# Clarinet and Brass Book

**Version 1** 



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#### Looking after your instrument

#### **Brass players**

Don't take out the valves at home, if something appears to break leave it alone and bring it to your teacher in school. Never tap the mouthpiece in with your hand! Never try to fix your instrument yourself.

#### Why won't it work?

• I can't make a sound!

Say the letter 'P' to get the right shape with your lips. Don't panic if you don't get a sound straight away – sometimes it takes a few minutes to warm your lips up. Remember to take a big breath!

I'm pressing the right valves but the tune sounds wrong!

Remember that when you play high notes like G and A you need to tighten your lips, and for low notes like C they need to be loose. Try to keep your cheeks from puffing out!

My valves are sticking!

Remember to keep your right hand fingers curled in the 'backwards C shape'. If your valves still stick, ask your teacher for some oil at your lesson. NEVER let anyone else use anything other than valve oil.

#### **Clarinets**

Be careful with your reed - it is not a toy and can be broken really easily. If any screws appear to come loose tell your teacher. Do NOT try to fix anything yourselves.

#### Why won't it work?

I can't make a sound!

If you can't make a sound, check your reed - is it broken? Is it lined up with the tip of the mouthpiece? If you aren't sure ask your teacher. Are you blowing hard enough? You need enough air to get the reed to vibrate.

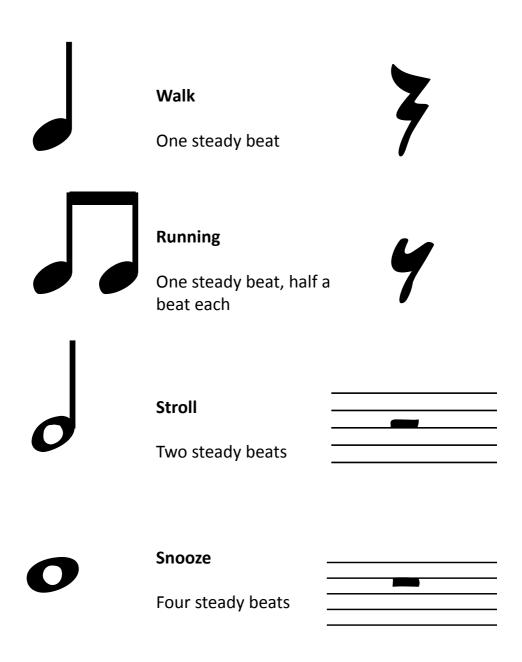
Is it squeaking?

Blow less hard, don't huff. Take the mouthpiece out of your mouth a little.

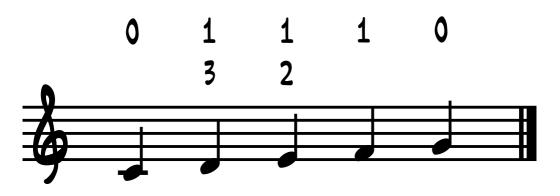
• I'm pressing the right keys but the tune sounds wrong!

Make sure your fingers are covering the holes correctly, and you aren't touching any other keys.

