

Book 1



In this book you will find a collection of easy to play familiar tunes which will have you playing the Wak-a-Tubes in no time. The tunes are ordered within the book by the number of tubes needed to play each song. The necessary tubes are written in the top left hand corner of each page of the song.

If you have a pianist / guitarist or keyboard player who would like to join in too then they will find all the chord symbols they need written above the music.

A little bit about reading music:

Music, like a ticking clock has a steady beat.

Written music it is broken into equal visible bars (much like chocolate which can be broken into equal pieces!). At the beginning of each song you will see the time signature which tells you how many beats to count in each bar. The top number is for the number of beats and the lower number tells you what type of beats either crotchets or quavers. In this book you will find music with 2, 3 and 4 beats in a bar.

The different time lengths of notes are shown as follows:

 semibreve which has 4 counts

 dotted minim which has 3 counts

 minim which has 2 counts

 crotchet which has 1 count

 quaver which is for half a beat.

 dotted quaver which is for three quarters of a beat.

 semi quaver which is for an eighth of a beat

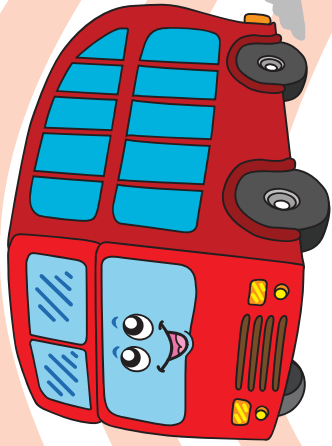
The different musical notes have all been printed in colour to match the wak-a-tubes.

In some of these songs, a few notes have been altered slightly to fit in with the diatonic octave range of Wak-a-Tubes but you will still recognise the tune.

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A Big Red Bus

4 Notes

Tubes: C, D, E, G

C

G

C

Nursery Rhyme

G

C

6

G

C

11

G

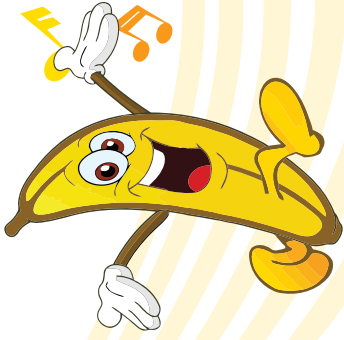
C

15

ar - i. A mi - ni mi - ni and a big red bus.

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Banana Song

3 Notes
Tubes: G,E,D

Unknown

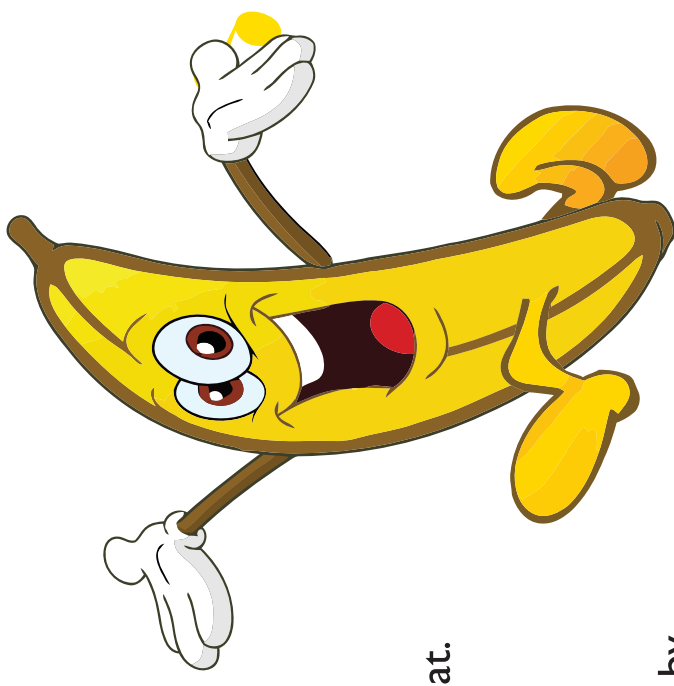
A musical staff in 4/4 time with a treble clef. The melody consists of seven notes: a blue quarter note (G), a yellow quarter note (E), a blue quarter note (D), a blue quarter note (G), a yellow quarter note (E), a blue quarter note (D), and a yellow quarter note (G). The lyrics are written below the staff: Peel ba - na - na. Peel - peel - ba - na - na. The notes are color-coded to match the lyrics: blue for 'Peel', yellow for 'ba', and blue for 'na'.

