

The stand-alone version of the music on this site is a .EXE file. In order to make it downloadable without your browser or other software refusing it, the name has been changed to have an extension of .RENAME instead of .EXE - After downloading it, you must change the filename extension (portion after the dot in the filename) to .exe (MIDI-IE.exe).

This music setup was developed over ten years ago, following a similar setup someone else had created, but enhancing it with features such as random play, direct selection play, and stop. The intent in creating it (the full file set version, which later also became this download), was to have a variety of music (all MIDI files) to listen to while browsing any site using it, or even while browsing other sites. Additionally I wanted it to not play automatically when people arrived, suddenly surprising people with loud unwelcome noise, and for people to be able to turn it off when needed. And lastly, I wanted to overcome the problem experienced on many sites with music, of stopping and restarting the music everytime you changed pages.

On the site, this is accomplished by opening a small sized regular window, separate from the site window, so that the music will play continuously, regardless of any page changes. You can change tunes at any time, or just let the music play and select tunes at random for you, one after another (the default). You can also view which tune is playing.

Due to changes in browsers over time, some features do not work correctly on a site (such as revealing the tune name or filename), and in some, the music won't play at all. The download file was intentionally created as an EXE file in order to overcome these problems. It will play offline entirely independent of any browser, as browser components are actually part of the file, making a true application file, rather than only a web page and file set like the online versions.

The EXE file was created using an inexpensive program called HTML Executable. This program is capable of creating EXE files out of a number of filetypes and allows various customization. Currently, it is available at www.htmlexe.com.

There is no copyright involved. However, it was not possible to track down the musician authors of the MIDI files (although attempted), in order to obtain specific copyright permission. These MIDI files were provided free by those authors on their own web sites at the time gathered. If someone wishes to create a similar setup of their own, using music files more suited to their tastes and without any potential copyright issues, you are free to contact me. I can supply the entire fileset used to create it. You can then use with HTML Executable or other to create a stand-alone version of your own if desired. But you can play the fileset offline without creating an EXE file, or the entire fileset can be uploaded to your own web site. Instructions on how to make it work on a site are easy enough, but do take a little HTML knowledge (easily obtainable online).

I will not be responsible for any copyright issues arising from using the system provided, with the existing MIDI files. However, I do not expect there is any copyright problem, as the musician authors created the files and offered them free to the public (which is why they created them).

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