

Repeat Sign, 1st and 2nd Endings

Two dots placed *before* the double bar || indicates a **REPEAT SIGN**. It means to go back to the beginning and play or sing the music again.

Go back to the beginning and repeat.

Repeat signs sometimes appear in pairs *within* a piece of music. ||: ||
The first repeat sign will then have the two dots placed *after* the double bar.
When this occurs, return to the first repeat sign at the beginning of the section.

Go back to ||: and repeat.

Another way of indicating a repeat is with 1st and 2nd endings. Play or sing through the 1st ending to the repeat sign, then go back to the beginning. When repeating, skip the 1st ending and play the 2nd.

1. Go back to the beginning | 2.

On the repeat, skip to the 2nd ending.

Exercises

- 1** Rewrite the following example using a repeat sign.

- 2** Rewrite the following example using a pair of repeat signs.

- 3** Rewrite the following example using 1st and 2nd endings.

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