Advanced Exercises

for

Chromatic Harmonica

By
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July 1976



The Douglas Tate Harmonica Collection

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Foreword

This little collection of forty-four Exercises was originally written by Douglas in July 1976 – a system of studies to train and strengthen the muscles and develop the playing technique using different groupings of notes. He always felt that he could improve them some more and they were put on one side to be revised and prepared for publication as part of a book entitled 'Play Difficult Music Well on the Chromatic Harmonica'. He never quite got around to revising them - or writing the rest of the book to go with them!

In March 2005, just eight months before his death, Douglas gave the manuscript to his good friend Cheng Jang Ming with a handwritten dedication and it is with Jang Ming's considerable help that the Exercises are now available in printed form.

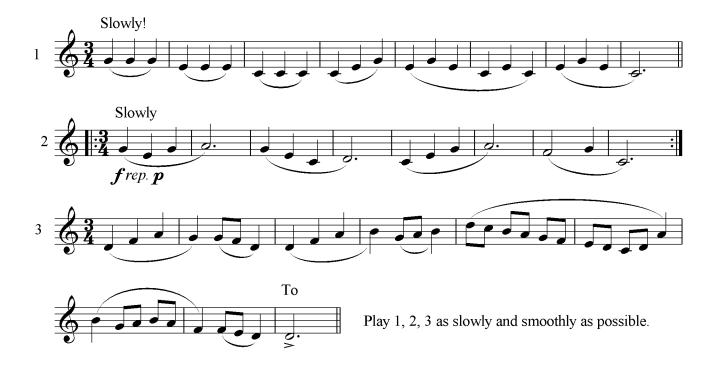
To create a book which is both a useful practice tool and a unique memento of a great and generous musician, we have decided to include reproductions of the handwritten manuscript alongside the engraved versions - you can enjoy the original, choose which versions to play from and also see where we have made some minor editorial changes.

Whenever possible Douglas avoided bright white paper for printing music for his own use, to cut down the glare from artificial lighting - and in that tradition this book is printed on ivory-toned paper.

Barbara Tate May 2008

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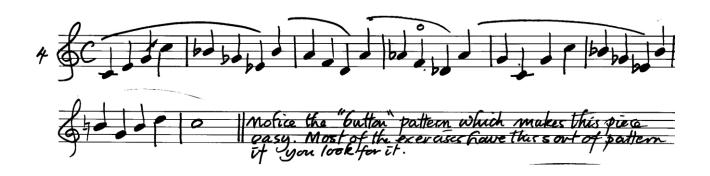
Exercises 1, 2 and 3



... and from Douglas's manuscript (below).



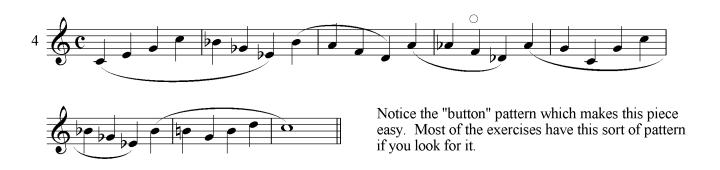
On the following pages, Douglas's manuscript copy will appear on the left hand pages and facing them on the right hand page will be the music processed version.

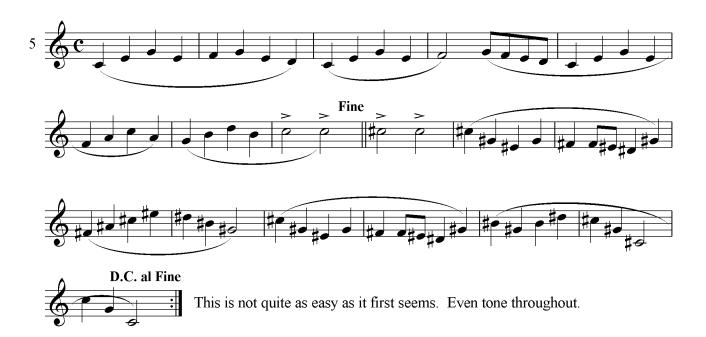






Exercises 4, 5 and 6







I think the tempo instruction here in French is Douglas's little joke - I would recommend you practice the exercise as quickly as you are able several times before you attempt to play faster than possible!

