A little challenge · 8 notes

How to play Thula Baba on the ocarina

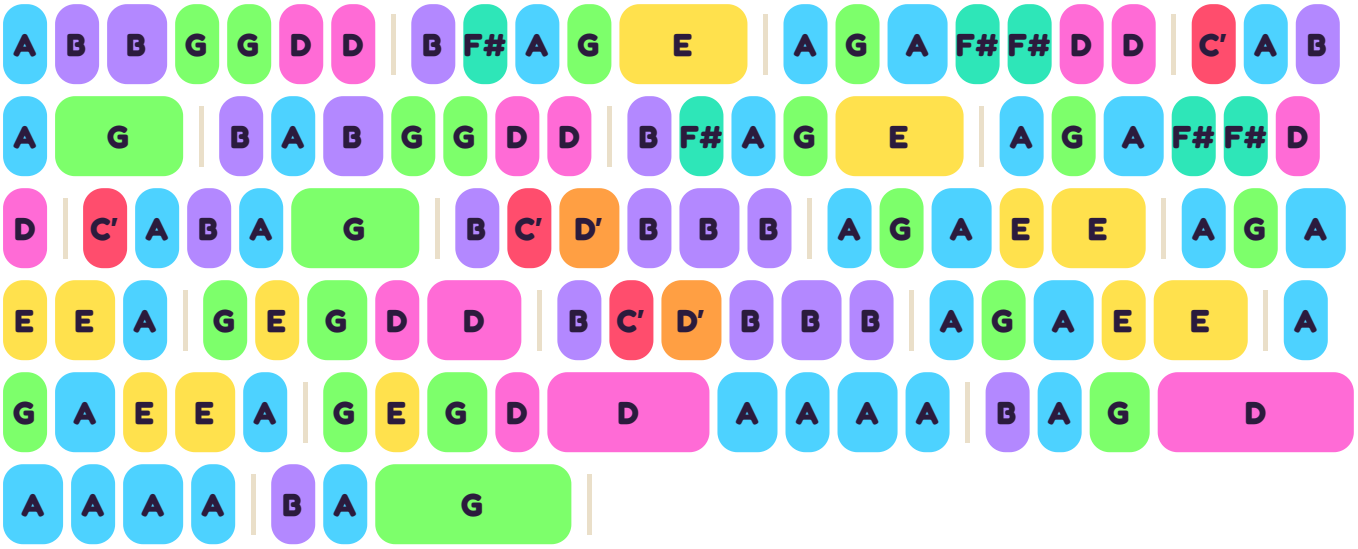


A free song from the South African children's & folk songs song pack.

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

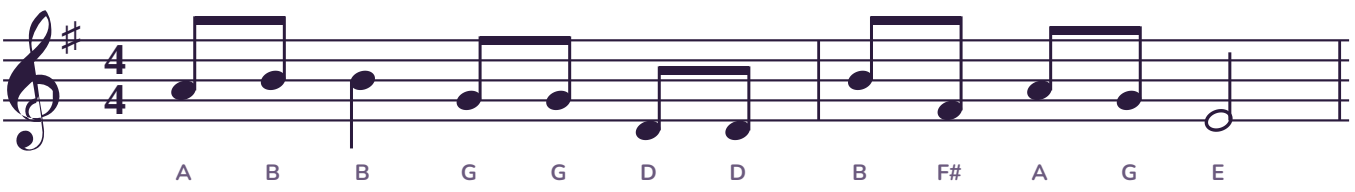
It uses 8 notes: **D**, **E**, **F#**, **G**, **A**, **B**, **C'**, **D'**.

