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There are so many great pieces of music written for the violin, but have you ever wondered what the best violin solo pieces to listen to are? Then you are at the right place!You might be wondering why accompanied violin solos are even considered solos! This is because the violin part is the main voice, or the melody. The violinist plays the line that the listener focuses on. The other instrumentalists provide support through harmony, rhythms, and creating excitement.In this article, we'll be talking about accompanied violin solos, usually with orchestra or piano. If you'd like to check what are my best unaccompanied solos, check out this article.Of course, there is never one best violin solo there are hundreds of amazing violin solos written that contribute to the rich history of violin playing.Today lets take a look at some of my personal favorite violin concertos, sonatas, showpieces, and other solos. Keep reading to learn about some incredible pieces of music!Beethoven Kreutzer Violin SonataSibelius Violin ConcertoBiber Mystery SonatasRimsky-Korsakov ScheherazadeTchaikovsky Violin ConcertoBruch Violin Concerto No. 1Vivaldi Four SeasonsMozart Violin Concerto No. 5Barber Violin ConcertoRavel TziganeSarasate ZigeunerweisenBach Chaconne and Prelude from 6 Sonatas and Partitas for ViolinHandel Violin Sonata No. 3Paganini Caprice No. 24Pachelbel Canon in DFormer My Heart Will Go OnJohn Williams Schindlers ListRimsky-Korsakov Capriccio EspagnolVaughan Williams The Lark AscendingViolin concertos are very popular pieces of classical music where the soloist can show off what they do best. There are almost always impressive technical passages and beautiful melodies involved. The violin is almost always the main event, but the melody usually weaves in and out through the violin solo and the orchestra, making for a beautiful musical conversation.Spring, mvmt. 1. Allegro by A. VivaldiFree Violin Sheet MusicWolfgang Amadeus Mozart is the most famous composer from the Classical era. He was most well known for his operas, which are sometimes quoted in his violin concertos! Each of his five violin concertos is beautiful, but his final concerto, nicknamed Turkish, is the most elaborate.Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) is best known for his ballets. His only Violin Concerto in D Major also sounds pretty dance-like. Take a listen and see what you think! The concerto wasnt well-received when it premiered, but now, its one of the most famous violin concertos.Max Bruch (1838-1920) wrote his first violin concerto between 1866 and 1868, and its since become one of the most famous violin solos of all time. The first movement (Vorspiel) is an introduction, and the second movement is the bulk of the concerto. The third movement is a bright, energetic finale. Be sure to also listen to his Scottish Fantasy, which is another very famous violin solo!Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1Free Violin Sheet MusicJean Sibelius, a Finnish composer during the late Romantic era, only composed one concerto. The Violin Concerto in D minor is luscious and sweeping, and theres a giant cadenza in the middle of the first movement. Be sure to check out this fantastic performance by Hilary Hahn!Samuel Barber, an American composer, wrote his Violin Concerto in 1939. He was paid to write it for a businessmen son who played violin, but, after sending his patron the draft of the first movement, was told that the piece was too simple. Barber then wrote the third movement and was told it was too difficult. Despite being simple, this concerto is full of emotion, and really shows off the range of the instrument. These pieces of classical music include lots of technical passages and recognizable melodies. Many showpieces were written by virtuoso violinists to perform on tour and impress their audiences.French composer Maurice Ravel wrote Tzigane for the Hungarian great-niece of famous violinist Joseph Joachim. It was originally written for violin and piano (with a tone-changing attachment called a luthal), but Ravel also orchestrated it. Tzigane translates directly to gypsy, but the piece doesnt use any traditional Roma melodies. Instead, Ravel was inspired by French gypsies.Zigeunerweisen was composed by famous violinist Pablo de Sarasate in 1878. The title of the piece means Gypsy Airs, and again, the music was not inspired by the Romani people. Instead, the sound was based on Hungarian folk music.Nicol Paganini was the biggest violin star of the Romantic period. His technique was so flawless, that he advanced violin music through both his playing and through his compositions. He wrote 24 Caprices for Solo Violin. During his lifetime, he was the one who performed them the most, since the techniques he wrote were so incredibly difficult.24 Caprices by PaganiniFree Violin Sheet MusicRalph Vaughan Williams, an English composer, wrote The Lark Ascending for violin and piano in 1914. It wasnt until 1920 that it was premiered, and Vaughan Williams didnt arrange it for violin and orchestra until after World War I. The piece is based on the poem The Lark Ascending, written by George Meredith in 1871. In the Classical period, composers organized the Sonata form to what we recognize today. Sonatas are generally three movements long and last under 40 minutes.The Mystery Sonatas (also called the Rosary Sonatas) is a group of 15 sonatas for violin with a final passacaglia at the end. These were composed by Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber around 1686, but only became widely known when the work was published in the 20th century. Some of the sonatas are for solo violin, others are accompanied by basso continuo, and others use scordatura. This is when the musician tunes their strings to different pitches!]