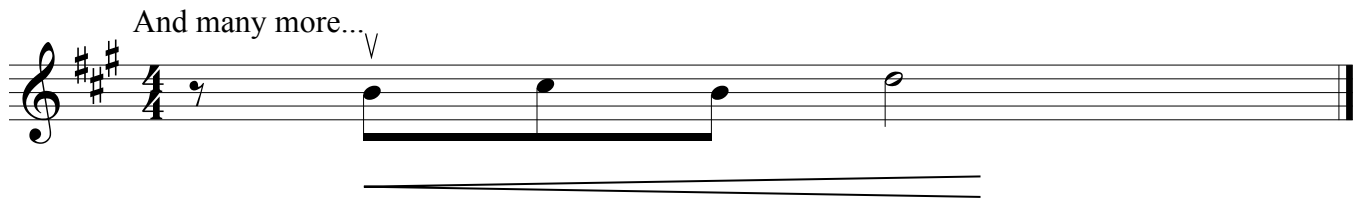
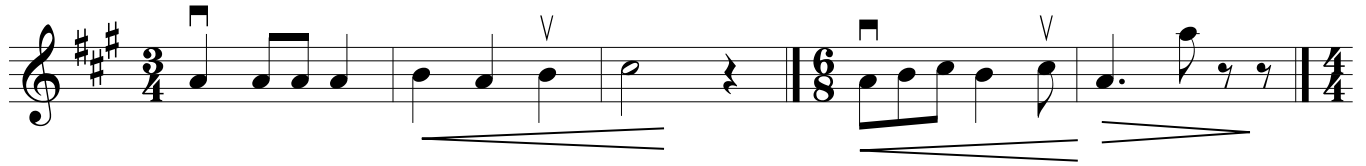
Clock tone, on the hour



Spooky riff (accompany with Bb)



Vaudville Flourishes



If you and your teacher decide to add more riffs (or compose your own!), write them out here:

