

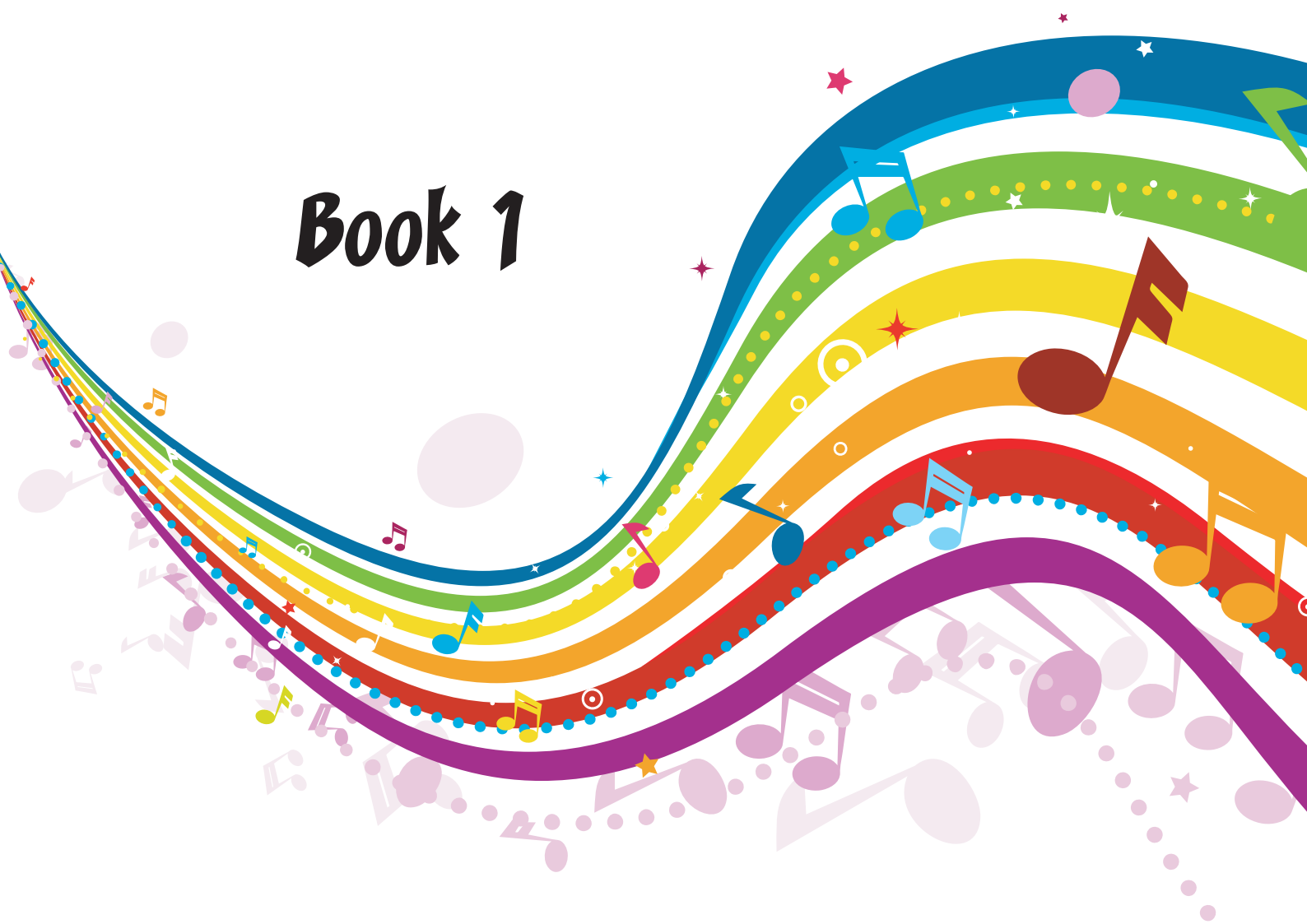
wak! a TUNE

SONGBOOK

*Easy to play familiar
Tunes and Nursery Rhymes*

PERCUSSION 
Plus

Book 1



In this book you will find a collection of easy to play familiar tunes which will have you playing the Wak-a-Tubes in no time. The tunes are ordered within the book by the number of tubes needed to play each song. The necessary tubes are written in the top left hand corner of each page of the song.








