First Recorder Songs *easiest duets*

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Information Sheet

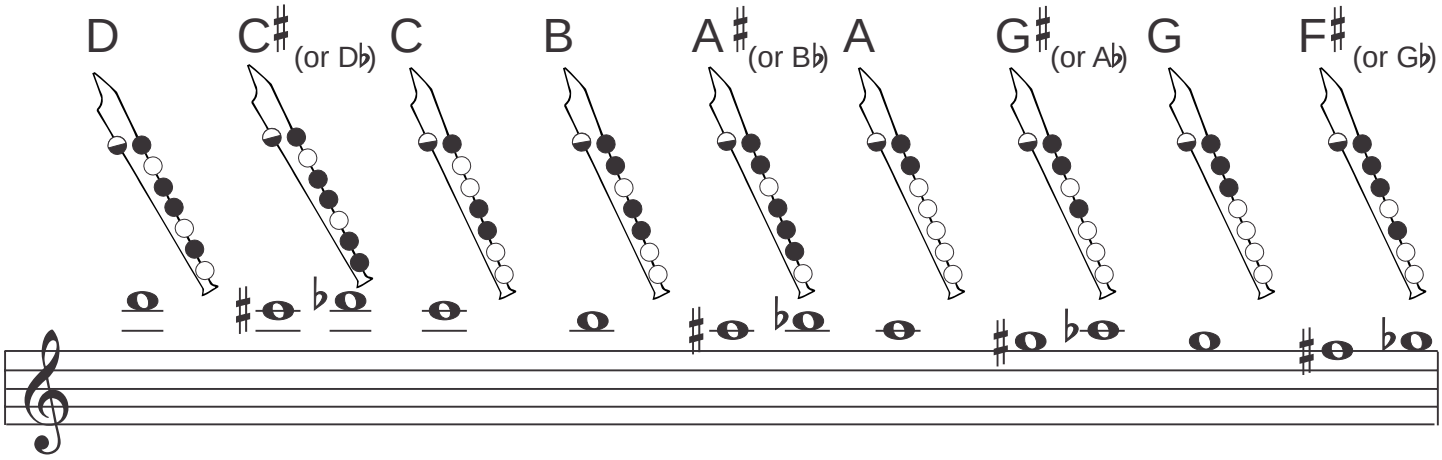
Tonguing

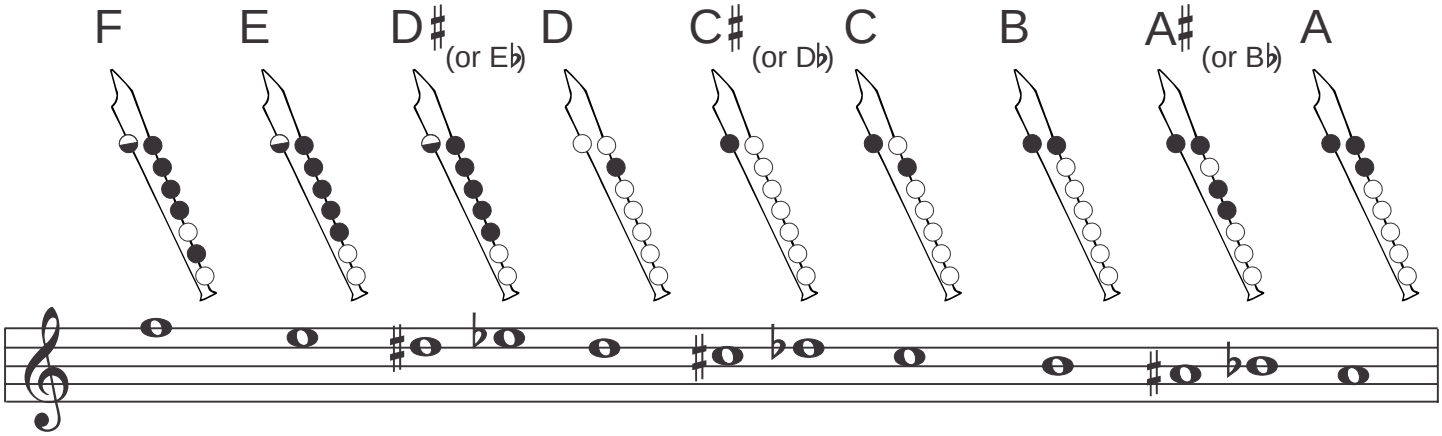
To make a good clean sound on your recorder, you need to practice tonguing. At the beginning of each note, make a ‘t’ sound with your tongue so that the note sounds nice and neat. The sound should start and finish perfectly evenly, like this line: You do not want your sound to look like this:

