

The Artsy Harpsichordiste  
for harpsichord

- I. In the *mechanical* style
- II. In the *poesy* style
- III. In the *goblin* style
- IV. In the *vocalise* style
- V. In the *pat-a-cake* style

8 minutes

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Program Note:

*The Artsy Harpsichordiste* is a strange collection of anonymous keyboard pieces thought to be inspired by François Couperin's *L'art de toucher le Clavecin*. It is not known precisely when the music was composed. Similar to Couperin's tome, *The Harpsichordiste* is both a catechism for what the composer considers "proper" performance technique as well as a collection of short concert works. A "smorgasboard" of the composer's ornaments appears at the beginning of the book, and is preceded by two pages of rudimentary instructions.