Peel ba - na - na. Peel - peel - ba - na - na.

2. Chop Banana, Chop Chop, Banana
3. Mash Banana, Mash Mash, Banana
4. Eat Banana, Eat Eat, Banana
5. Shake Banana, Shake Shake, Banana
6. Drink Banana, Drink Drink, Banana
7. Go Bananas, Go Go, Bananas

This song has a 'contagious' rhythm, which is just 'off' the beat.
You may find yourself singing it all day, to the annoyance of
your friends!
Kids love it!

Sounds great with a 'reggae' beat if you have keyboard close by.



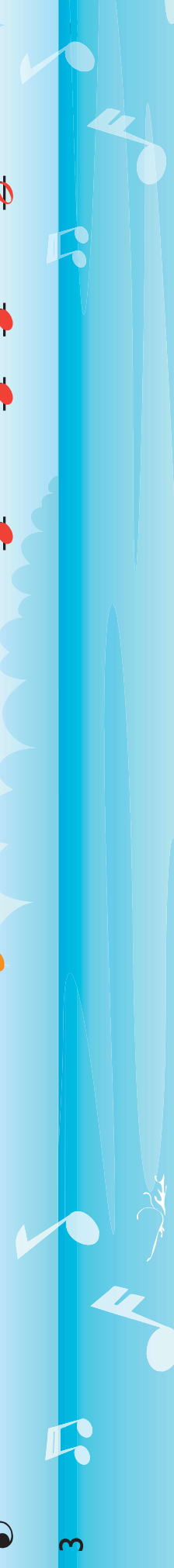
The Blue Danube



7 Notes
Tubes: C, D, E, F, G, A, C¹

Johann Strauss

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in 3/4 time. The notes are color-coded: red (C), yellow (D), green (E), blue (F), red (G), purple (A), and yellow (C¹). Chord boxes are placed above the staves: C (measures 1-8), G⁷ (measures 9-16), F (measures 17-24), G⁷ (measures 25-29), C (measures 30-32), F (measures 33-34), and G⁷ (measures 35-36). The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.



Chick, Chick, Chicken

6 Notes

Tubes: C, D, F, G, A, C¹

Fred Holt/Thomas McGhee
& Irving King 1925



Musical notation for the first system (measures 1-4). Chords: F, G⁷, C, F. Lyrics: Chick chick chick chick- en. Lay a lit-tle egg for me. Chick chick chick chick

Chick chick chick chick- en. Lay a lit-tle egg for me. Chick chick chick chick

Musical notation for the second system (measures 5-8). Chords: G, C, F, B^b. Lyrics: chick- en. I want one for my tea. I have-n't had an egg since East-er and

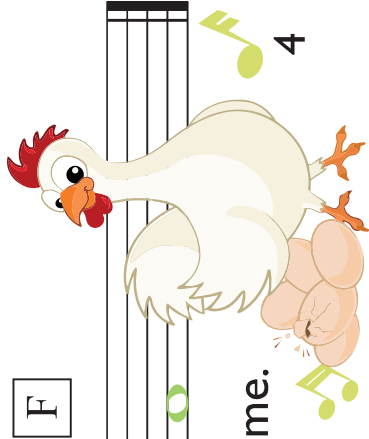
chick- en. I want one for my tea. I have-n't had an egg since East-er and

Musical notation for the third system (measures 9-12). Chords: G, C, C⁷, F. Lyrics: now it's half past three so chick chick chick chick

now it's half past three so chick chick chick chick

Musical notation for the fourth system (measures 13-16). Chords: D⁷, G, C⁷, F. Lyrics: chick - en. Lay a lit - tle egg for me.