If you have a pianist / guitarist or keyboard player who would like to join in too then they will find all the chord symbols they need written above the music.

A little bit about reading music:

Music, like a ticking clock has a steady beat.

Written music it is broken into equal visible bars (much like chocolate which can be broken into equal pieces!). At the beginning of each song you will see the time signature which tells you how many beats to count in each bar. The top number is for the number of beats and the lower number tells you what type of beats either crotchets or quavers. In this book you will find music with 2, 3 and 4 beats in a bar.

The different time lengths of notes are shown as follows:

-  semibreve which has 4 counts
-  dotted minim which has 3 counts
-  minim which has 2 counts
-  crotchet which has 1 count
-  quaver which is for half a beat.
-  dotted quaver which is for three quarters of a beat.
-  semi quaver which is for an eighth of a beat

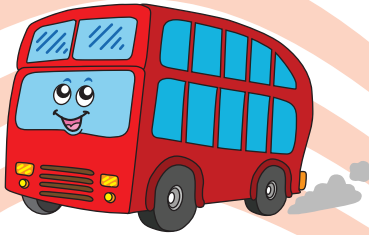
The different musical notes have all been printed in colour to match the wak-a-tubes.

In some of these songs, a few notes have been altered slightly to fit in with the diatonic octave range of Wak-a-Tubes but you will still recognise the tune.

For other material written by Mini Minstrels please see www.miniminstrels.com

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A Big Red Bus

4 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,G

Nursery Rhyme

1 C G C

A big red bus, a big red bus, a mi-ni mi-ni mi-ni and a big red bus. A

6 G C

big red bus, a big red bus, a mi-ni mi-ni mi-ni and a big red bus. Fer - ar - i Fer -

11 G C

ar - i. A mi-ni mi-ni mi-ni and a big red bus. Fer - ar - i Fer -

15 G C

ar - i. A mi - ni mi - ni mi - ni and a big red bus.

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3 Notes
Tubes: G,E,D



Banana Song

Unknown

A musical staff in 4/4 time with a treble clef. The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics are written below the staff: "Peel ba - na - na. Peel - peel ba - na - na." There are two orange musical notes at the end of the staff.

Peel ba - na - na. Peel - peel ba - na - na.

2. Chop Banana, Chop Chop, Banana
3. Mash Banana, Mash Mash, Banana
4. Eat Banana, Eat Eat, Banana
5. Shake Banana, Shake Shake, Banana
6. Drink Banana, Drink Drink, Banana
7. Go Bananas, Go Go, Bananas

This song has a 'contagious' rhythm, which is just 'off' the beat. You may find yourself singing it all day, to the annoyance of your friends!
Kids love it!

Sounds great with a 'reggae' beat if you have keyboard close by.





The Blue Danube

7 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,A,C¹

Johann Strauss

Musical staff 1 (measures 1-8). Chord: C

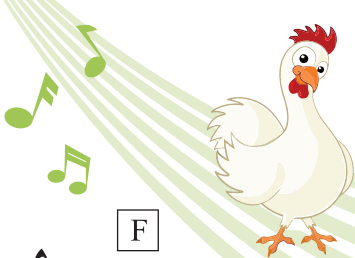
Musical staff 2 (measures 9-16). Chord: C

Musical staff 3 (measures 17-24). Chord: F

Musical staff 4 (measures 25-29). Chords: G7, C

Musical staff 5 (measures 30-32). Chords: F, G7, C





Chick, Chick, Chicken

6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,,F,G,A,C'

Fred Holt/Thomas McGhee
& Irving King 1925

1 F G7 C F

Chick chick chick chick chick- en... Lay a lit-tle egg for me. Chick chick chick chick

6 G C F B^b

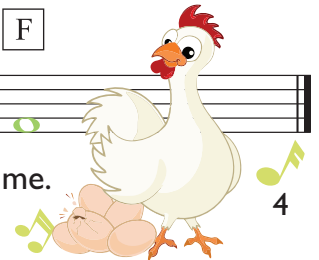
chick- en... I want one for my tea. I have-n't had an egg since East-er and

11 G C C7 F

now it's half past three so chick chick chick chick

14 D7 G C7 F

chick - en. Lay a lit - tle egg for me.