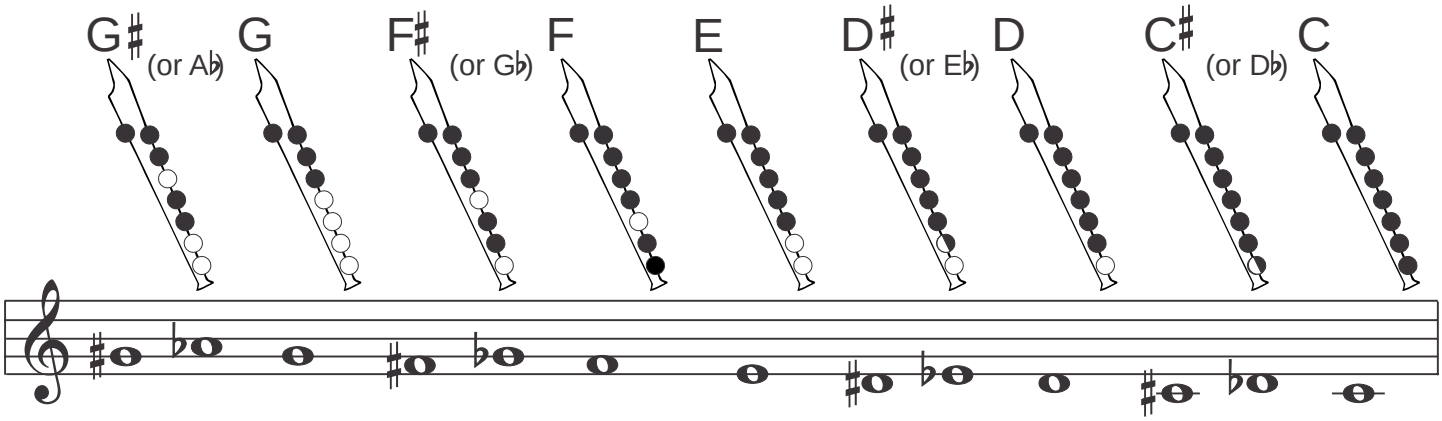
Start your note with a ‘t’ sound. When you finish your note, your tongue should be back where it was at the beginning of the ‘t’ sound.

Playing

Your right thumb is placed under the recorder and is only used as a support for it.
Keep your fingers close to the holes, ready to play.
Cover the holes with the pads of your fingers, not with the tips. Your fingers need to be fairly straight.
The holes need to be covered completely.







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Beginners Bounce

To make this tune really bounce, softly say the letter ‘T’ under your breath as you play each note.