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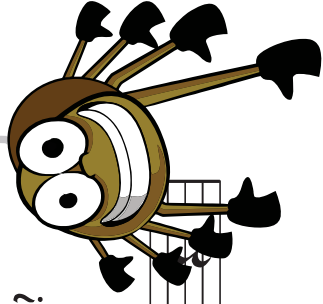
Tune: English Folk Song
Mini Minstrels (lyricists)

English Country Garden

7 Notes
Tubes: C, D, E, F, G, A, C¹

How man-y mi - ni beasts do you know that are liv - ing in your gar - den?

Chords: C, F, G⁷, C, C⁷, F, G⁷, C



I'll tell you now of some that I know that are liv - ing in your gar - den,

Chords: F, G⁷, C, C⁷, F, G⁷, C, D⁷

Ants worms and snails and slugs bees, spi - ders la - dy bugs. They are all there for

Chords: Am, G, Am, G, Am

Ants worms and snails and slugs bees, spi - ders la - dy bugs. They are all there for

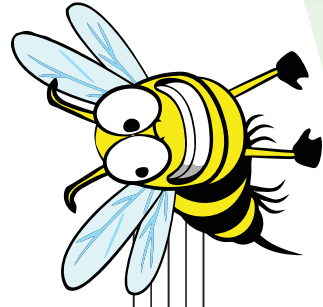
you to — see if you look ve - ry close by

Chords: Am, G, F, C, F, G⁷, F

you to — see if you look ve - ry close by

grass and mud you will find them in your gar - den.

Chords: G⁷, C, C⁷, G⁷, C



6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,F,G,A,C'

I'm a little Teapot

Nursey Rhyme

I'm a lit - tle tea - pot short and stout. Here's my hand - le, here's my spout.

When I get all steamed up hear me shout Tip me ov - er and pour me out.



Jingle Bells

6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,C¹

Musical staff showing the first line of the song. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 2/4. The notes are: C4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). Chords are indicated in boxes above the staff: C, F, C, F, C.

Jin-gle Bells, Jin-gle Bells, jin-gle all the way. Oh what fun it is to ride in a

Musical staff showing the second line of the song. The notes are: C4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). Chords are indicated in boxes above the staff: D7, G, G7, C, F.

one horse op - en sleigh. Heigh! Jin - gle Bells, Jin - gle all the

Musical staff showing the third line of the song. The notes are: C4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). Chords are indicated in boxes above the staff: C, F, C, G, G7, C.

way. Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse op - en sleigh. Heigh!

Verse 2 Wak-a-Tube, Wak-a-Tube, Wak-a-Tube today
Lots of fun for everyone, so come,
join in and play (repeat)



Mary Had a little Lamb

4 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,G

Nursery Rhyme

C **G** **C**

Mar - y had a lit - tle lamb, lit - tle lamb.

G **C**

Mar - y had a lit - tle lamb. It's fleece was white as snow.





Michael Finnegán

7 Notes

Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,A,C¹

Trad. Folk Song

There was an old man named Mich - ael Fin-neg-an. He grew whisk - ers

5 on his chin-neg-an! The wind came out and blew them in ag - ain.