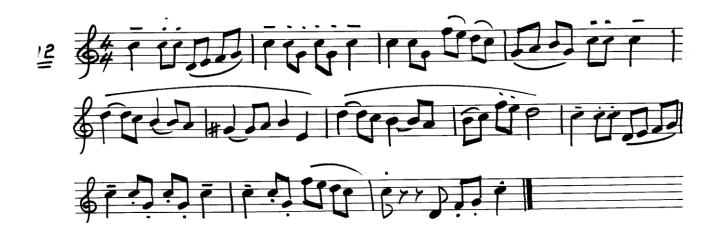
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Exercises 7, 8, 9, and 10









Exercises 11, 12 and 13



Exercise 14 – with variations

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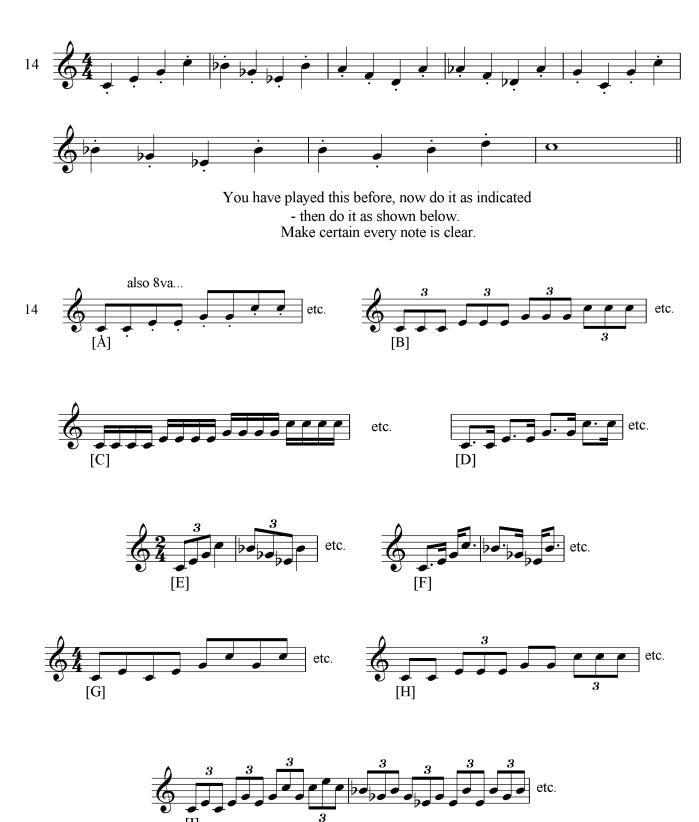




