A little challenge · 9 notes

How to play Pamulinawen on the ocarina

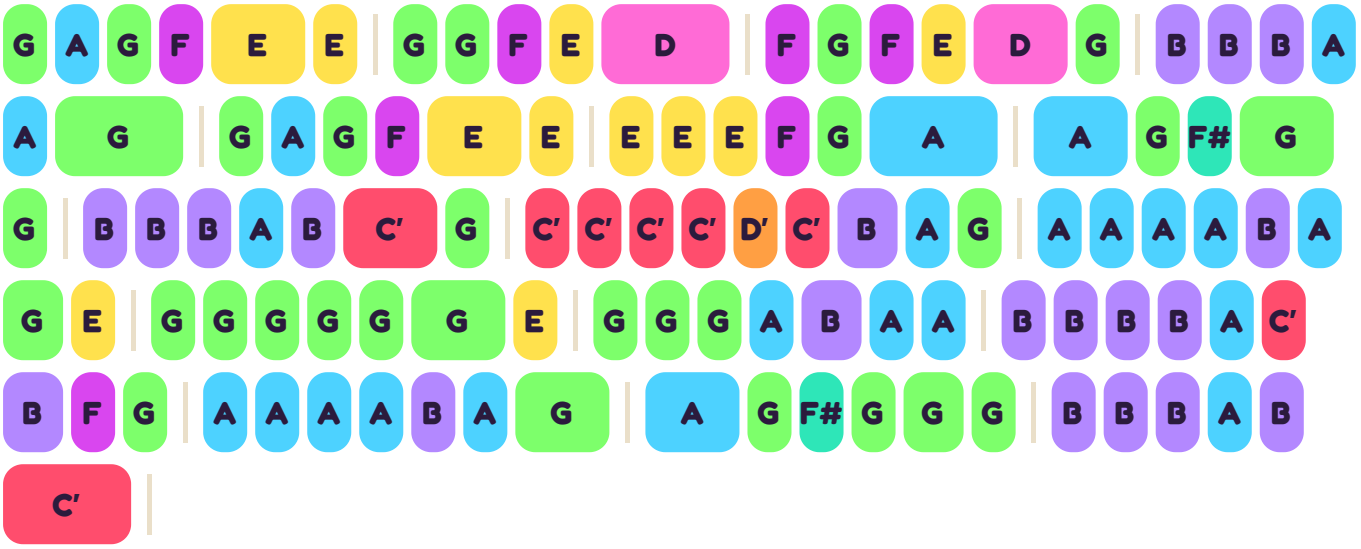


From the Philippine children's & folk songs song pack.

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

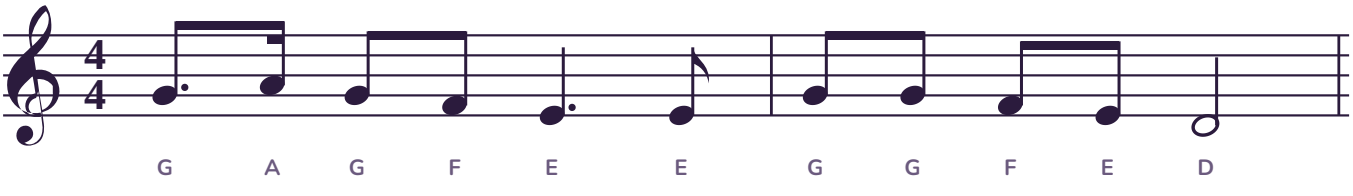
It uses 9 notes: **D**, **E**, **F**, **F#**, **G**, **A**, **B**, **C'**, **D'**.

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 A G F E E G G F E D F G F E D G B B B A A

G G A G F E E E E E F G A A G F# G G B B B A

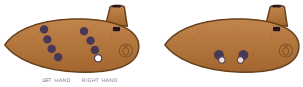
B C′ G C′ C′ C′ C′ D′ C′ B A G A A A A B A G

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

F G A A A A B A G A G F# G G G B B B A B C′

Ocarina fingerings

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)

F · F



Front · finger holes

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

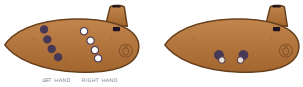
F# · F#



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 Pamulinawen

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