Tune: English Folk Song
Mini Minstrels (lyricists)

English Country Garden

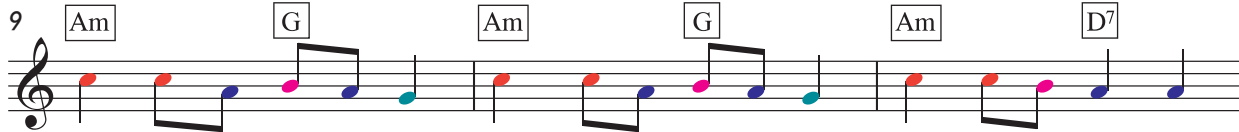
7 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,A,C¹



How man-y mi - ni beasts do you know that are liv - ing in your gar - den?



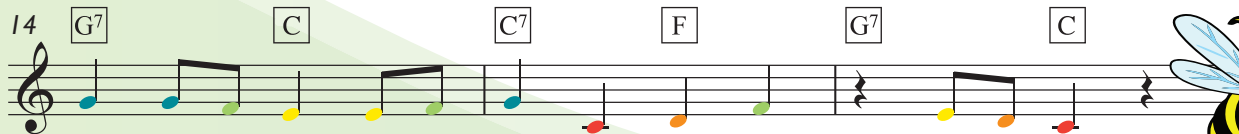
I'll tell you now of some that I know that are liv - ing in your gar - den,



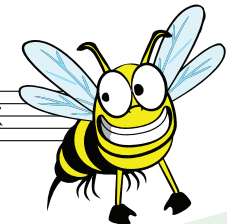
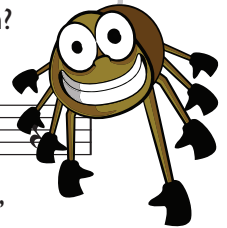
Ants worms and snails and slugs bees, spi - ders la - dy bugs. They are all there for



you to - see if you look ve - ry close by



grass and mud you will find them in your gar - den.

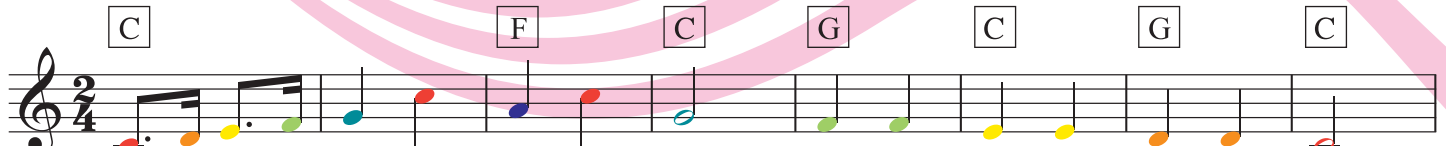


6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,F,G,A,C'

I'm a Little Teapot

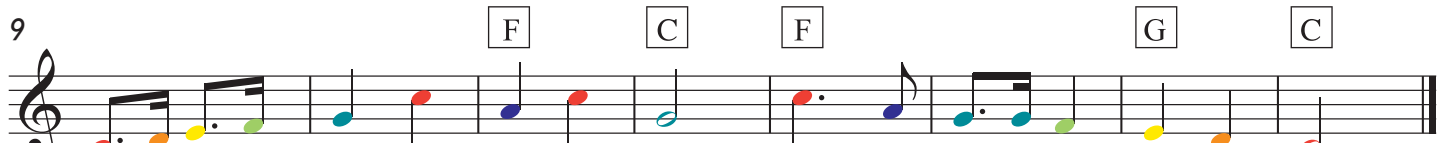
Nursey Rhyme

C F C G C G C



I'm a lit - tle tea - pot short and stout. Here's my hand - le, here's my spout.

9 F C F G C



When I get all steamed up hear me shout Tip me ov - er and pour me out.