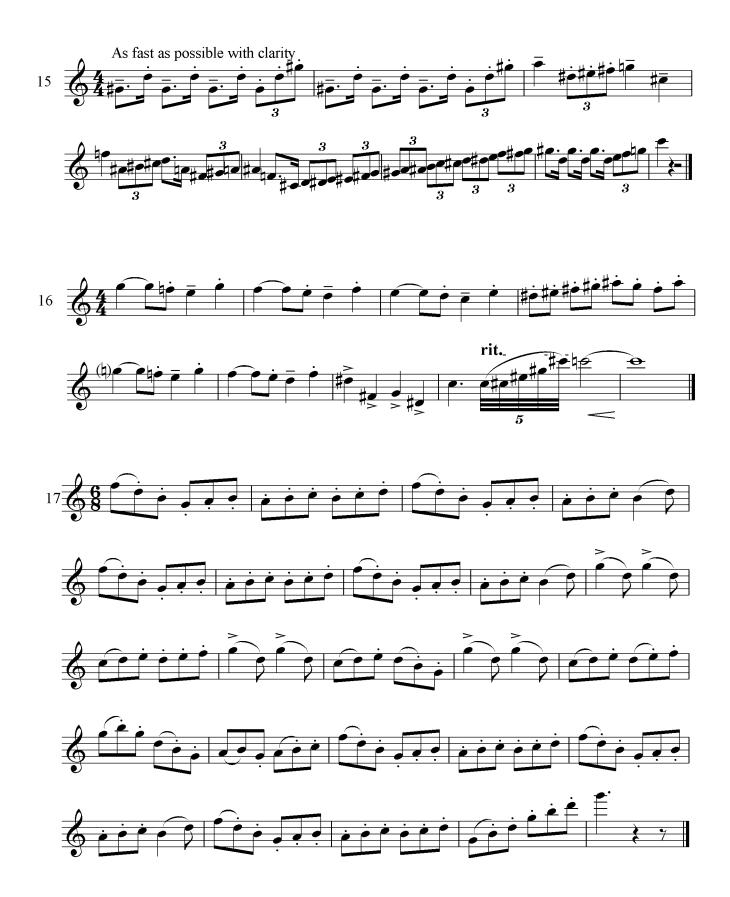


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Exercises 18, 19 and 20







Exercises 21 and 22









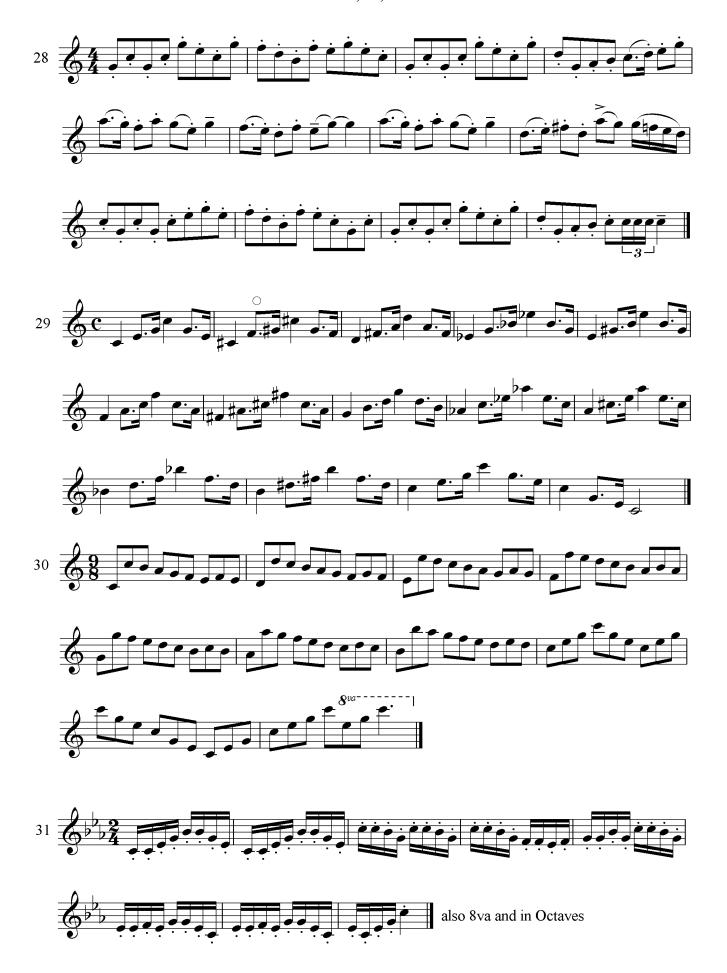














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Exercises 32, 33 and 34



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Here is a reminder of those four variations in rhythm again:





Exercises 35 and 36



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Exercises 40, 41 and 42







