## **PICKUPS**

Notice that the first and last measures of When the Saints Go Marching In on the next page, do not contain 4 beats. When there is an incomplete measure at the beginning of a song, it is made complete by its addition to the last measure. In other words, the first measure contains beats 2, 3 and 4, and the missing first beat is found in the last measure. Musicians refer to the incomplete measure at the beginning as a pickup, or an upbeat.

We count the pick-up as "2 - 3 - 4" because beat 1 is in the last measure of the song.

## THE QUARTER REST

A quarter rest indicates one beat of silence. It is equal in length to a quarter note:



$$d + d + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{6}{2}$$

$$0 + 3 + 0 = 7$$

$$\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$
 $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{8}{2}$ 



"My son went off to college, and I was finally able to take up the piano! But suddenly it seemed very intimidating. When I come up against a musical roadblock, I try different things. I listen to a recording of my song, or watch it on Youtube.com. Sometimes I sing and dance to the song, or take a brisk walk around the block to get more oxygen to my brain; when I come back, I play it better! I can see that when I keep at it. I keep improving." -Lindsay, age 55