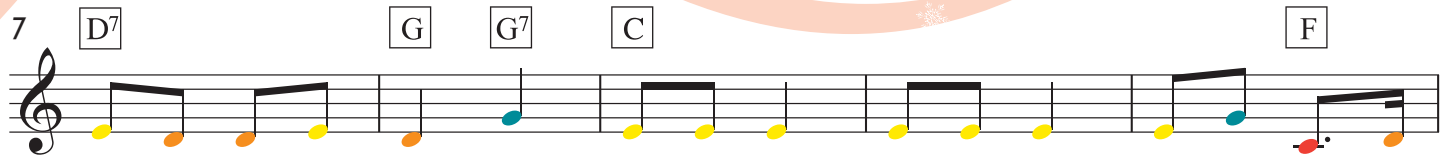


Jingle Bells

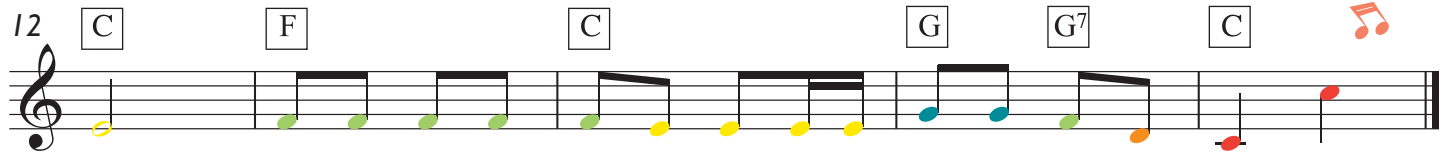
6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,C!



Jin-gle Bells, Jin-gle Bells, Jin-gle all the way. Oh what fun it is to ride in a



one horse op - en sleigh. Heigh! Jin - gle Bells, Jin - gle Bells, Jin - gle all the



way. Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse op - en sleigh. Heigh!

Verse 2 Wak-a-Tube, Wak-a-Tube, Wak-a-Tube today
Lots of fun for everyone, so come,
join in and play (repeat)





4 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,G

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Nursery Rhyme

[C] [G] [C]

Mar - y had a lit - tle lamb, lit - tle lamb, lit - tle lamb.

[G] [C]

Mar - y had a lit - tle lamb. It's fleece was white as snow.



Michael Finnegan

7 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,A,C¹

Trad. Folk Song



1 F C7

There was an old man named Mich - ael Fin-neg- an. He grew whisk - ers

5 F

on his chin-neg- an! The wind came out and blew them in ag - ain.

8 C7 F

Poor old Mich - ael Fin - neg - an... be - gin ag - ain!






6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,A

The Muffin Man

Traditional

Chord boxes: F, B \flat , C



Do you know the muf - fin man, the muf - fin man, the muf - fin man?

Chord boxes: F, B \flat , C, F

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Do you know the muf - fin man, who lives on Dru - ry Lane?



The Music Man

6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,A

Folksong

1 C G⁷

I am the mu-sic man, I come from down your way and I can play, what can you

8 C

play? I play pi - an - o. Pi - a pi - a pi - a - no

14 G⁷ C G⁷ C

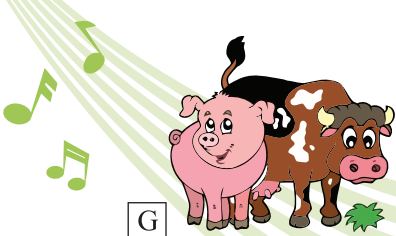
pi - a - no pi - a - no pi - a - pi - a pi - a - no pi - a pi - a - no.

Verse 2 I play the saxophone... saxo, saxo, saxophone...

Verse 3 I play the bass drum... big bass, big bass, big bass drum...

Verse 4 I play the wak-a-tube, wak-a, wak-a, wak-a-tube...





Old MacDonald

5 Notes
Tubes: D, E, G, A, B

Irish Trad. Folk Song

1 G C G D7 G

Old Mac-Don-ald had a farm. E - I - E - I - O. And on that farm he

6 C G D7 G

had some pigs. E - I - E - I - O. With an oink-oink here and an oink-oink there.