# A guide to the notes we use



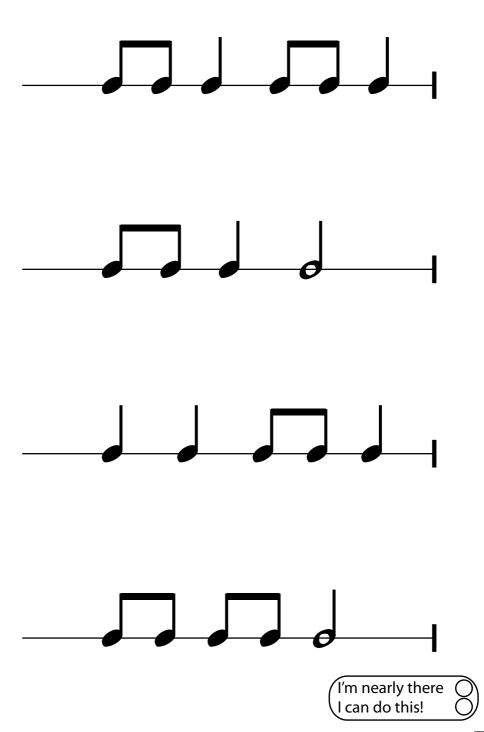
# Trumpet valve help



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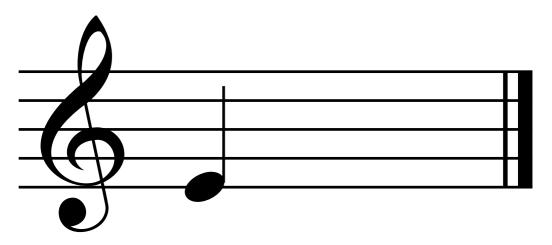


# Can you read these rhythms? I'm nearly there I can do this!



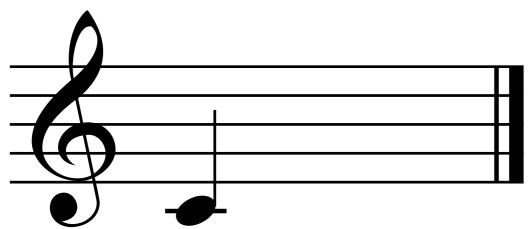
#### The clarinet note E





# The trumpet note C

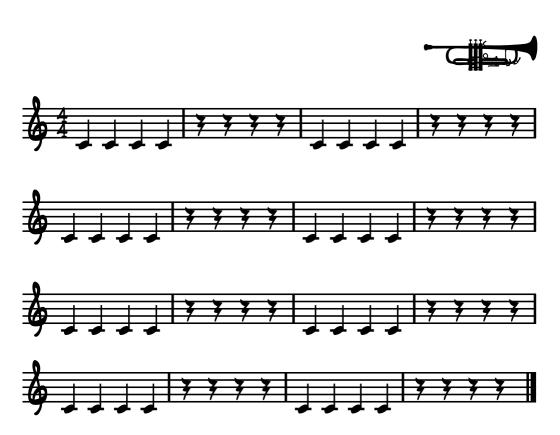




#### Off we go!



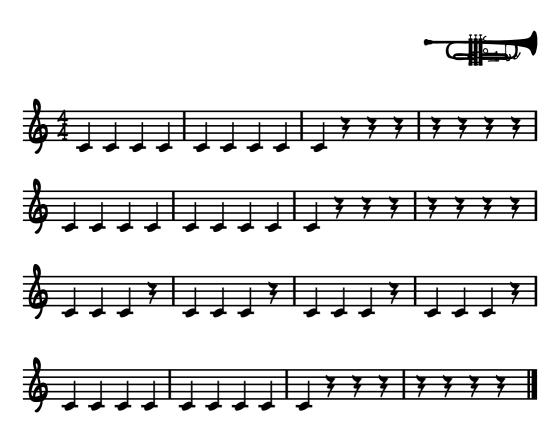
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#### **Our First Blues**



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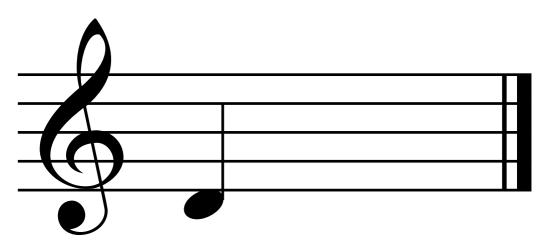


