A little challenge · 8 notes

How to play Il pleut, il pleut, bergère (It's Raining, Shepherdess) on the ocarina

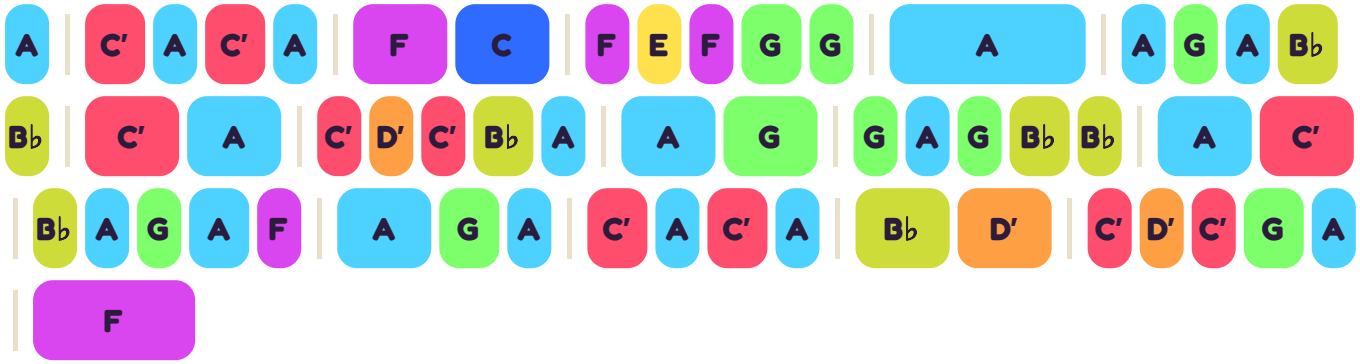


From the French children's & folk songs song pack.

Il pleut, il pleut, bergère (It's Raining, Shepherdess) ocarina notes with color coding & letters, sheet music, fingering diagrams, and interactive audio practice.