11

Here an oink, there an oink, Ev - ry - where an oink, oink.

13 C G D7 G

Old Mac - Don - ald had a farm. E - I - E - I - O.



7 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,A,C¹

On Top of Spaghetti

Tom Glazier (lyricist)

Tune - Traditional

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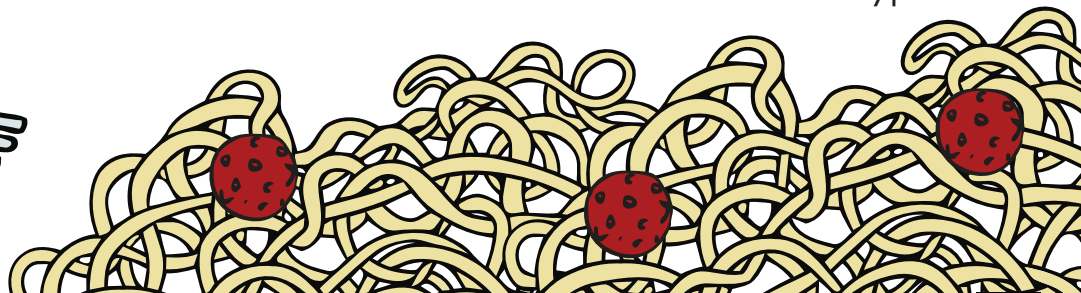
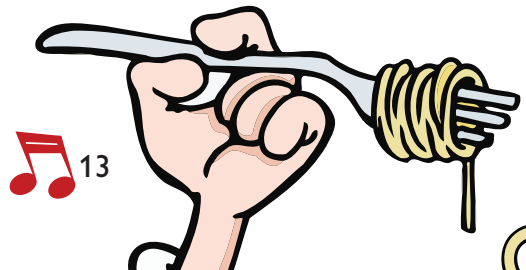
On top of spag - het - ti, _____ all cov - ered in cheese _____ I

10

lost my poor meat ball _____ when some - bo - dy sneezed! _____ It

18

rolled off the ta - ble _____ and on to the floor _____ and then my poor



27 G⁷ C F

meat ball _____ rolled right out the door. It rolled out the gar -

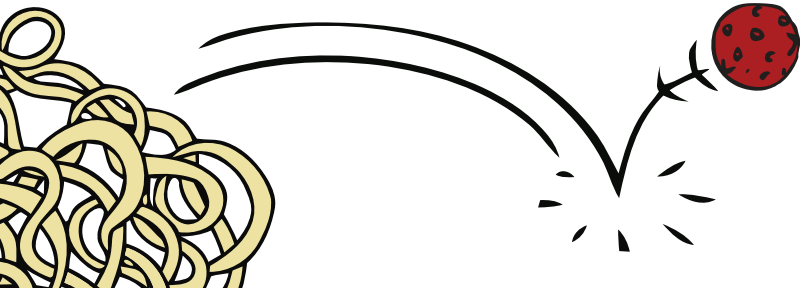
36 C

den _____ and un - der a bush _____ and then my poor

43 G⁷ C F Fm C

meat ball _____ was noth - ing but mush! _____

Alternative lyrics: (by Mini Minstrels)
 On top of my pizza, all covered in cheese
 I lost my pepperoni, when dad had to sneeze
 It flew off the table and onto the floor
 and then our dog Basher picked it up with his paw!
 He knew it was naughty, i wasn't to pleased
 Next time we'll have pasta if Dad's got a sneeze



Pop Goes the Weasel

6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,A

Nursey Rhyme

C G C G C

Half a pound of Tup-pen-ny rice. Half a pound of trea - cle.

9 G C F G C

That's the way the mo - ney - goes. Pop! goes the wea - sel.

2nd Verse.

Up and down the City Road
In and out the Eagle
That's the way the money goes
Pop! goes the weasel



Row, Row, Row Your Boat

6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,C¹

Nursey Rhyme

[C] [G⁷]

Row, row, row your boat. Gent - ly down the stream.