#### Out for a Stroll



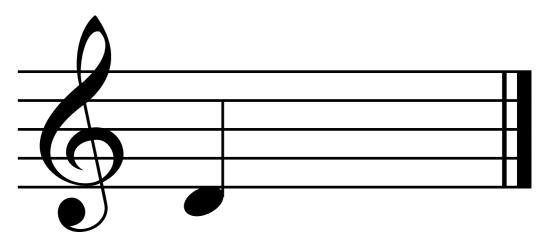
# The clarinet note D





# The trumpet note D





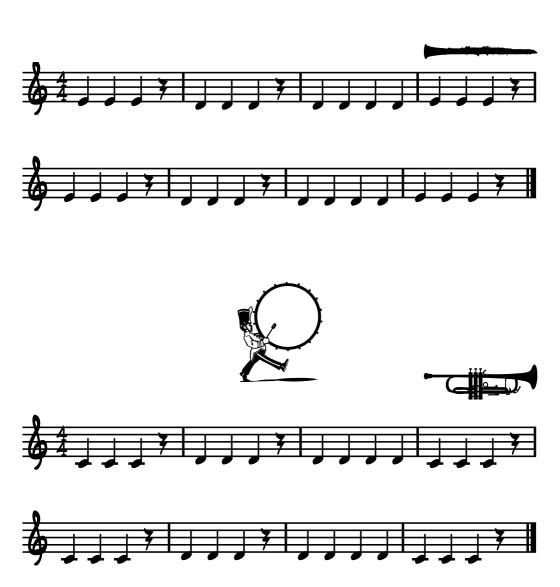


#### **Step Carefully**



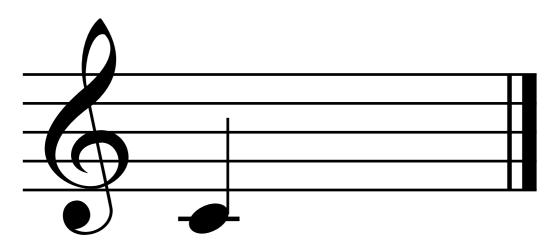


#### Little March



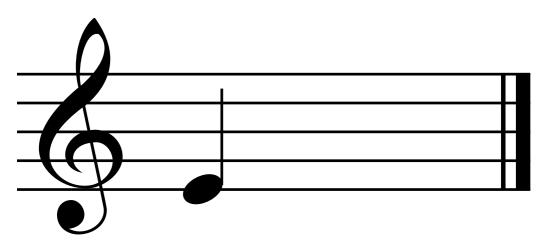
# The clarinet note C



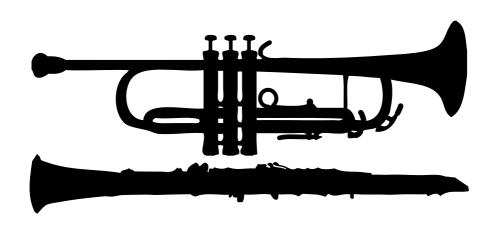


# The trumpet note E

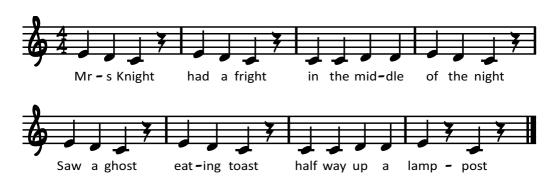




# From now on everyone can play the same!



#### Mrs Knight



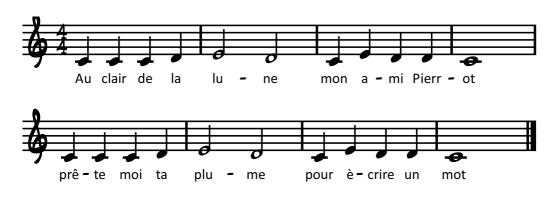


I'm nearly there O

#### Bicycle Ride



#### Au Clair de la Lune





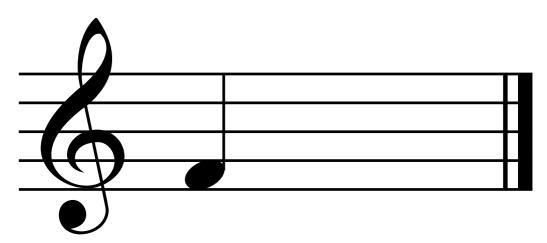
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# End of Stage 1