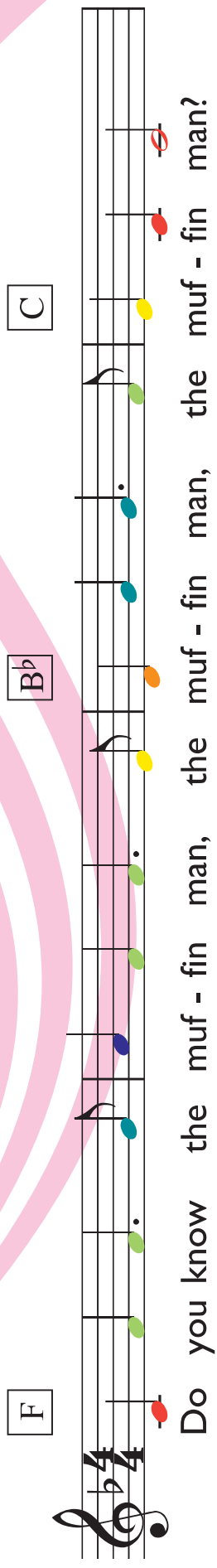
8 Poor old Mich - ael Fin - neg - an... be - gin ag - ain!



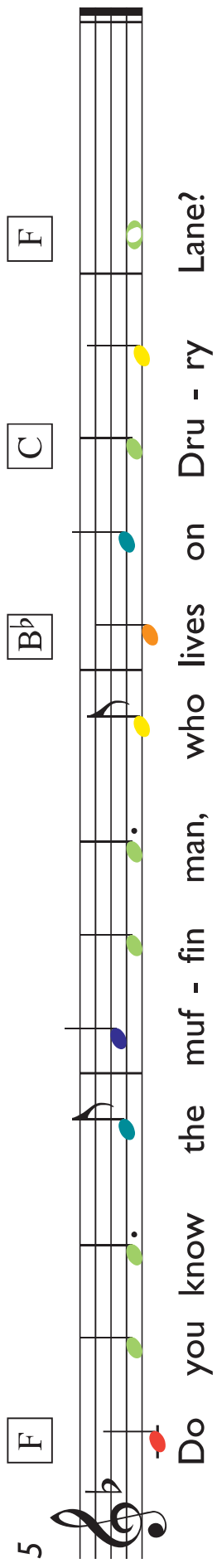
6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,A

The Muffin Man

Traditional



Musical notation for the first line of the song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of six notes: F (quarter), Bb (quarter), C (quarter), Bb (quarter), C (quarter), and F (quarter). Each note is accompanied by a colored dot (red, blue, green, yellow, orange, red) and a corresponding letter in a box above the staff. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: "Do you know the muf - fin man, the muf - fin man, the muf - fin man?"



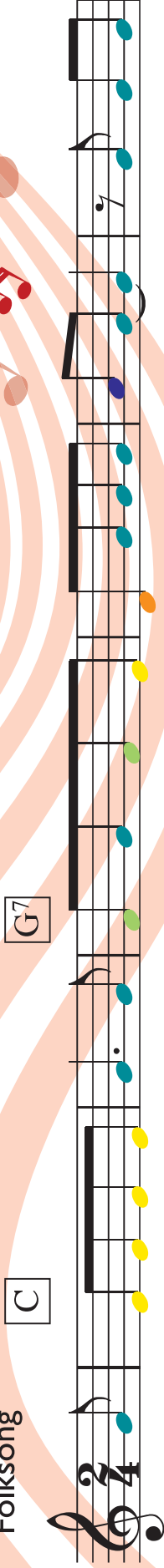

Musical notation for the second line of the song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of six notes: F (quarter), Bb (quarter), C (quarter), Bb (quarter), C (quarter), and F (quarter). Each note is accompanied by a colored dot (red, blue, green, yellow, orange, red) and a corresponding letter in a box above the staff. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: "Do you know the muf - fin man, who lives on Dru - ry Lane?"

