A little challenge · 7 notes

How to play Malbrough s'en va-t-en guerre (Malbrook Goes to War (For He's a Jolly Good Fellow)) on the ocarina

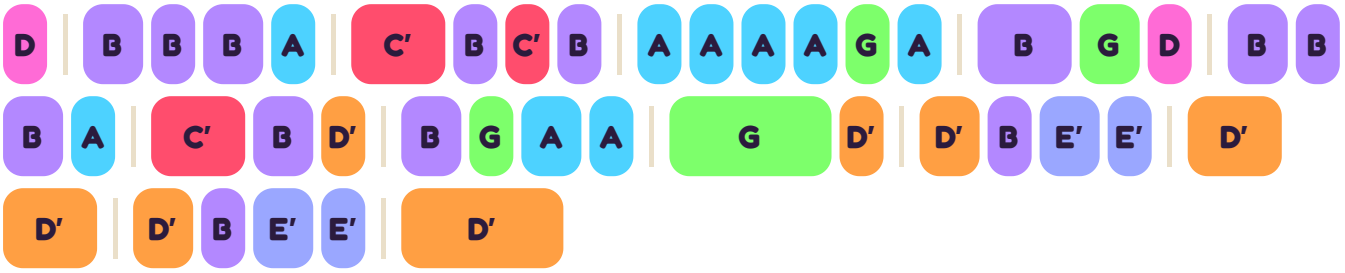


From the French children's & folk songs song pack.

Malbrough s'en va-t-en guerre (Malbrook Goes to War (For He's a Jolly Good Fellow)) ocarina notes with color coding & letters, sheet music, fingering diagrams, and interactive audio practice.

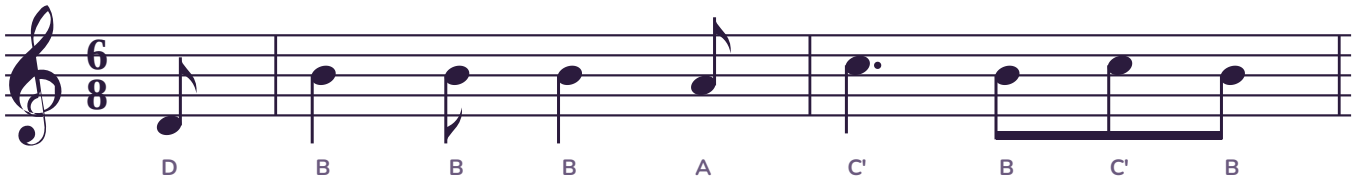
It uses 7 notes: **D**, **G**, **A**, **B**, **C'**, **D'**, **E'**.
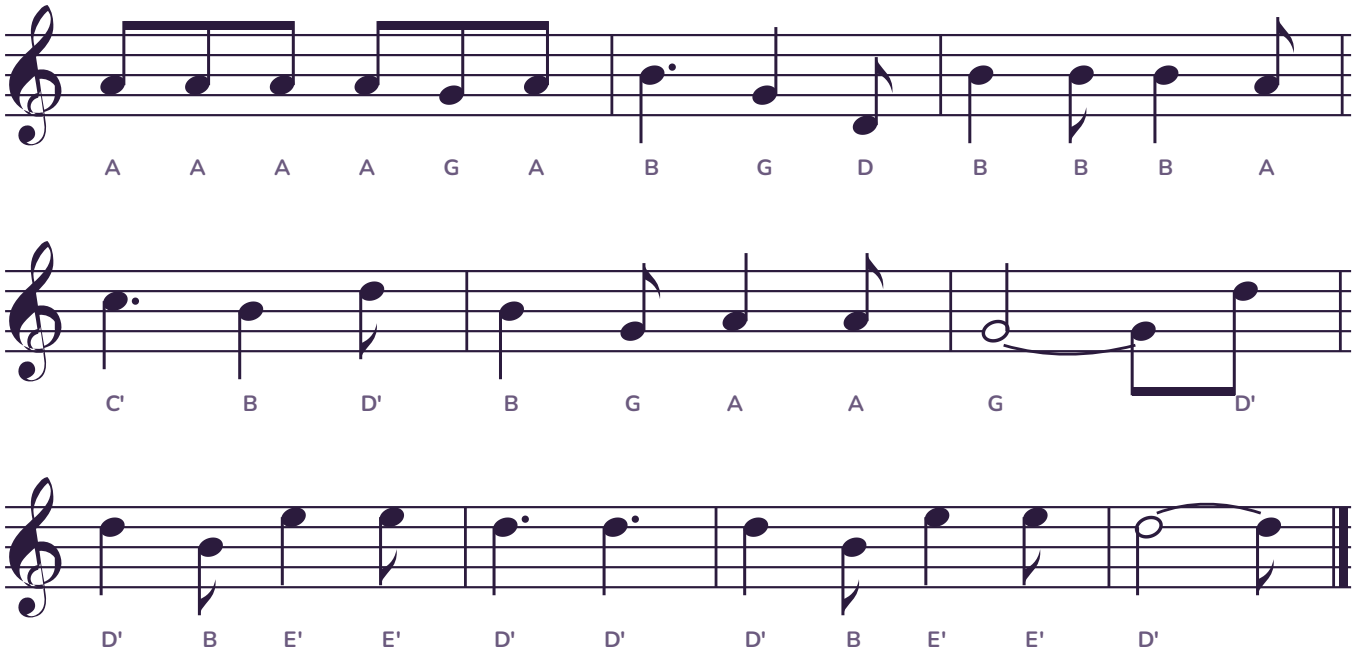
The notes & rhythm



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

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

Ocarina fingerings

D · low D



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)

E' · high E



Front · finger holes

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

Playing tips for Malbrough s'en va-t-en guerre (Malbrook Goes to War (For He's a Jolly Good Fellow))

- 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.
- The highest notes need firm, focused breath. Raise your breath slightly and keep the ocarina level so the airstream splits cleanly.