Show your partner what you can do!	Nearly Done there! it!
I can hold the instrument correctly	$\bigcirc\bigcirc$
I can make a sound!	$\bigcirc\bigcirc$
I can use the correct fingers for my f	irst 3 notes
I can read running walk and stroll	$\bigcirc\bigcirc$
I can play <b>Mrs Knight</b> !	$\bigcirc\bigcirc$
I certify that	
Has completed <b>Stage 1</b>	
Signed	(teacher)
Comments:	

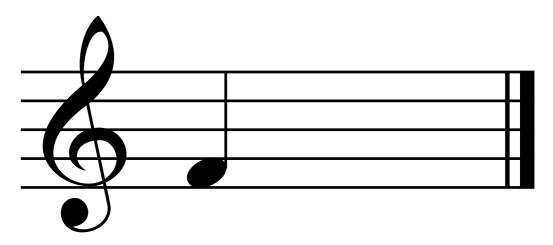
# The note F





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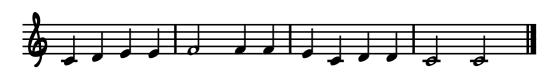
#### Slushy



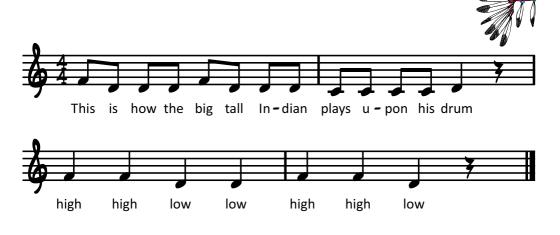
#### Clown Dance



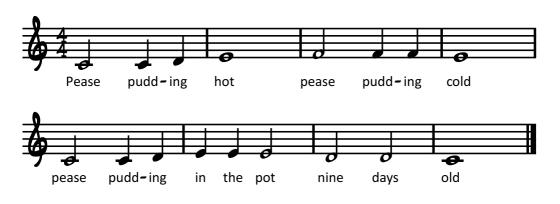




#### **Indian Chief**

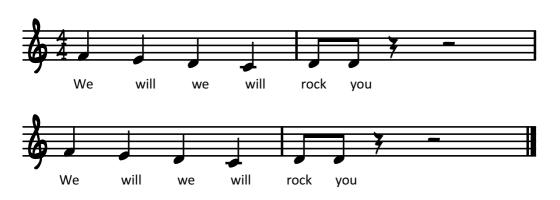


#### **Pease Pudding**



I'm nearly there O

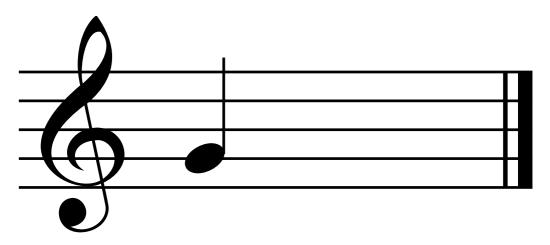
#### We Will Rock You!



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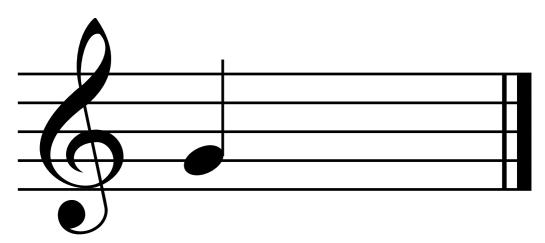
# The note G