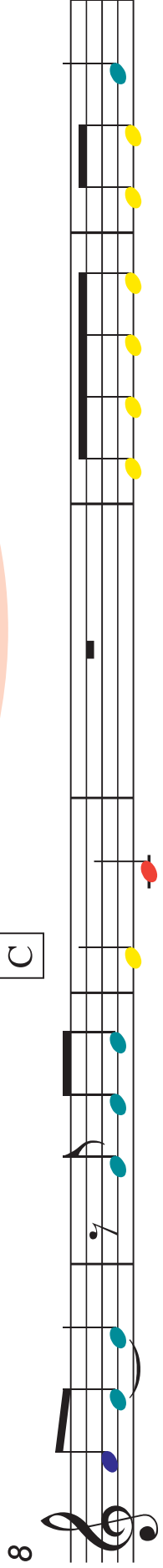



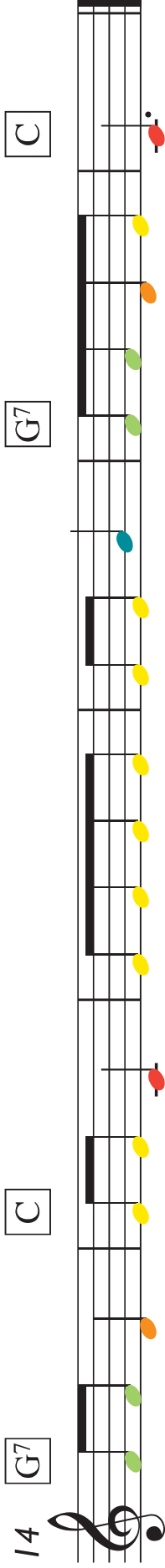



The Music Man

6 Notes
Tubes: C, D, E, F, G, A

Folksong

8   I am the mu-sic man, I come from down your way and I can play — what can you

8   I play pi - an - o. Pi - a pi - a pi - a - no

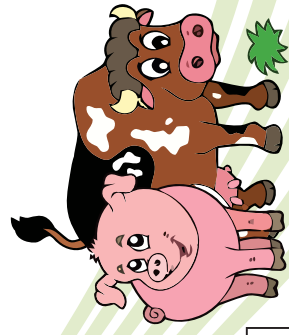
14     pi - a - no pi - a - no pi - a - pi - a pi - a - no pi - a pi - a - no.

Verse 2 I play the saxophone... saxo, saxo, saxophone...

Verse 3 I play the bass drum... big bass, big bass, big bass drum...

Verse 4 I play the wak-a-tube, wak-a, wak-a, wak-a, wak-a-tube...





Old MacDonald

5 Notes
Tubes: D, E, G, A, B

Irish Trad. Folk Song

Chord boxes: G, D7, G, C, G

Old Mac-Don-ald had a farm. E - I - E - I - O. And on that farm he

Chord boxes: C, G, D7, G

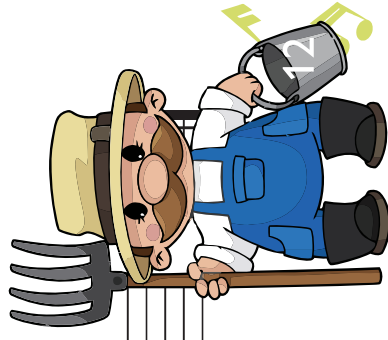
had some pigs. E - I - E - I - O. With an oink-oink here and an oink-oink there.

Chord boxes: C, G, D7, G

Here an oink, there an oink, Ev - ry - where an oink, oink.

Chord boxes: C, G, D7, G

Old Mac - Don - ald had a farm. E - I - E - I - O.



