Easy · 5 notes

How to play La bella lavanderina (The Pretty Washerwoman) on the ocarina

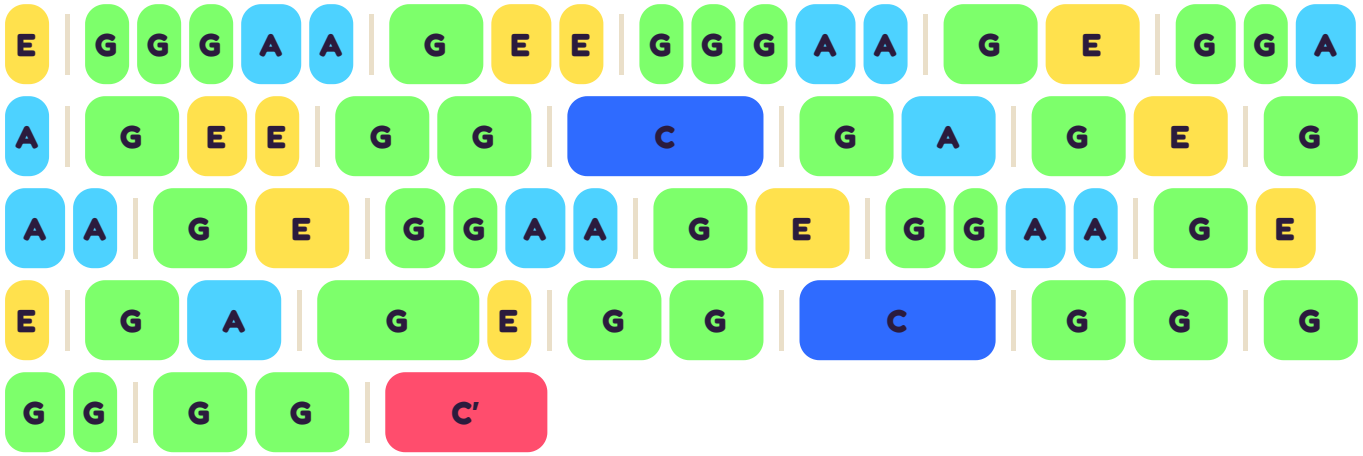


From the Italian children's & folk songs song pack.

La bella lavanderina (The Pretty Washerwoman) ocarina notes with color coding & letters, sheet music, fingering diagrams, and interactive audio practice.

