

10 Commandments for Piano Playing

1. Thou shalt respect thy teachers, for their sage wisdom will guide you to the way.
2. Thou shalt play with proper and invigorating rhythm.
3. Thou shalt proclaim thy counting with zest to the Heavens and lo! thy beat shall be made constant.
4. Thou shalt learn with zeal only such notes as are approved by the noble Composer. Drown ye not in the muck of false pitch.
5. Thou shalt strive with all thy heart to create beautiful sound for yea! even in the darkest moments, music is the balm that healeth the soul.
6. Thou shalt ply thy brain in a worthy manner for sooth! a slothful mind withereth.
7. Thou shalt conduct thy self and thy movements in a seemly manner with grace and ease.
8. Thou shalt listen wholeheartedly, body and soul.
9. Thou shalt practice full many a time and oft.
10. Thou shalt not duck, dodge, dodder, dither, diddle, dawdle, doodle, dabble nor daydream whilst thou practicest, for such is the path of the lost.