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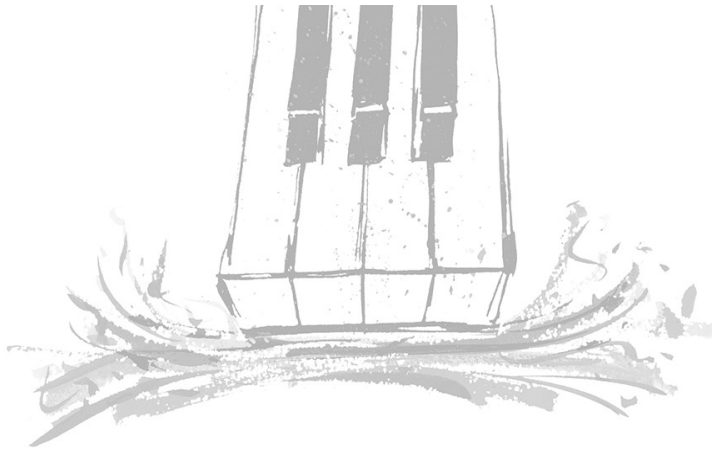
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This book is dedicated to Rosemary Miller Stott, who took my ten-year-old ambitions as a composer seriously.

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TO THE TEACHER

Elissa Milne's *Little Peppers* is a graded sequence of exciting performance pieces designed to introduce beginner pianists to essential technical skills. For more detail of complete performances, see the *Guide to the Little Peppers* 571-52332-3.

NOTE ON PLAYING PEAS IN A POD

Peas in a pod has been composed in eight equal parts so you can enjoy arranging the music yourself. You can play these parts in any order, miss out a part or play each more than once – though bear in mind that parts III, V, VI, VII and VIII sound best to finish with. This means that your version of *Peas in a pod* might be much shorter than in this book, or even much longer!

What's more, because all the parts work well with each other, you can play this piece as a duet (two players on one piano), a duo (two players on two pianos), or even with three or four people playing simultaneously! Each player should start on a different part; experiment until you find your favourite combination. Alternatively, you may want to try playing the piece straight through as written; in which case, it will work simultaneously with the *Peas in a pod* from any of the other *Peppers* books! Whatever you decide, have fun with creating your own *Peas in a pod*!

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