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#### Merrily We Roll Along



#### Now The Day is Over





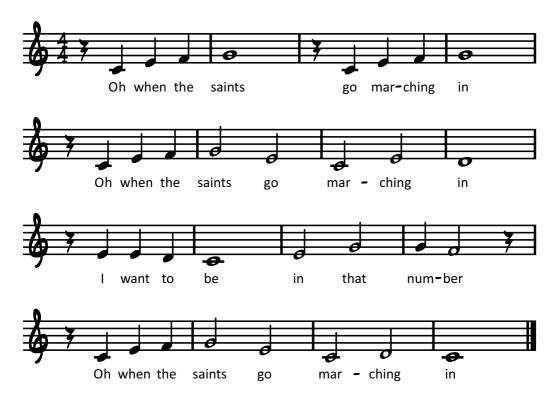
# **Soft Kitty**



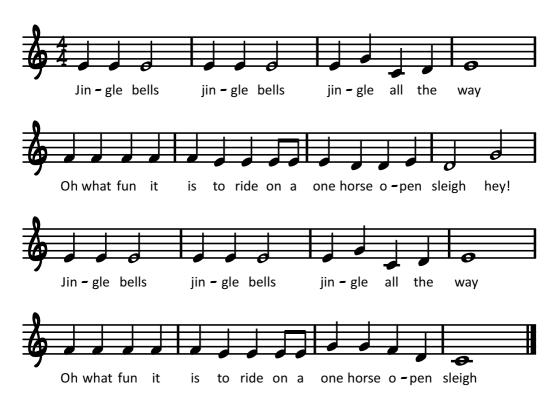


I'm nearly there O

#### Oh When the Saints

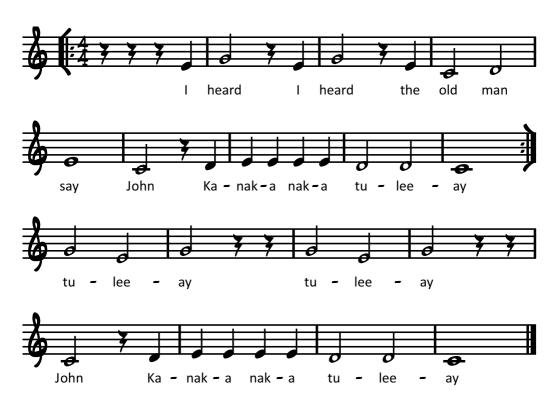


#### Jingle Bells



I'm nearly there O

#### John Kanaka



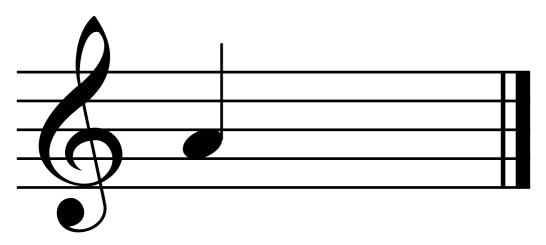


# End of Stage 2

Show your partner what you can do!	Nearly Done here! it!
I can play five notes	
I can tongue my notes	$\bigcirc$
I can play <b>Once a Man!</b>	OO
I certify that	
Has completed <b>Stage 2</b>	
Signed	(teacher)
Comments:	