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Playsheet 2

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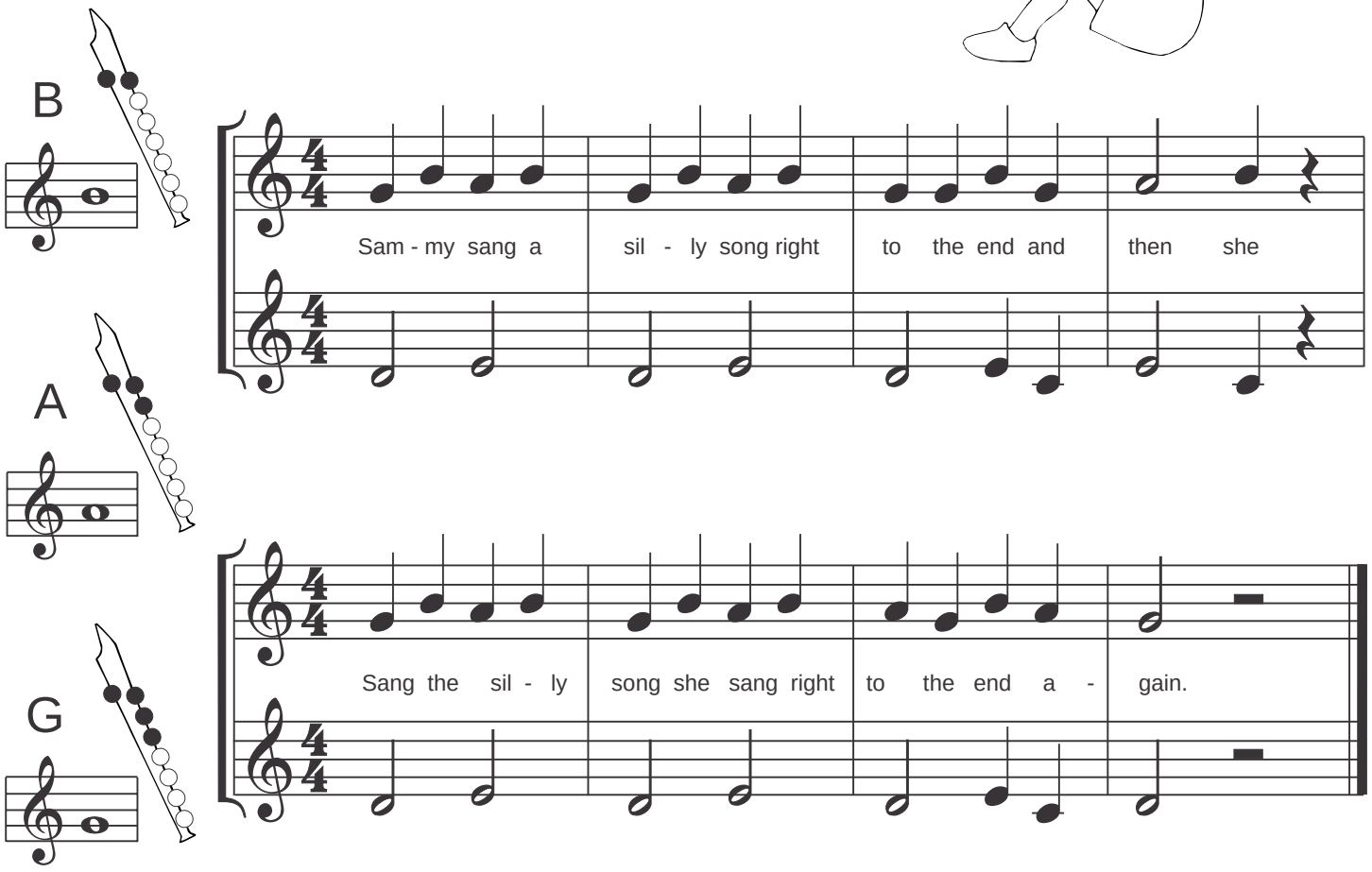
Sam's Silly Song

