A little challenge · 6 notes

How to play Bele Mama on the ocarina

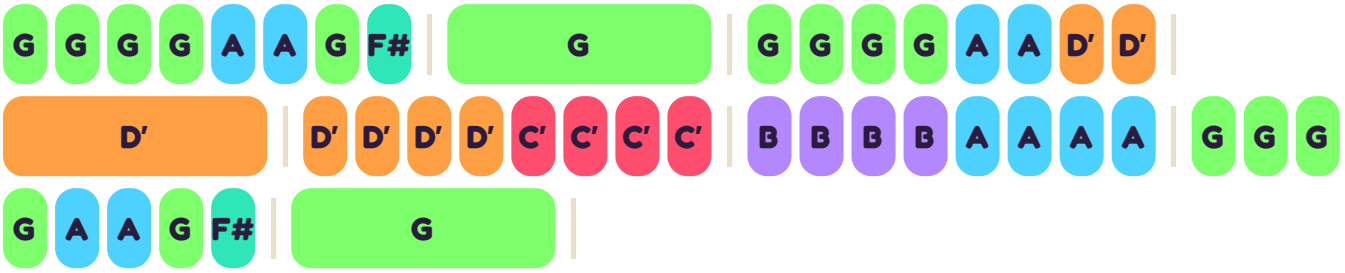


A free song from the Cameroonian children's & folk songs song pack.

Bele Mama ocarina notes with color coding & letters, sheet music, fingering diagrams, and interactive audio practice.

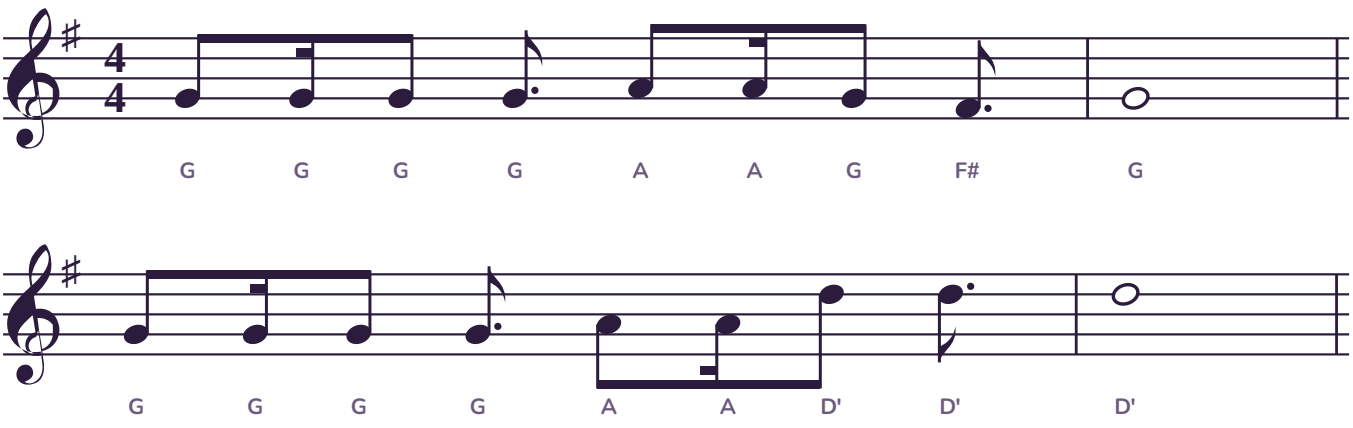
It uses 6 notes: **F#**, **G**, **A**, **B**, **C'**, **D'**.
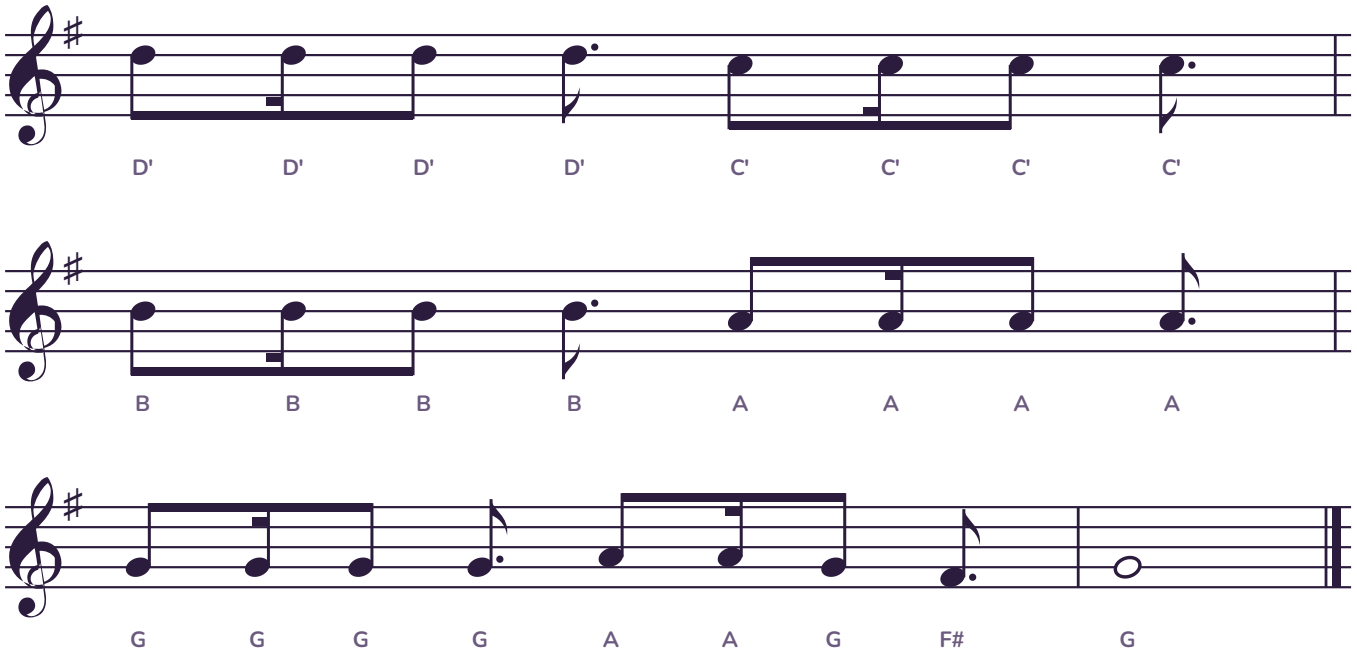
The notes & rhythm



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 G A A G F# G G G G G A A D´ D´ D´ D´ D´ D´ D´ C´ C´ C´ C´ B B B B A A A A G G G G A A G F# G

Ocarina fingerings

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)

D' · high D



Front · finger holes

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

Playing tips for Bele Mama

- 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.
- F# uses a cross-fingering: check that the holes around the open one stay firmly sealed.