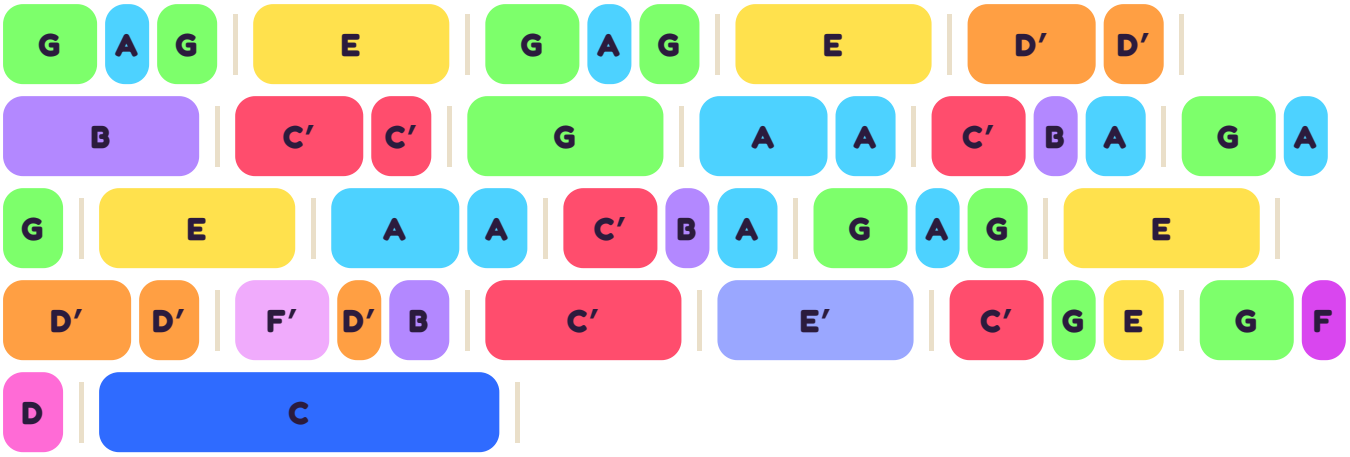
A little challenge · 11 notes

# How to play Silent Night on the ocarina

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

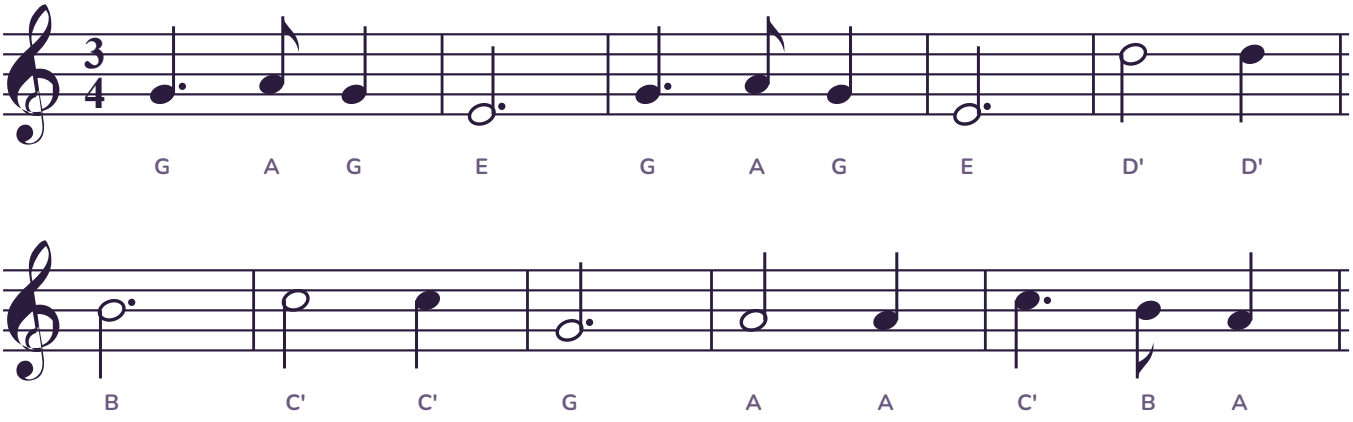
Franz Xaver Gruber's Austrian carol from 1818. A slow, gentle piece in 3/4 that reaches up to high F. It uses 11 notes: **C**, **D**, **E**, **F**, **G**, **A**, **B**, **C'**, **D'**, **E'**, **F'**.
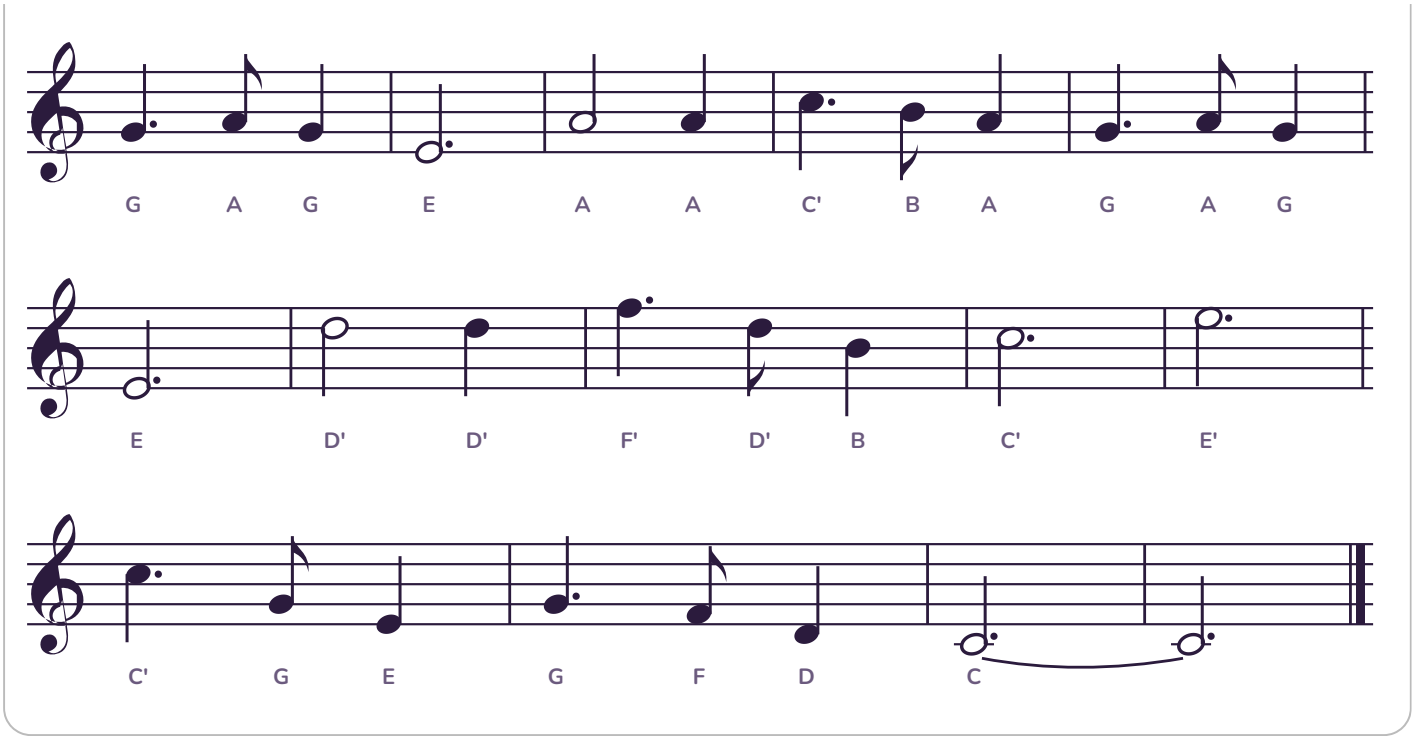
## The notes & rhythm




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 E G A G E D′ D′ B C′ C′ G A A C′ B A G
A G E A A C′ B A G A G E D′ D′ F′ D′ B C′ E′
C′ G E G F D 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)

### 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)

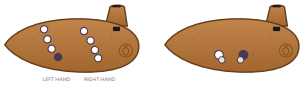
### C' · high C



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)

**E' · high E**



Front · finger holes

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

**F' · high F**



Front · finger holes

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

## Playing tips for Silent Night

- 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.