On Top of Spaghetti

7 Notes
Tubes: C, D, E, F, G, A, C¹

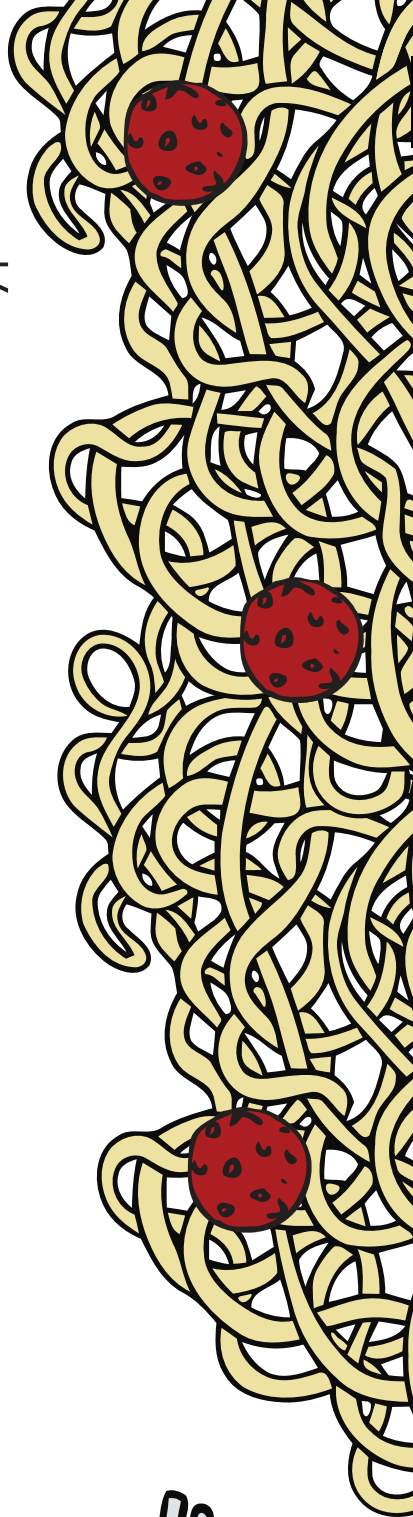
Tom Glazier (lyricist)

Tune - Traditional

On top of spag-het - ti, all cov-ered in cheese |

lost my poor meat ball when some-bo - dy sneezed! It

rolled off the ta - ble and on to the floor and then my poor



27 G7

meat ball _____ rolled right out the door. _____ It rolled out the gar -

C

F

36 C

den _____ and un - der a bush _____ and then my poor

43 G7

meat ball _____ was noth - ing but mush! _____

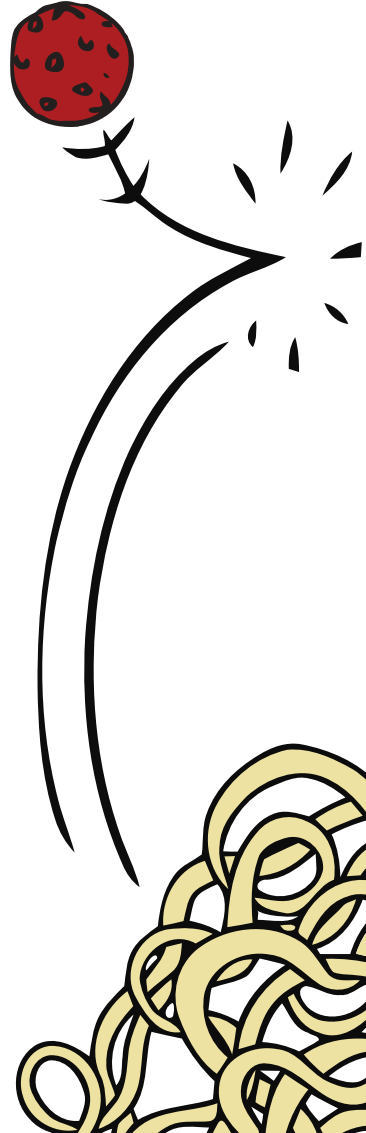
C

F

Fm C

Alternative lyrics: (by Mini Minstrels)

On top of my pizza, all covered in cheese
 I lost my pepperoni, when dad had to sneeze
 It flew off the table and onto the floor
 and then our dog Basher picked it up with his paw!
 He knew it was naughty, i wasn't to pleased
 Next time we'll have pasta if Dad's got a sneeze