B

A

G



Sam Plays D

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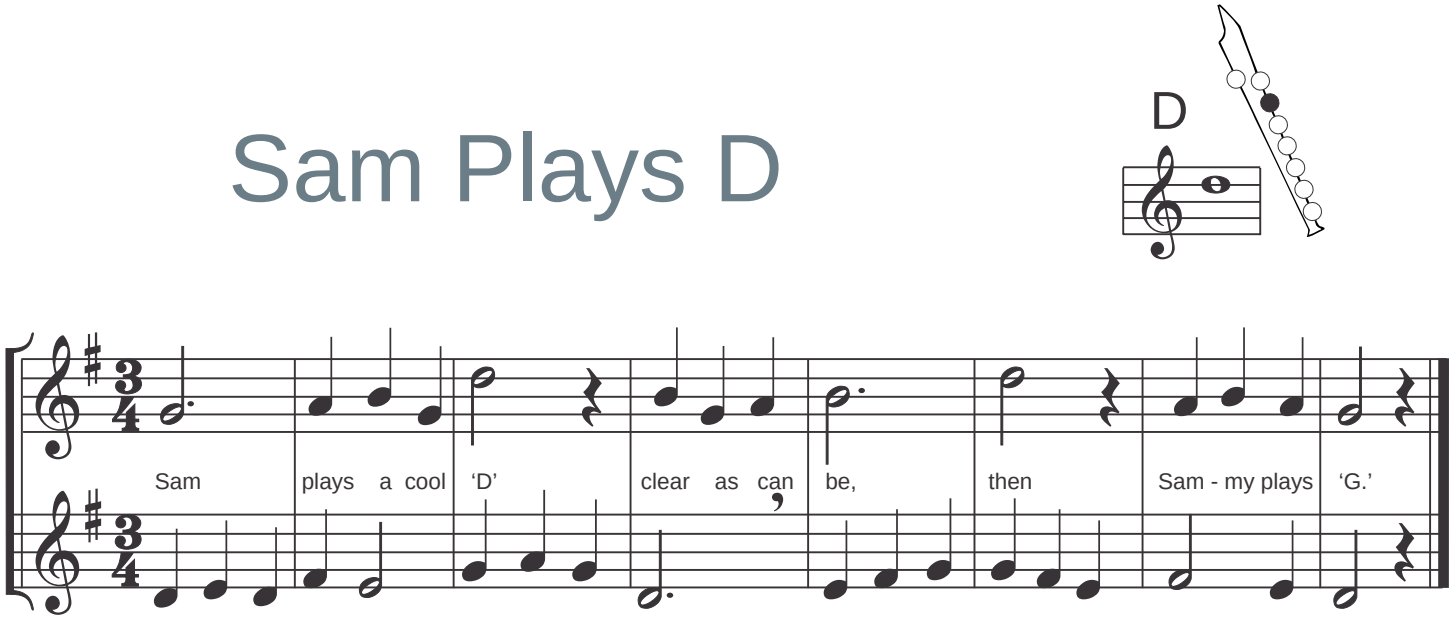

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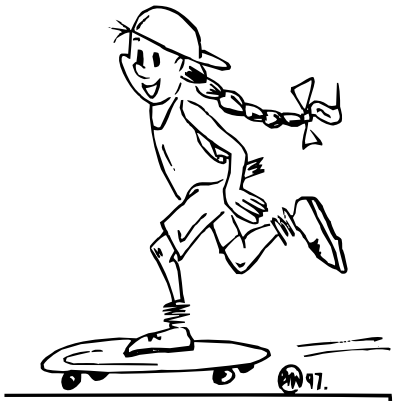

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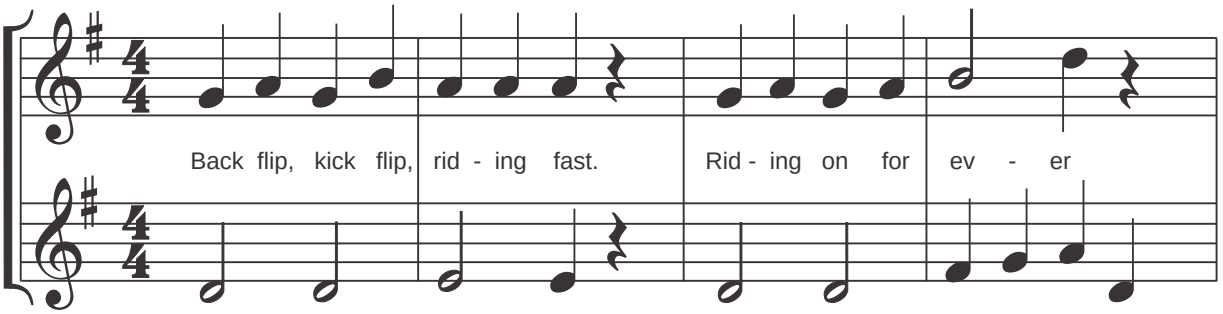