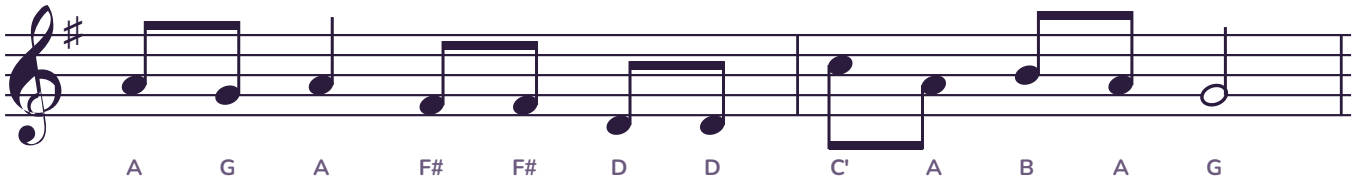
The notes & rhythm

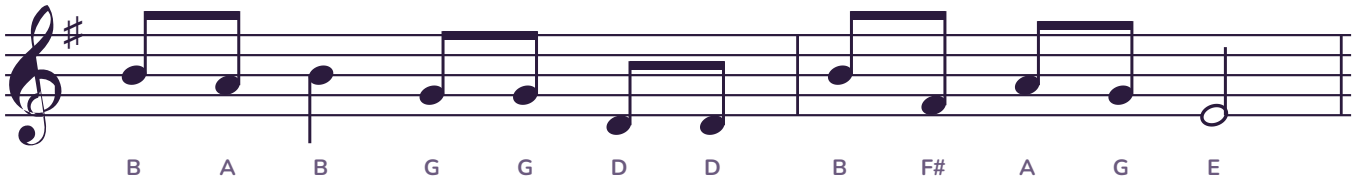


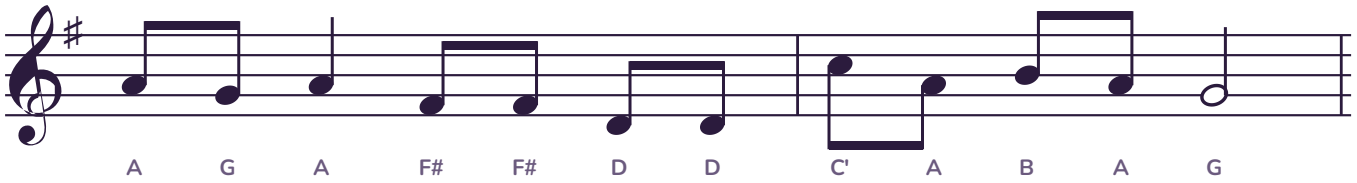
Longer blocks are longer notes; a vertical line marks each bar.

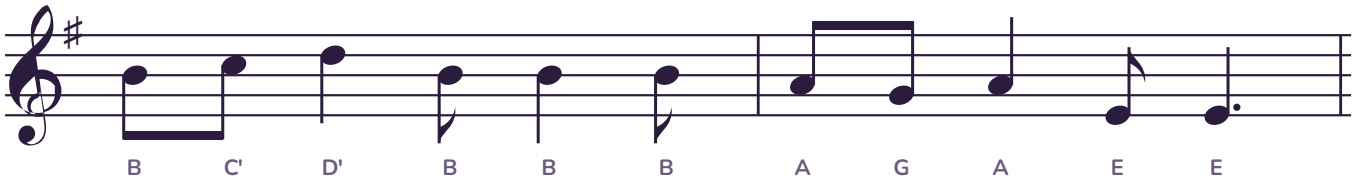
Sheet music



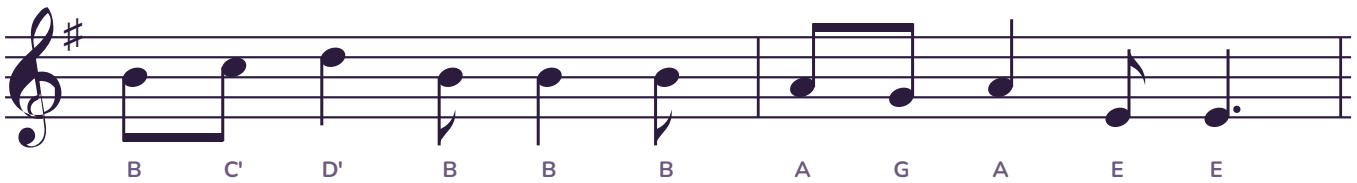

A G A F# F# D D C' A B A G


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


A G A F# F# D D C' A B A G


B C' D' B B B A G A E E


A G A E E A G E G D D


B C' D' B B B A G A E E


A G A E E A G E G D D


A A A A B A G D



Standard treble clef notation with letter guides below each note.

The notes as letters

A B B G G D D B F# A G E A G A F# F# D D C´
A B A G B A B G G D D B F# A G E A G A F# F#
D D C´ A B A G B C´ D´ B B B A G A E E A G A
E E A G E G D D B C´ D´ B B B A G A E E A G
A E E A G E G D D A A A A B A G D A A A A B
A G

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)

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 Thula Baba

- 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.