6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,A

Pop Goes the Weasel

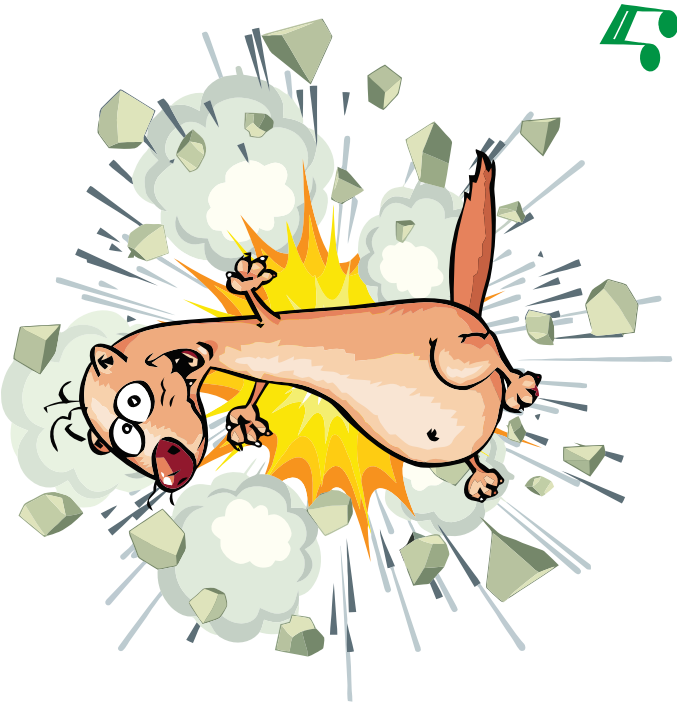
Nursey Rhyme

Half a pound of Tup-pen-ny rice. Half a pound of trea - cle.

That's the way the mo - ney - goes. Pop! goes the wea - sel.

2nd Verse.

Up and down the City Road
In and out the Eagle
That's the way the money goes
Pop! goes the weasel



Row, Row, Row Your Boat

6 Notes
Tubes: C, D, E, F, G, C¹

Nursey Rhyme

Row, row, row your boat. Gent - ly down the stream._____

Mer-ri - ly Mer-ri - ly Mer-ri - ly Mer-ri - ly. Life is but a dream.

2nd Verse.

Rock, rock, rock your boat,
gently down the stream.

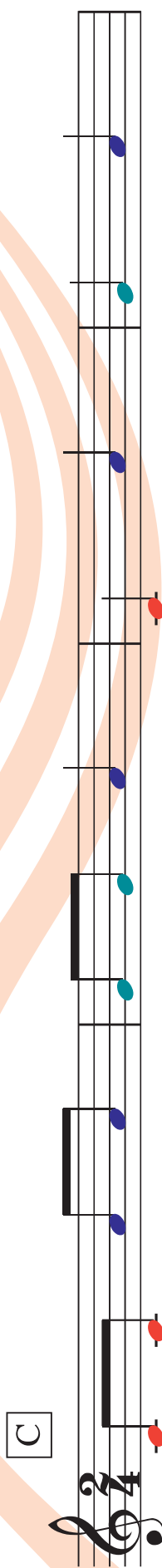
If you see a crocodile
don't forget to scream. Arrrgh!

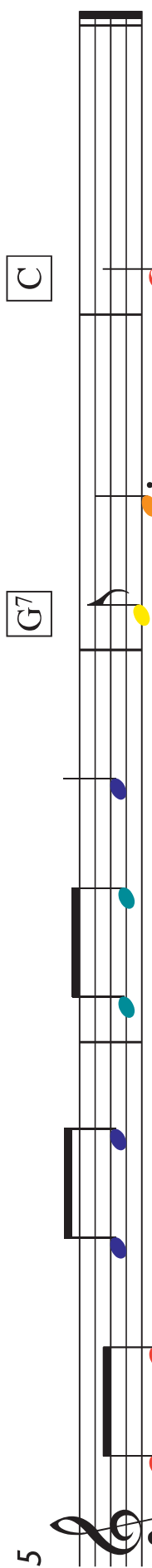



5 Notes
Tubes: C, D, E, G, A

Shortnin' Bread

Afro-American Traditional

Mam - ma's lit - tle ba - by loves short - nin' short - nin'.