9 [C] [G⁷] [C]

Mer-ri - ly Mer-ri - ly Mer-ri - ly Mer-ri - ly. Life is but a dream.

2nd Verse.

Rock, rock, rock your boat,
gently down the stream.
If you see a crocodile
don't forget to scream. Arrgh!



Shortnin' Bread

Afro-American Traditional


C

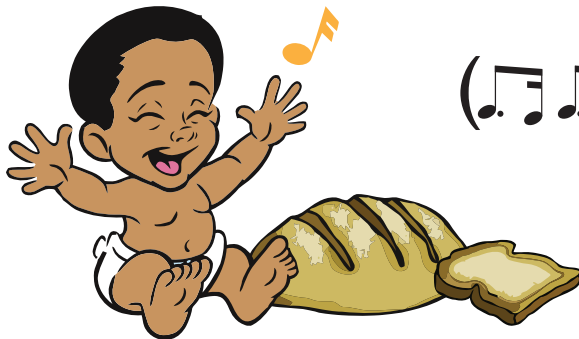
Mam - ma's lit - tle ba - by loves short - nin' short - nin'.

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Mam - ma's lit - tle ba - by loves short - nin' bread

You can play this song with a slight swing

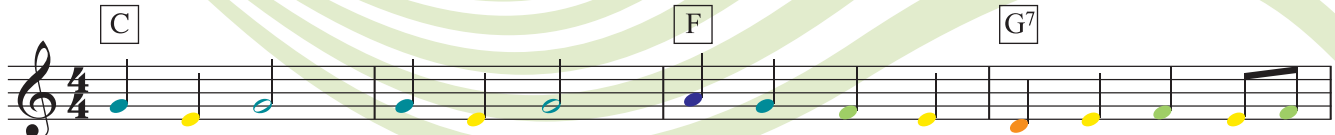
() ...more in a 'cowboy' style! Yee-ha!



6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F, G,A


This Old Man

Nursery Rhyme



Musical notation for the first line of the song. It features a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Above the staff, three chord boxes are labeled 'C', 'F', and 'G7'. The notes are color-coded: blue, yellow, cyan, purple, green, orange, and red.

This old man, he played one. He played knick knack on my thumb with a



Musical notation for the second line of the song. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. Above the staff, three chord boxes are labeled 'C', 'G7', and 'C'. The notes are color-coded: red, orange, yellow, green, cyan, blue, and red.

knick knack pad-dy whack give a dog a bone. This old man came roll - ing home.



8 Notes
Tubes: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C¹

Three Blind Mice

Nursey Rhyme

C G C G C G C G C

Three blind mice, three blind mice. See how they run, see how they run. — They

9 G C G C G C G

all ran af - ter the farm - ers wife, who cut off their tails with a car - ving knife. Did you

13 C G C F C G C

ev - er see such a thing in your life as three blind mice?



Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

6 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G,A,

Tune- Mozart

C F C G⁷ C G C F

Twin-kle twin-kle lit - tle star. How I won-der what you are. Up a -bove the

6 C G C F C G C C⁷

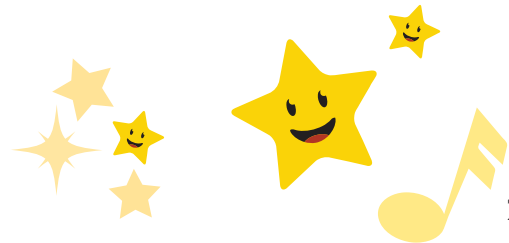
world so high, like a dia -mond in the sky. Twin - kle twin - kle

10 F C G C G⁷ C

lit - tle star. How I won - der what you are.

Alternative lyrics: (by Mini Minstrels)

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
My mum drives a rusty car
The sat nav's broken, the cd squeaks
It would go faster with her feet!
Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
My mum drives a rusty car



5 Notes
Tubes: C,D,E,F,G

When the Saints Go Marching In

American Gospel Hymn

Oh when the saints, go march-ing in. Oh when the saints go

march - ing in. I want to be in that

num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.



wak! a RAP



wak! a CAP



Wak! a TUBE

Wak! a CAP

Wak! a RAP

Wak! a PAK

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