. S. Bach wrote so much music for string instruments, but one of his most famous pieces is the Chaconne from Partita No. 2 in D minor for Solo Violin. Even though the Sonatas and Partitas were completed by 1720, they werent published until 1802. It wasnt even popular until violinist Joseph Joachim began performing it in the late 1800s.The first movement of Handels 3rd Violin Sonata is a great option for intermediate students to learn. This piece is a great way to practice Baroque era ornamentation! This sonata was originally written for violin and basso continuo. Its now debated as to whether or not Handel was actually the one who wrote it. No matter who composed it, this is a great piece to learn!Violin Sonata No. 3 in F Major by HndelFree Violin Sheet MusicOut of Beethovens 10 violin sonatas, Violin Sonata No. 9, nicknamed Kreutzer is one of the most famous. Its emotional, challenging, and extremely long for a sonata. The Sonata was given its nickname because Beethoven dedicated the piece to Rodolphe Kreutzer, a famous violinist who wrote popular etudes. Kreutzer ended up hating the sonata, and never played it.Theres a wide range of violin solos within symphonies and other orchestral works. The concertmaster position is a big role, including playing a lot of solos!The two Im sharing with you today were both written by Rimsky-Korsakov. Theyre both beautiful. Let me know if you like them as well in the comments below!Scheherazade is a symphonic suite written by Russian composer Rimsky-Korsakov, based on the story of One Thousand and One Nights. The piece is made up of four movements, telling the story through music. There are two big violin solos in Scheherazade: one in the first movement, and another similar one in the fourth movement. This excerpt comes up often in concertmaster auditions for orchestras! If you have time, listen to the whole piece. Its a magical experience!Another big violin solo in an orchestral piece happens in Capriccio Espagnol, also written by Rimsky-Korsakov. Its so violin-heavy that hes intended it to write the piece for solo violin with orchestra. The violin has always been a very popular instrument and is heard all over the world on many different occasions. We now hear the violin in movies, pop music, tv shows, and weddings, among other places. Here are a few pieces you may have heard violin out and about One of the most popular violin solos in pop culture is from the soundtrack of the 1993 movie Schindlers List. The iconic theme was written by John Williams and performed by Itzhak Perlman. Itzhak Perlman still performs the theme regularly at classical music concerts!Another iconic 90s movie theme includes violin solos! This pop song, sung by Celine Dion, is iconic, and not too difficult to learn. Watch a tutorial to learn My Heart Will Go On in my Video Lessons Library!Johan Pachelbels Canon in D is one of the most popular classical violin solo is very subjective! A few great choices are Sonatas and Partitas for Violin by J.S. Bach, Bruchs Violin Concerto in G minor, Beethovens Violin Sonata No. 9, and Tchaikovskys Violin Concerto. Take a listen to these violin solos and see which one you like the best!Ode to Joy by Beethoven is a great violin solo for a beginner! Many people can recognize this song by ear, and it sounds really impressive. Ode to Joy can be played mostly on just the D string in the first position.Ode to Joy by Ludwig van BeethovenFree Violin Sheet MusicOne of the most popular violin songs is J.S. Bachs Chaconne from his Partita No. 2 for Violin. Its one of the most performed violin works and is easily recognizable. Most famous violinists have performed this piece since its unaccompanied no one else plays with the violin. There are a few different types of violin solos. The first type is a concerto. This is a piece of music written for solo violin with an orchestra. Next is a showpiece, usually for violin solo with orchestral or piano accompaniment. Another type of violin solo is the sonata. These are usually performed unaccompanied with piano. There are many types of violin solos in pop culture. A concerto is written for a solo instrument with orchestral accompaniment. These are made for the soloist to show off their talent. There are almost always a cadenza, where the soloist can really impress the audience. A showpiece is even flashier than a concerto and is written for either violin with piano, or violin with orchestra. Showpieces are the most impressive way for a violinist to showcase their abilities.Sonatas can be written for violin alone, violin with piano, or violin with another instrument. Sonatas are generally a little more laid back than concertos and showpieces, and have fewer technical passages.Orchestral solos are common for first violinists, and the excerpts will generally pop up on concertmaster auditions.Violin solos are also frequent in pop culture, in movies, pop songs, and TV shows.Paganinis 24 Caprices for Violin are some of the hardest violin solo pieces. When he wrote them, Paganini was one of the only violinists actually able to play them! These violin pieces require many advanced techniques like left-hand pizzicato, very fast notes, and artificial harmonics. I love violins. These beautiful sounding instruments have found their way into numerous songs over the years, including many pop ones. Here are the best pop songs with violins for your listening pleasure. 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