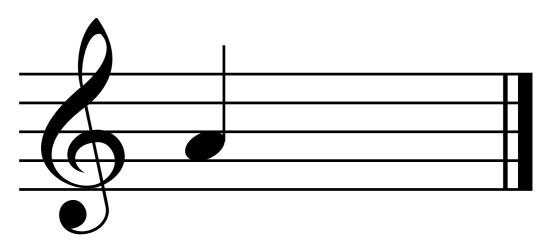
### The note A



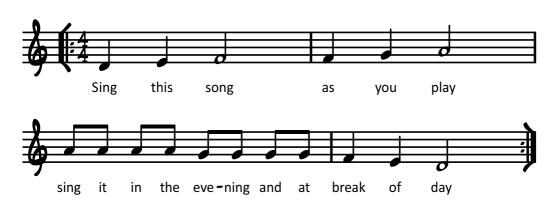


### The note A





### Sing This Song





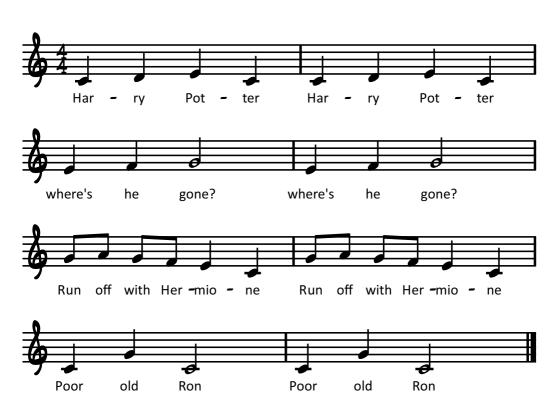
I'm nearly there I can do this!

#### Twinkle Twinkle



I'm nearly there I can do this!

### **Harry Potter**

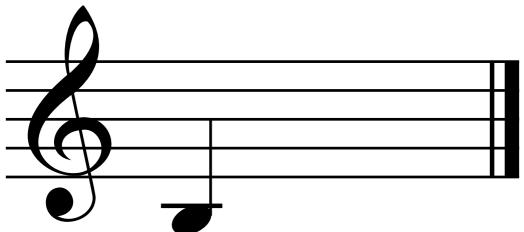




I'm nearly there O

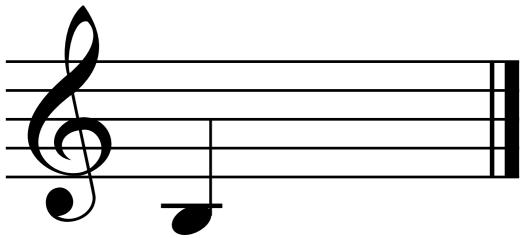
### The note B



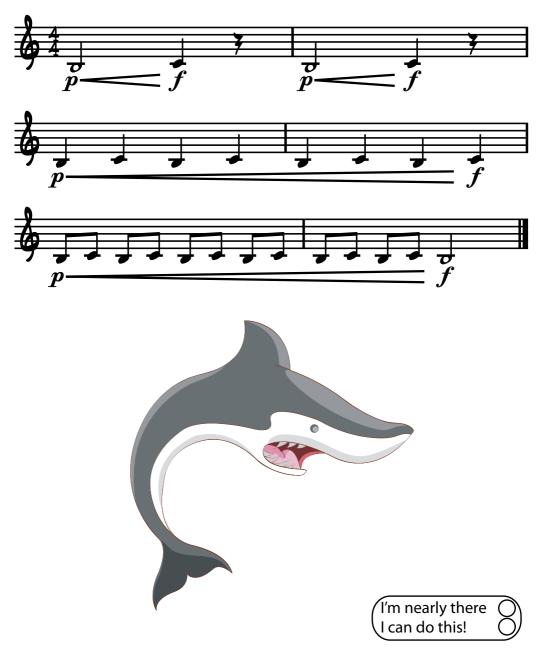


### The note B





### **Sharks**



#### I Like Ice Cream



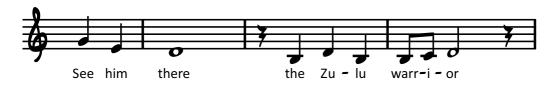
### Shepherd's Hey



#### Zulu Warrior





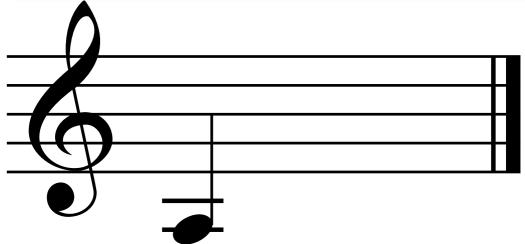




I'm nearly there I can do this!

