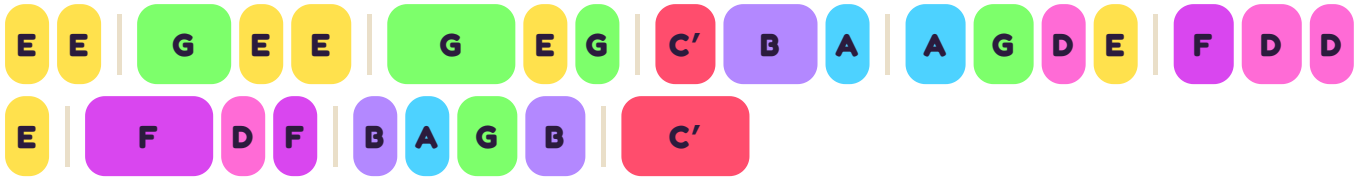
A little challenge · 7 notes

How to play Brahms' Lullaby on the ocarina

Brahms' Lullaby ocarina notes with color coding & letters, sheet music, fingering diagrams, and interactive audio practice.

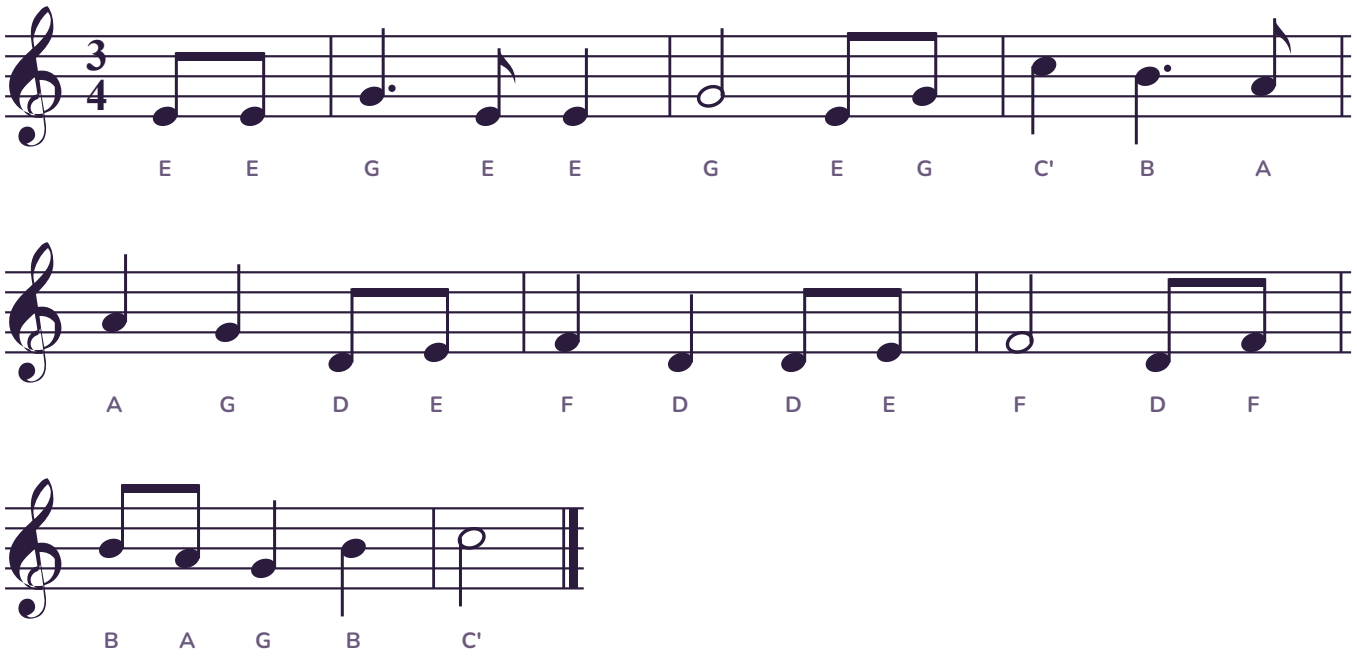
Johannes Brahms' beloved 1868 cradle song ("Guten Abend, gut' Nacht"). Warm and soothing on the ocarina. It uses 7 notes: **D**, **E**, **F**, **G**, **A**, **B**, **C'**.

The notes & rhythm



Longer blocks are longer notes; a vertical line marks each bar.

Sheet music



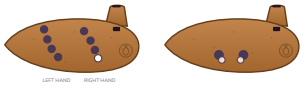
Standard treble clef notation with letter guides below each note.

The notes as letters

E E G E E G E G C′ B A A G D E F D D E F D F
B A G B C′

Ocarina fingerings

D · low D



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

E · low E



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

F · F



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

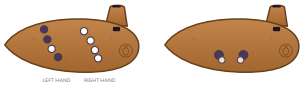
G · G



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

A · A



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

B · B



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

C' · high C



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

Playing tips for Brahms' Lullaby

- Start each note cleanly with a gentle tongue stroke (whisper "too" or "doo").
- Seal every hole completely with the soft pads of your fingers, not your fingertips.
- The ocarina's pitch follows your breath: blowing softer lowers the pitch, blowing harder raises it.
- The low notes need the gentlest breath of all. If a low note warbles or squeaks, soften your breath and check that your lower fingers fully seal their holes.