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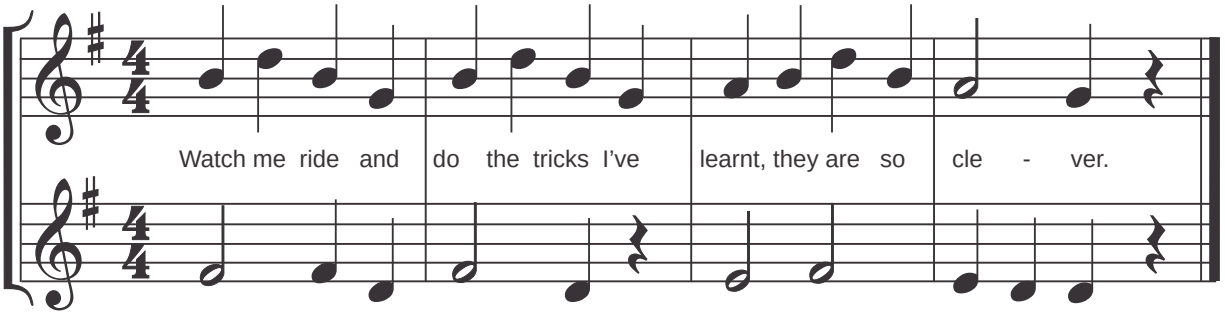

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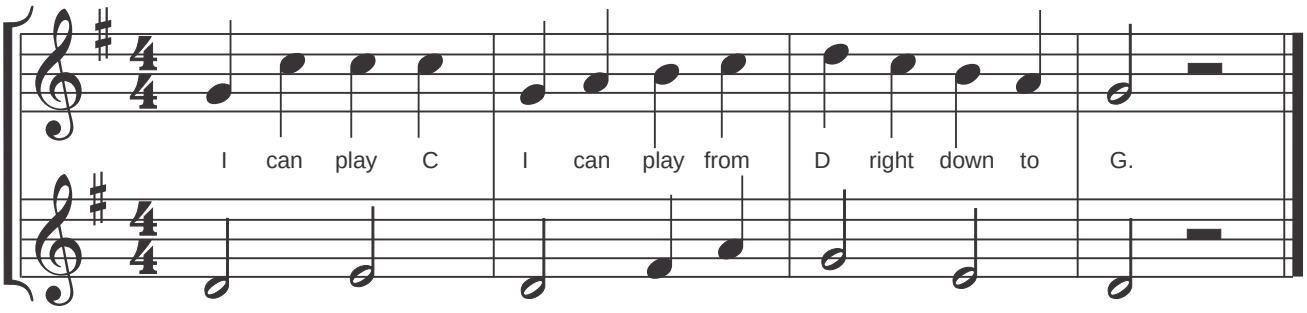

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Playsheet 4

My Teddy

D

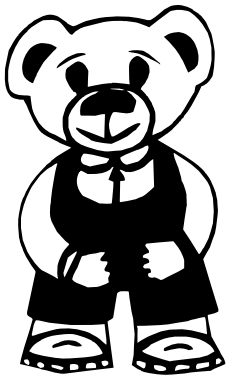
I have a ted - dy he sits on my bed,

C

He has a big nose and I call him Fred.

Though he is tat - tered and though he's not new.

