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I imagine that my friend Riley sits with me every afternoon. He likes to play with me for thirty to forty five minutes every single day. I have very shiny white and black keys. The white ones look like teeth. I have eighty-eight of them. When Riley goes to his music lessons. He uses me to learn about quarter notes, half notes, whole notes, and lots more.

I get really tickled on my belly when Riley and Dan play jazz on me. Dan is teaching Riley to play some really good music. Their fingers go really fast over me. It makes me laugh. When they play rock and roll on me, I start dancing. When they play songs that are sad, it makes me really sad also. It really hurts when Riley's friends bang on me. My favorite song that is in Riley's piano book is called Music Box Rock. It is fast and makes me happy to play. When Riley is trying to figure out a song, I do my best to make it easier for him. I always hope that Riley does great at his concerts, and I always try to help him. It makes Riley feel proud when he does a good job playing on me. I think he always does a great job. I am always proud of him and the songs he learns.

I am Riley's piano, he loves me, and we are a good team.