Mam - ma's lit - tle ba - by loves short - nin' bread


You can play this song with a slight swing
 ...more in a 'cowboy' style! Yee-ha!



This Old Man

6 Notes
Tubes: C, D, E, F, G, A

Nursery Rhyme

This old man, he played one. He played knick knock on my thumb with a

knick knock pad-dy whack give a dog a bone. This old man came roll - ing home.



8 Notes

Tubes: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C¹

Three Blind Mice

Nursey Rhyme

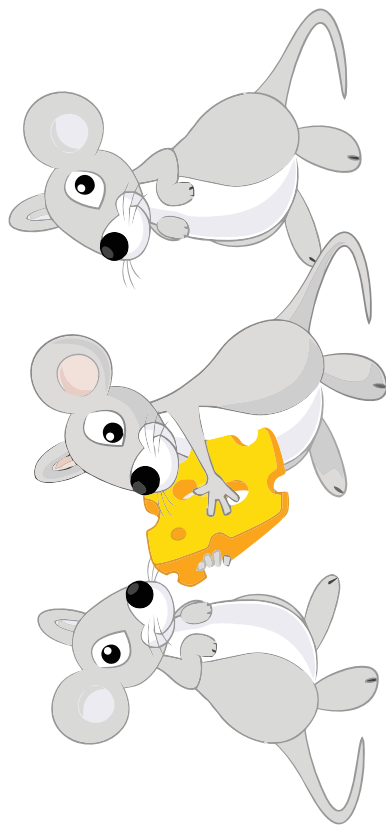
Three blind mice, three blind mice. See how they run, see how they run. — They

Three blind mice, three blind mice. See how they run, see how they run. — They

all ran af - ter the farm - ers wife, who cut off their tails with a car - ving knife. Did you

ev - er see such a thing in your life as three blind mice?

ev - er see such a thing in your life as three blind mice?



6 Notes
 Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,A,
 Tune- Mozart

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Twin-kle twin-kle lit - tle star. How I won-der what you are. Up a -bove the

world so high, like a dia -mond in the sky. Twin - kle twin - kle

lit - tle star. How I won - der what you are.

Alternative lyrics: (by Mini Minstrels)

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

My mum drives a rusty car

The sat nav's broken, the cd squeaks

It would go faster with her feet!

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

My mum drives a rusty car



5 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G

When the Saints Go Marching In

American Gospel Hymn

Oh when the saints, go march-ing in. Oh when the saints go

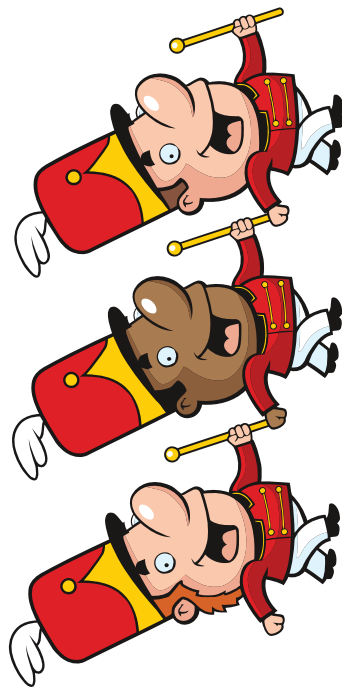
Musical staff with notes and lyrics for the first line of the hymn. The notes are colored: red (C), yellow (D), green (E), blue (F), and orange (G). The lyrics are: "Oh when the saints, go march-ing in. Oh when the saints go".

7 march - ing in. I want to be in that

Musical staff with notes and lyrics for the second line of the hymn. The notes are colored: red (C), yellow (D), green (E), blue (F), and orange (G). The lyrics are: "march - ing in. I want to be in that".

12 num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.

Musical staff with notes and lyrics for the third line of the hymn. The notes are colored: red (C), yellow (D), green (E), blue (F), and orange (G). The lyrics are: "num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.".



wak! a RAP

wak! a CAP

