A little challenge · 7 notes

How to play Yūyake Koyake (Sunset Glow) on the ocarina

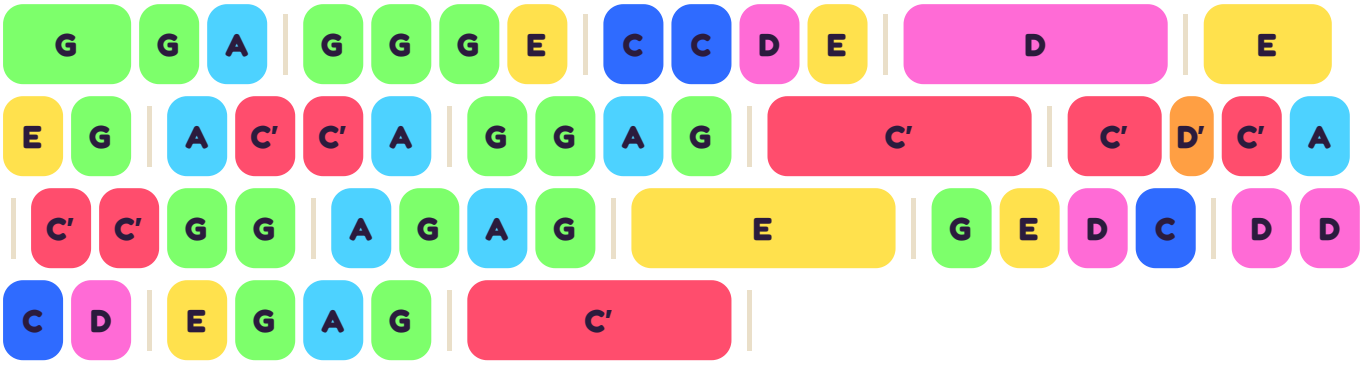


From the Japanese children's & folk songs song pack.

Yūyake Koyake (Sunset Glow) ocarina notes with color coding & letters, sheet music, fingering diagrams, and interactive audio practice.
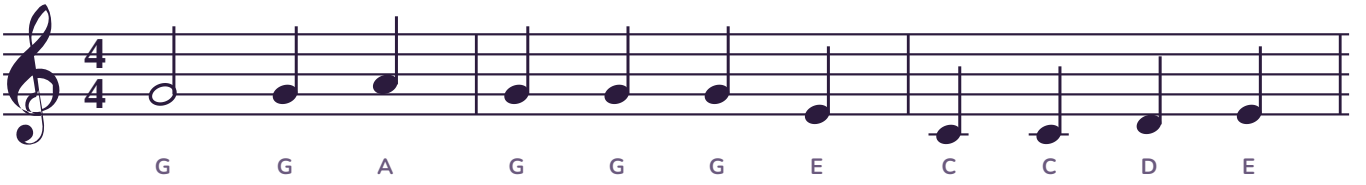
It uses 7 notes: **C**, **D**, **E**, **G**, **A**, **C'**, **D'**.