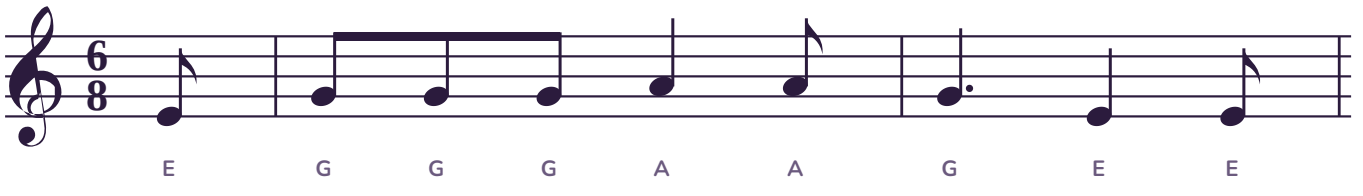
It uses 5 notes: **C**, **E**, **G**, **A**, **C'**.
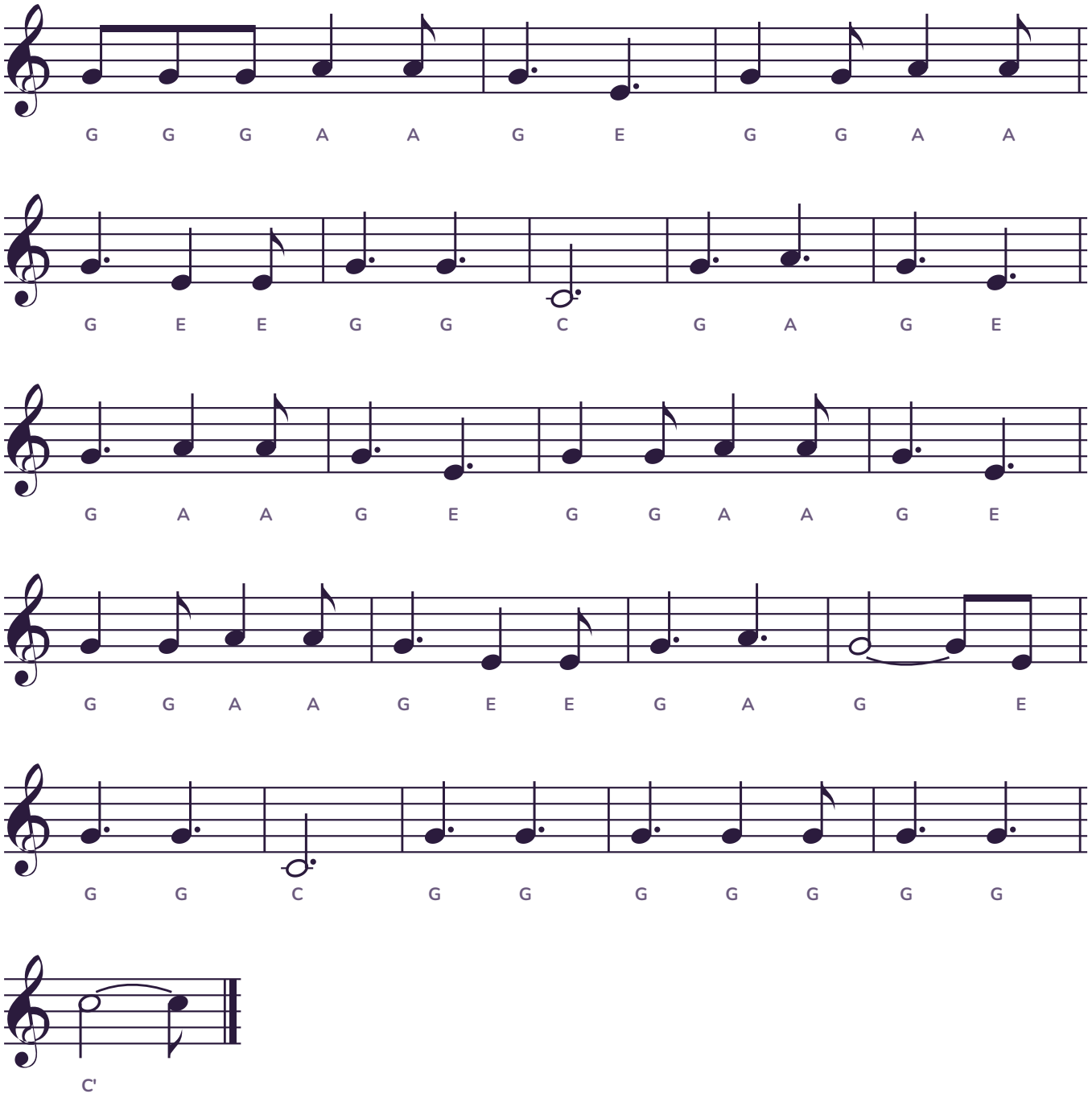
The notes & rhythm



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 G G G A A G E E G G G A A G E G G A A G E
E G G C G A G E G A A G E G G A A G E G G A
A G E E G A G E G G C G G G G G G G C´

Ocarina fingerings

C · low C

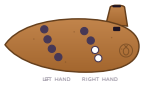


Front · finger holes



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

E · low E

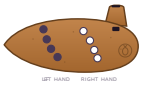


Front · finger holes



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

G · G

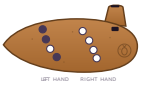


Front · finger holes



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

A · A

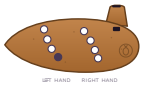


Front · finger holes



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

C' · high C



Front · finger holes



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

Playing tips for La bella lavanderina (The Pretty Washerwoman)

- 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.