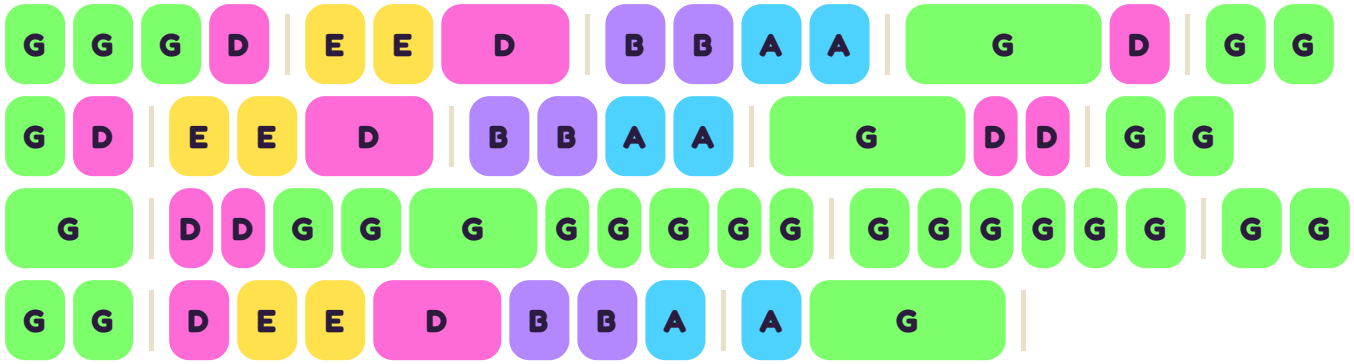
Easy · 5 notes

How to play Old MacDonald Had a Farm on the ocarina

Old MacDonald Had a Farm ocarina notes with color coding & letters, sheet music, fingering diagrams, and interactive audio practice.