# The note low A

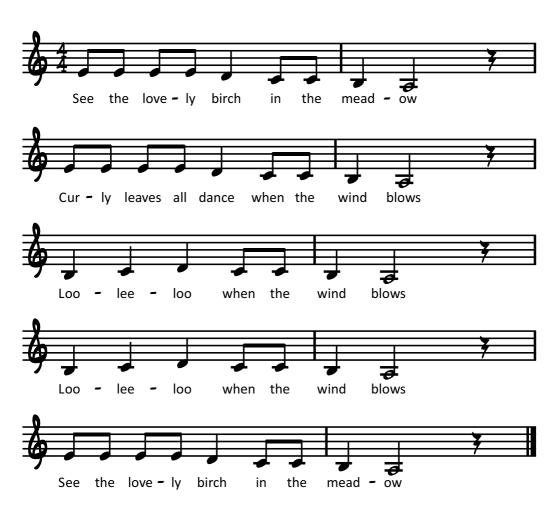




# The note low A

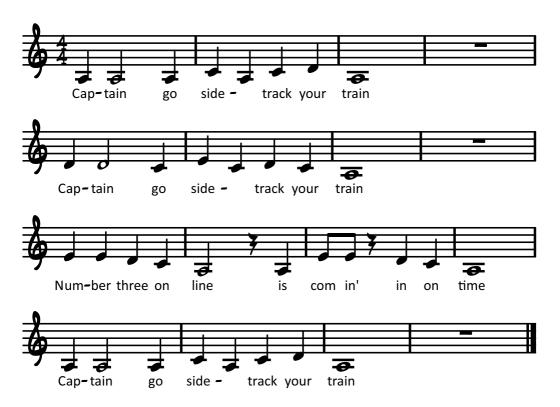


#### The Birch Tree



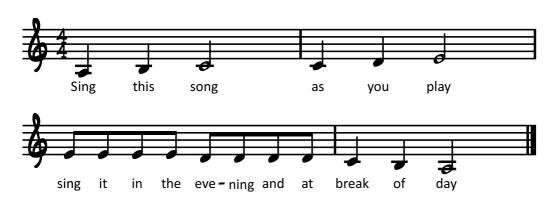
I'm nearly there O

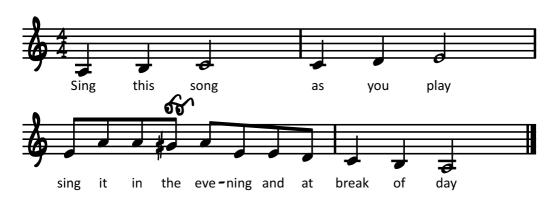
#### Chicka Hanka



I'm nearly there I can do this!