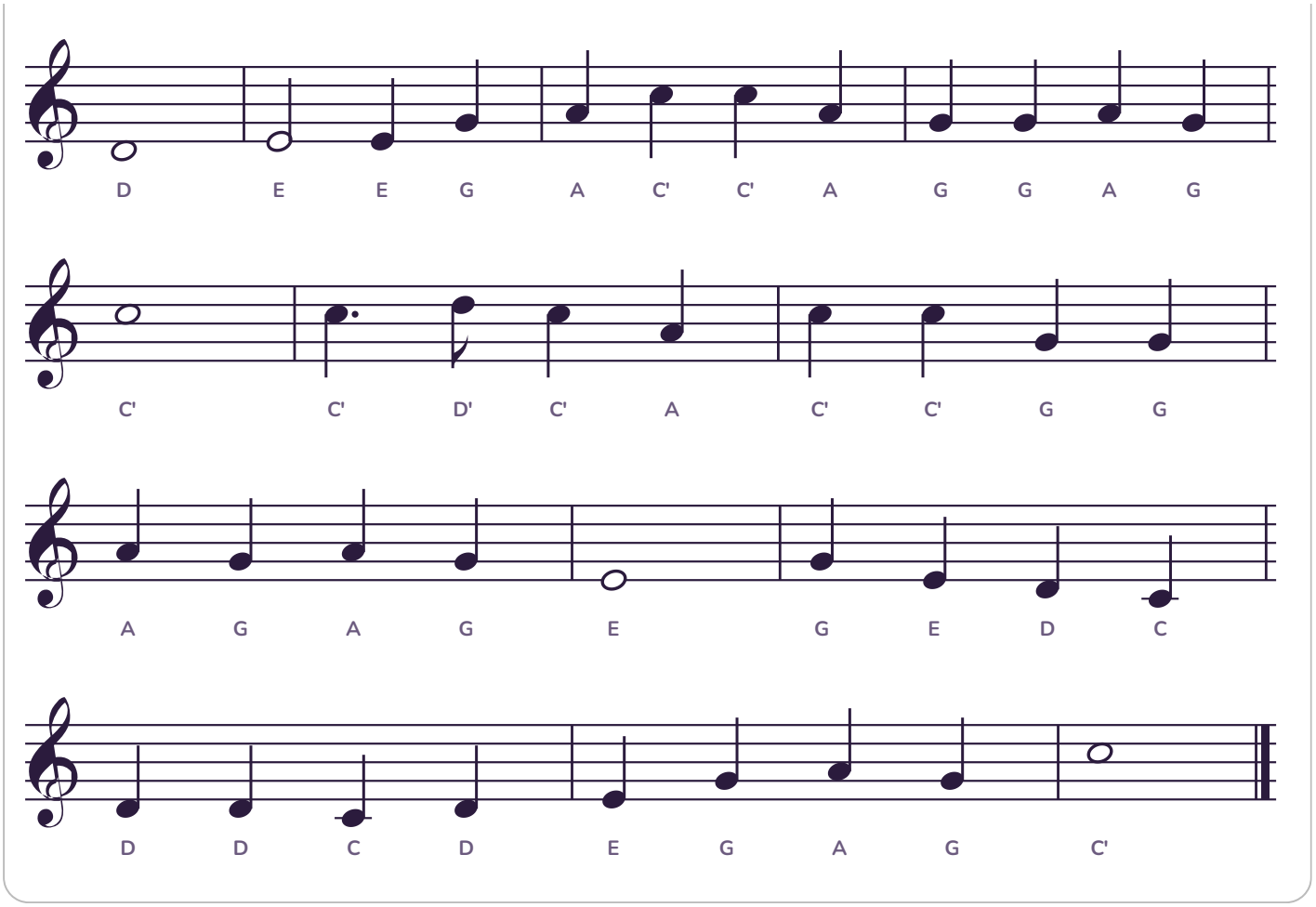
The notes & rhythm



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

Sheet music





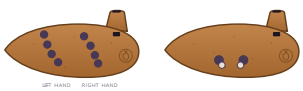
Standard treble clef notation with letter guides below each note.

The notes as letters

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

Ocarina fingerings

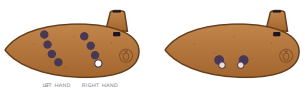
C · low C



Front · finger holes

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

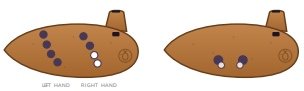
D · low D



Front · finger holes

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

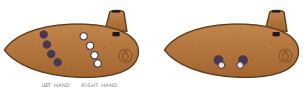
E · low E



Front · finger holes

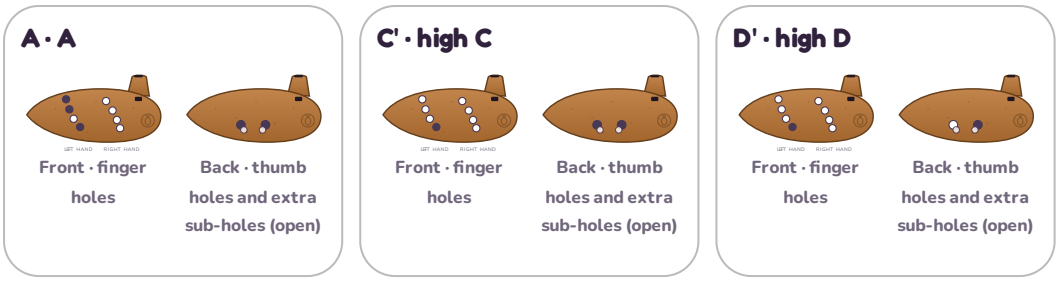
Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

G · G



Front · finger holes

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



Playing tips for Yūyake Koyake (Sunset Glow)

- 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.