

# Amy BEACH (1867-1944)

## Minuet, No 1 from *Children's Album* op 36

BEGINNER/  
INTERMEDIATE

Amy Beach, also known professionally as Mrs. H.H.A. Beach, was born into a prominent Massachusetts family and was a piano prodigy, giving her first public recital age seven. Following her marriage to a physician, she focused on composition, writing art songs, chamber music, concertos and many works for solo piano. This Minuet is the first of five pieces in her 1897 *Children's Album* for the piano.

*Playing tips:* This lively, yet sweet piece, in ABA form, requires a strong rhythmic pulse throughout. The RH carries the melody, sometimes with the

LH playing along with it (e.g. bars 1 and 3 etc). Try to think in long lines – for example, the first phrase, even if broken down into two- or four-bar mini-sections – should end up being one long eight-bar phrase. There's quite a bit of repetition, so try to alter the dynamics and character wherever possible. Keep the fingers light but remaining close to the keys.

*Pedal tips:* We have placed a few suggestions in the score. Dabs here and there on the downbeats. The pedal has to remain sparse though, in order to keep the light feel.

**Allegro** ♩ = 184

*p*

8

15

*mf* *p* *cresc.*

22

*mf*

30

rit. a tempo

*f* *p*

Ped.

37

Ped.

44

*cresc.* *f* *p* **Fine**

Ped.

51

*cresc.*

59

*dolce* *pp*

1. 2. **D.C. al Fine**

Ped.