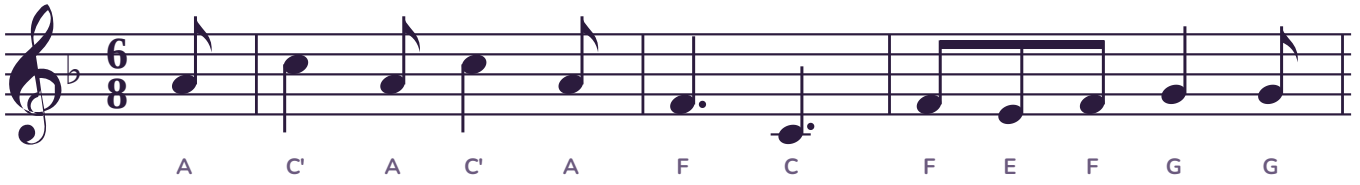
It uses 8 notes: **C**, **E**, **F**, **G**, **A**, **B♭**, **C'**, **D'**.
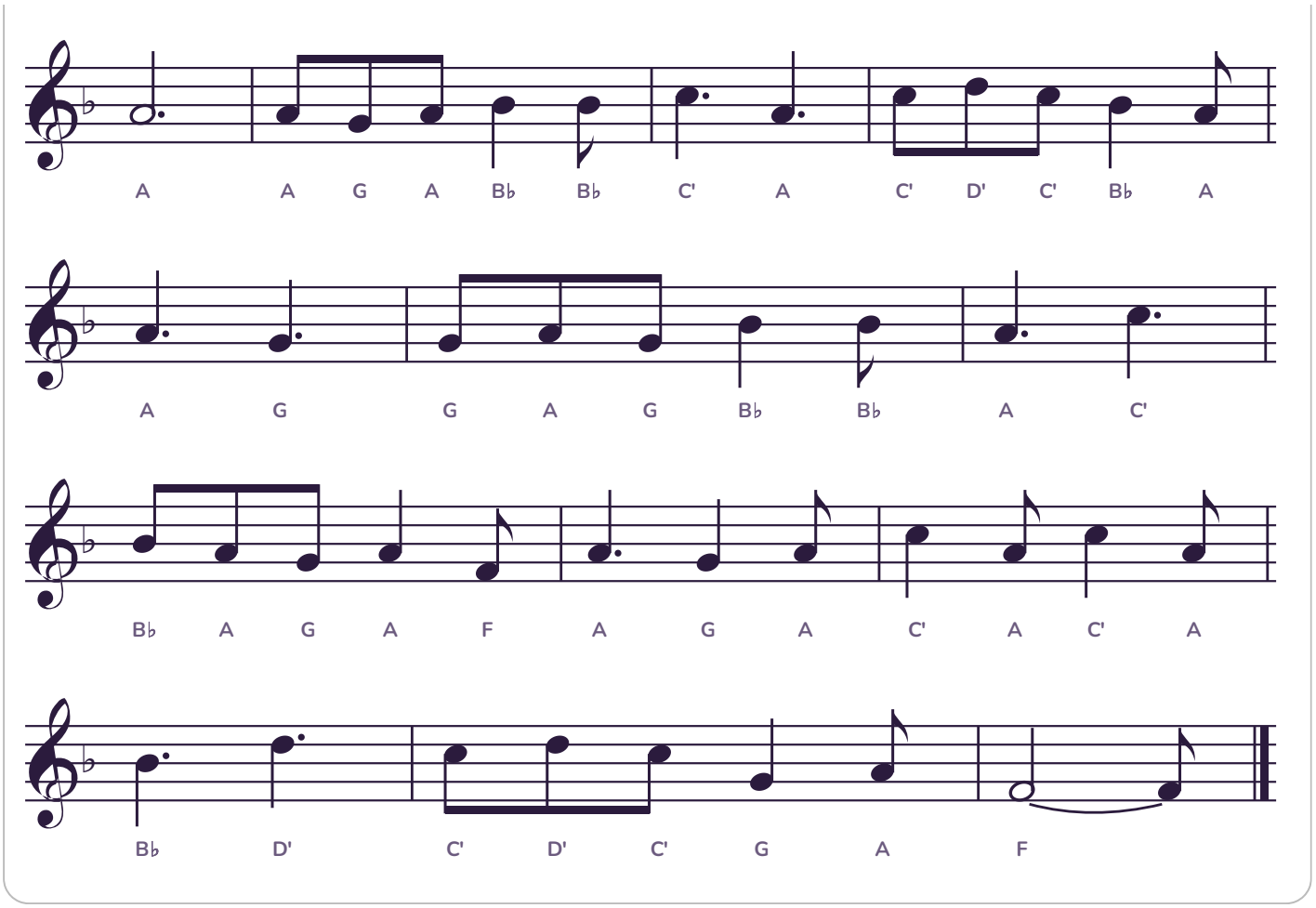
The notes & rhythm



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

Sheet music





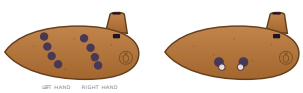
Standard treble clef notation with letter guides below each note.

The notes as letters

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

Ocarina fingerings

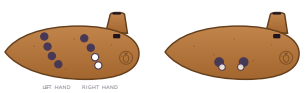
C · low C



Front · finger holes

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

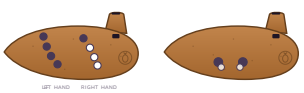
E · low E



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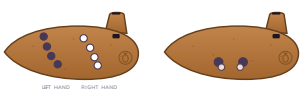
F · F



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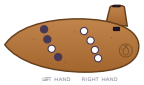
G · G



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A · A

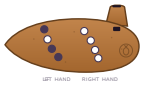


Front · finger holes



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

B♭ · B♭

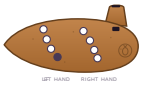


Front · finger holes



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

C' · high C

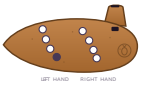


Front · finger holes



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 Il pleut, il pleut, bergère (It's Raining, Shepherdess)

- 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.
- B♭ uses a cross-fingering pattern. Keep the open hole free and blow with a steady, relaxed breath.