He's still my fav' - rite, I love him, I do.



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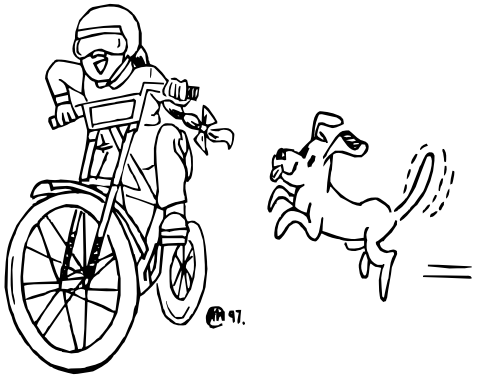

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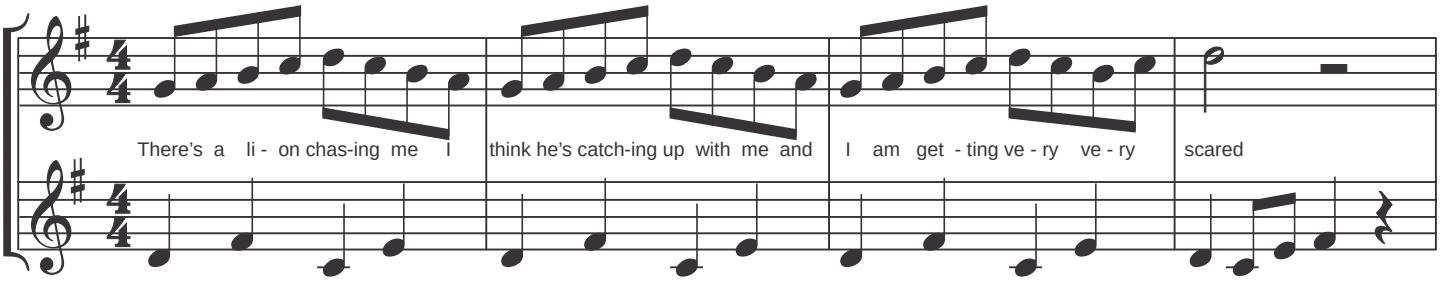