### Sing this Song Extension

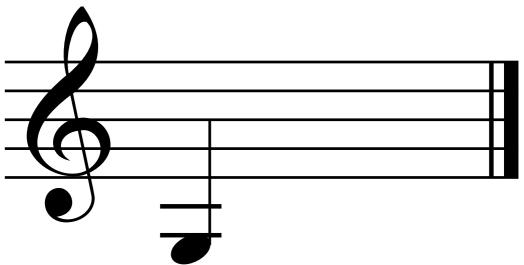




I'm nearly there Clark C

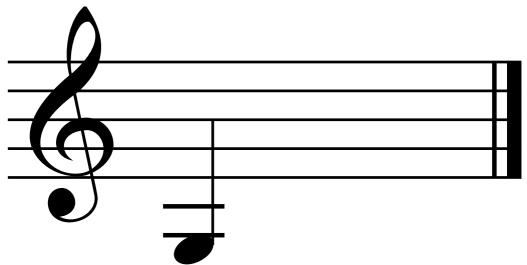
# The note low G



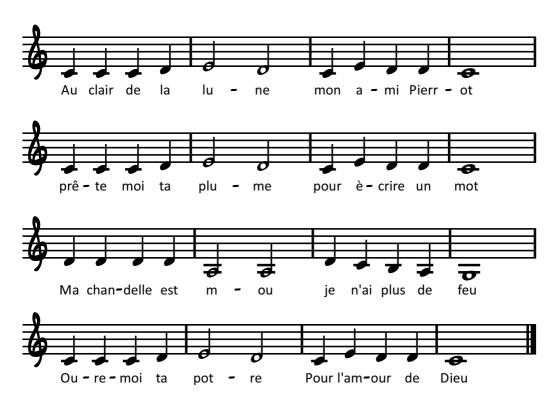


# The note low G





#### Au Clair de la Lune Extension



By the light of the moon My friend Pierrot Lend me your pen To write a word My candle is dead I have no more fire Open your door for me For the love of God

I'm nearly there O

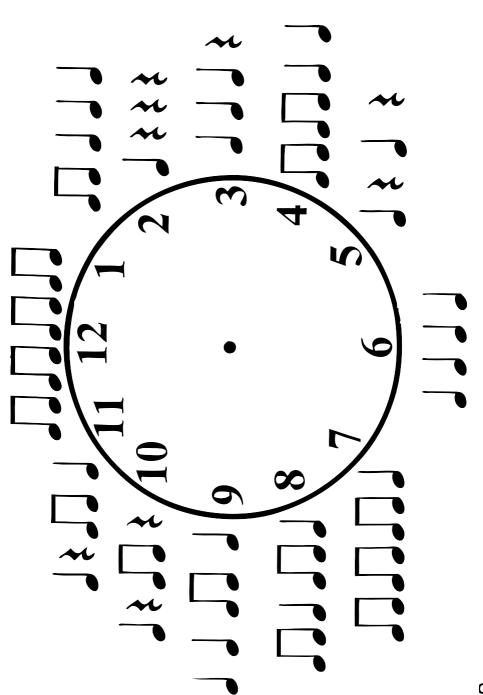


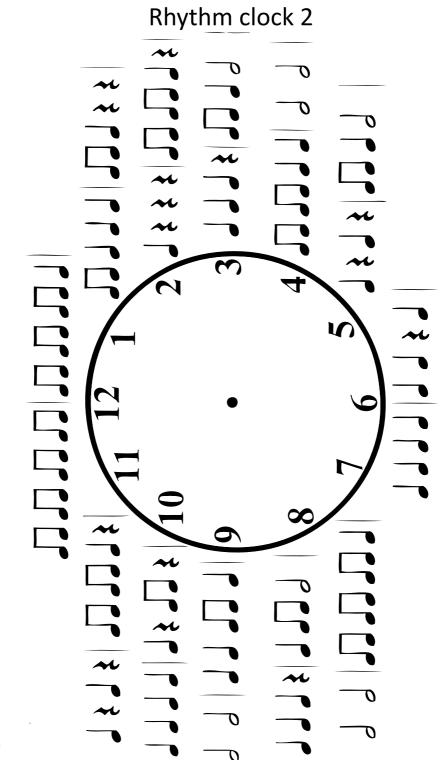
# End of Stage 3

Show your partner what you can do!	Nearly Done here! it!
I can improvise	$\bigcirc\bigcirc$
I have played in a concert	$\bigcirc\bigcirc$
I can sing and play Roller Ghoster	00
I would like to carry on playing next year	
I certify that	
Has completed <b>Stage 3</b>	
Signed (teach	eer)
Comments:	

### Mood words

# Rhythm clock 1





#### What can you hear?

### **Texture**

How many instruments can you hear?

# Tempo

Is the music fast or slow?

Does the music get faster or slower?

# **Dynamics**

Is the music loud or quiet?

Does it change?

### **Structure**

Can you hear the same tune again?

### **Duration**

Can you hear a steady beat?

What rhythm patterns can you hear?

Are there long or short sounds?

### **Timbre**

What sort of sound?

### **Pitch**

How high or low are the sounds you hear?

Are they going up or down?

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