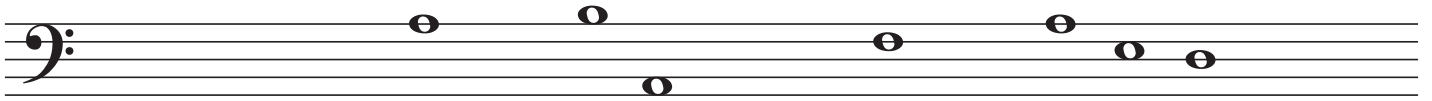


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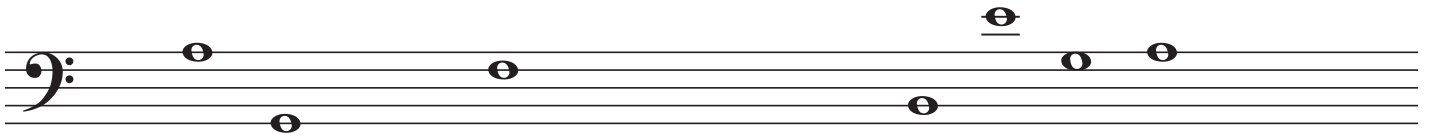
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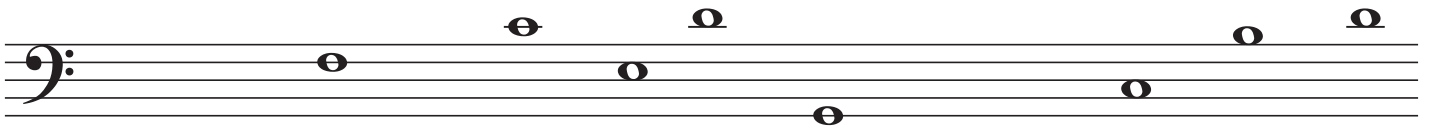
Scott Joplin was born into a musical family in Texarkana, Arkansas.



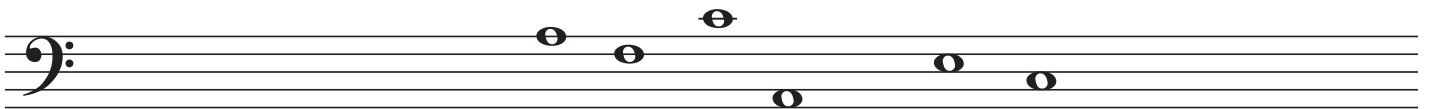
His mom sang and played the piano and his father played the violin.



Joplin taught himself to play the piano. He learned to compose



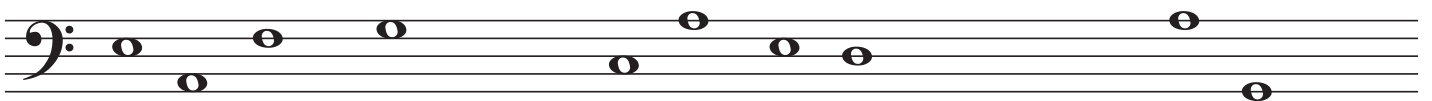
in a new style of music called Ragtime. Ragtime comes from



rhythms and harmonies from African-American music and classical



music. Over one million copies were sold of his composition, Maple



Leaf Rag. Joplin is called "The King of Ragtime."