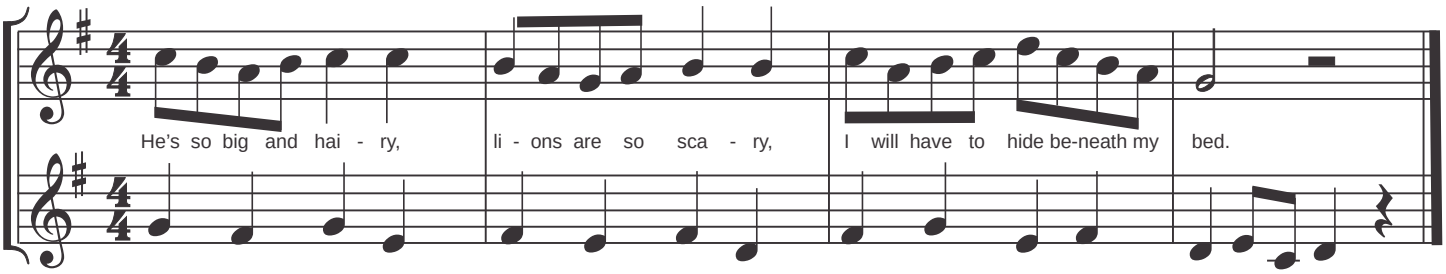

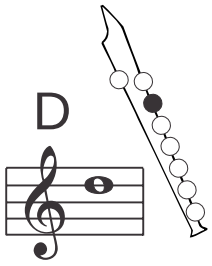

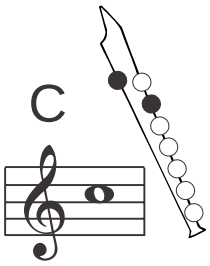

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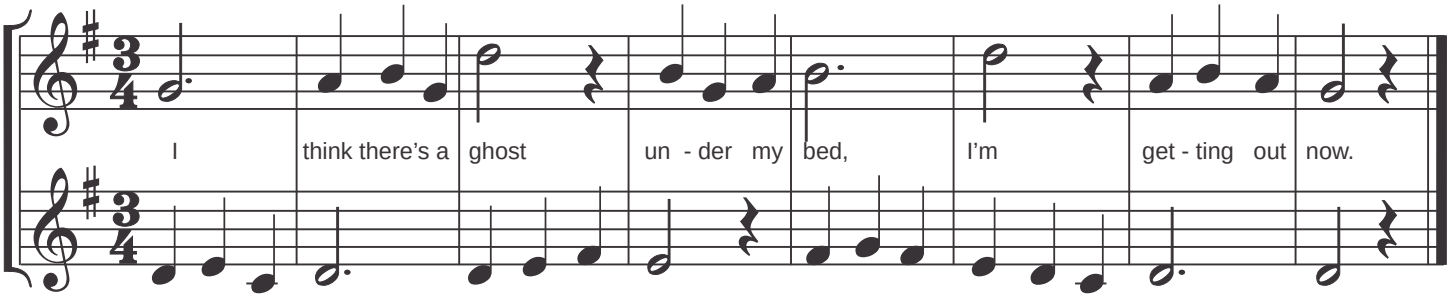

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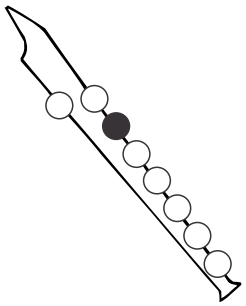
The Big Drum



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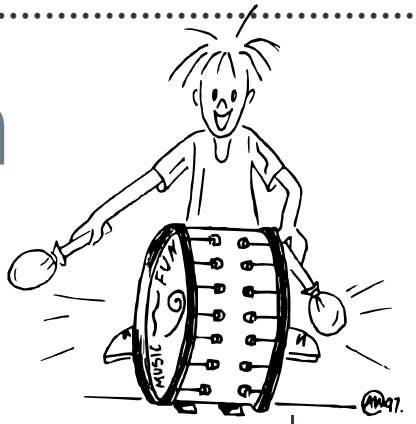

Sal - ly plays the sax - o - phone and Tim can play gui - tar to - day.

Kim is good at sing - ing songs, but none of that's for me.

Let me play the big drum. Let me make a real sound. Lis - ten to the rhy - thm I can play.

This is so ex - ci - ting! Watch me I'm a drum-mer! That's what I will be!

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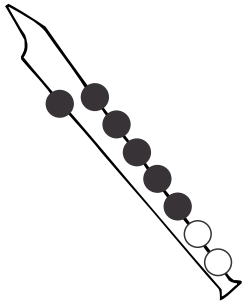
Monkey Business



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Have you ev - er seen my mon - key swing - ing from a tree

With its tail a - round the bran - ches free as it can be?

If you saw it would you join it, keep it com - pa - ny?

I'll go swing - ing with my mon - key, will you come with me?

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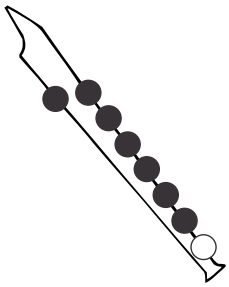
Summer Farewell



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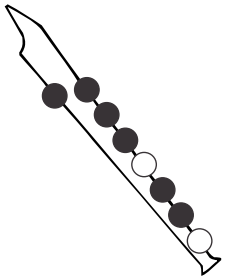

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Sum - mer is o - ver, nights are get - ting cold - er

Cool winds are blow - ing, leaves are fall - ing down.

Rust - ling all a - round me, yell - ow red and brown, see

All of them fall - ing, down on top of me.