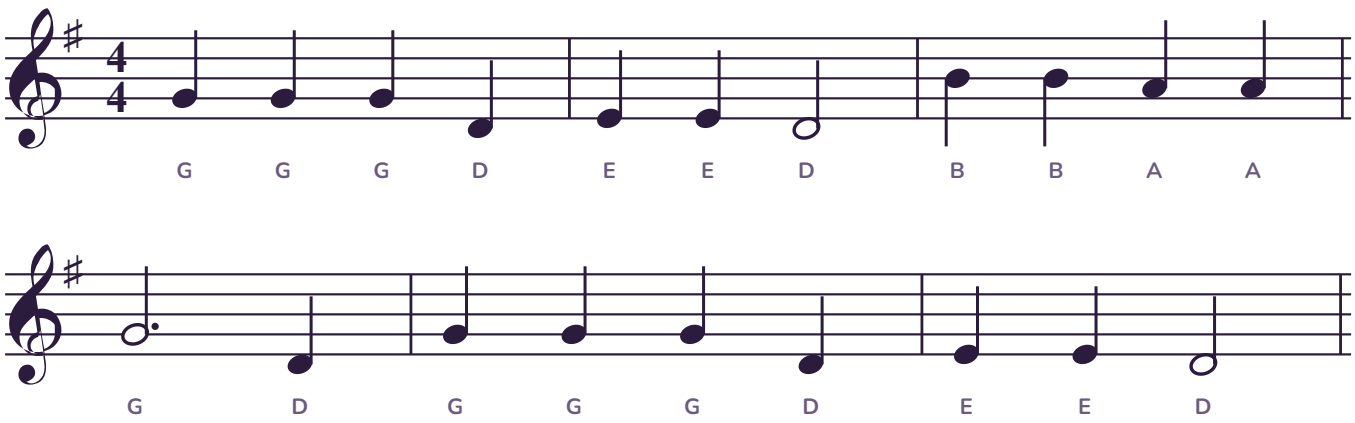
The famous traditional song about animals on the farm. It uses low notes, which need a calm, gentle breath. It uses 5 notes: **D**, **E**, **G**, **A**, **B**.
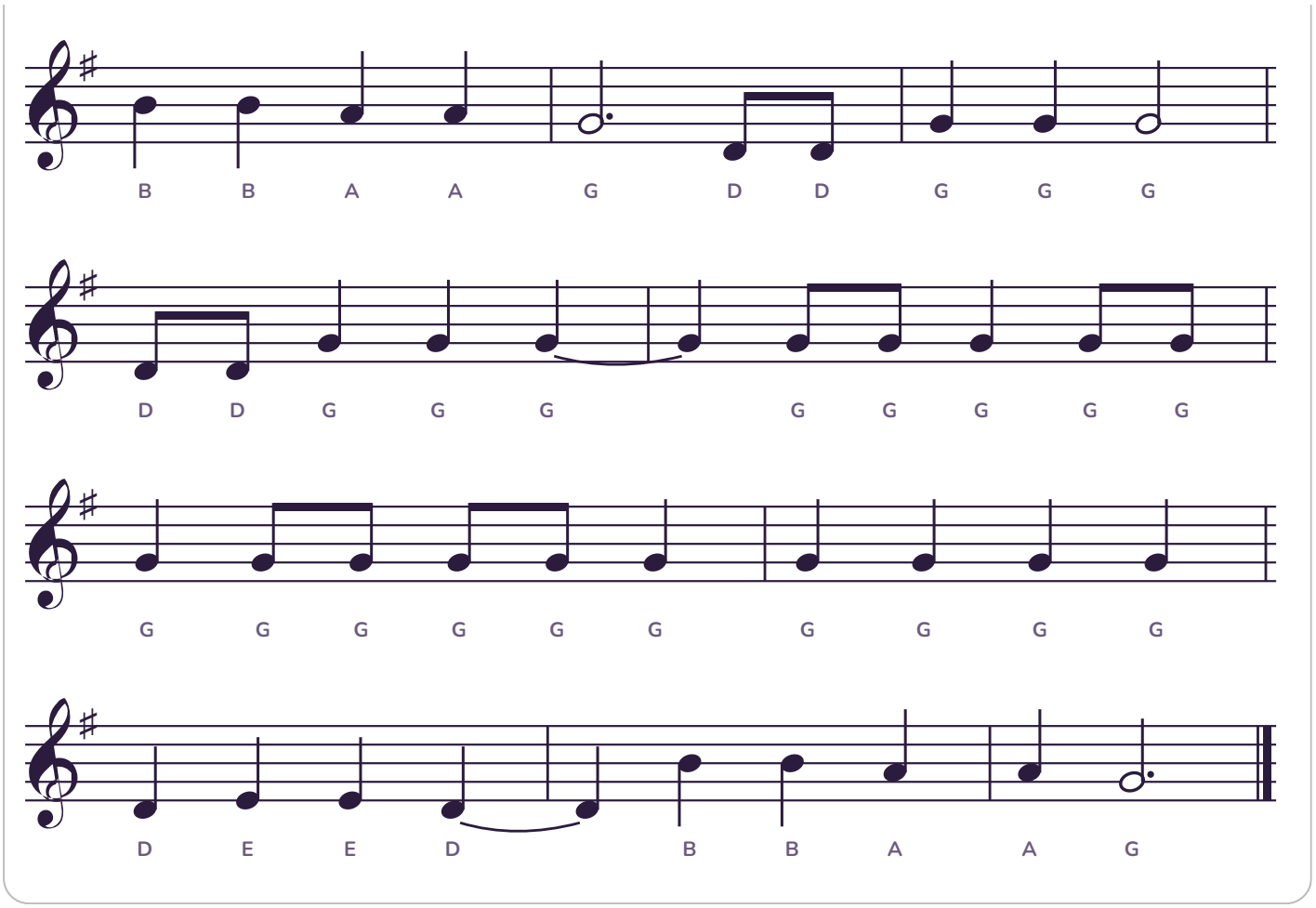
The notes & rhythm



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

Sheet music





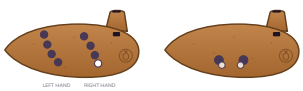
Standard treble clef notation with letter guides below each note.

The notes as letters

G G G D E E D B B A A G D G G G D E E D B B
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G G G G G G D E E D B B A A G

Ocarina fingerings

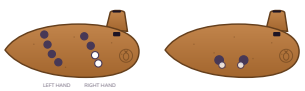
D · low D



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)

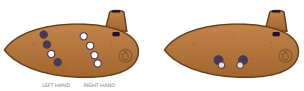
G · G



Front · finger holes

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

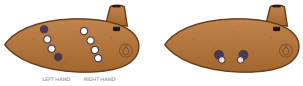
A · A



Front · finger holes

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

B · B



Front · finger holes

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

Playing tips for Old MacDonald Had a Farm

- 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.