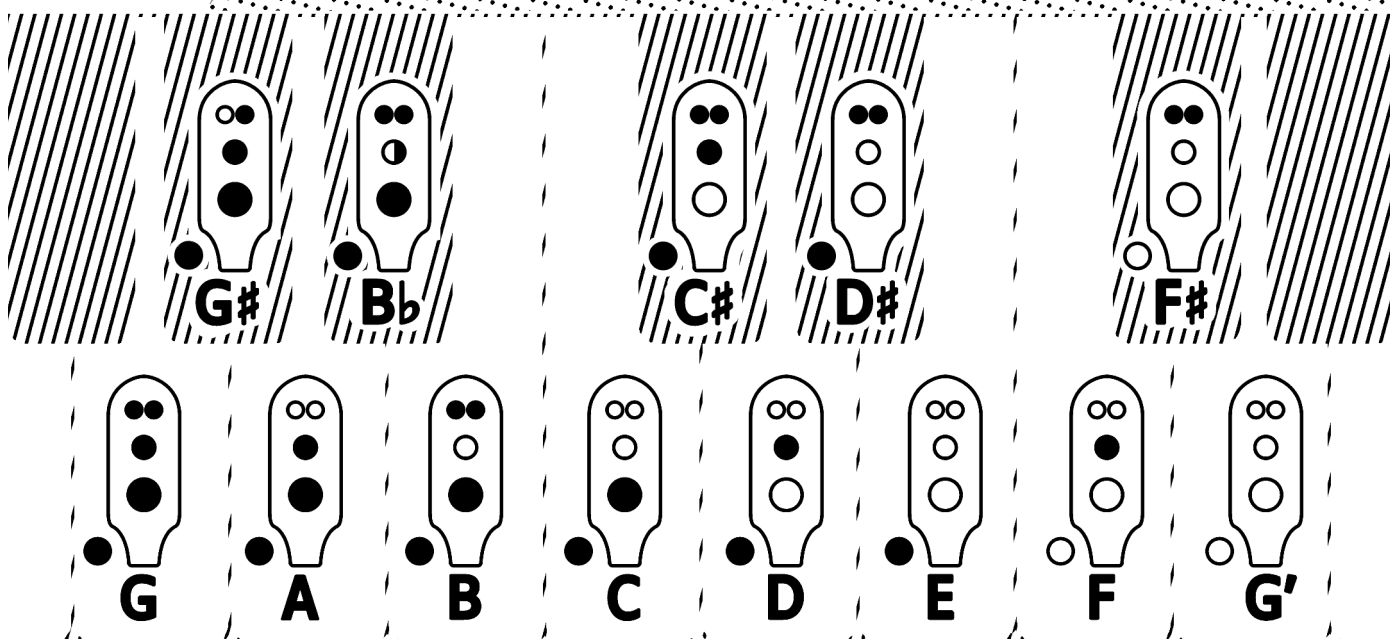
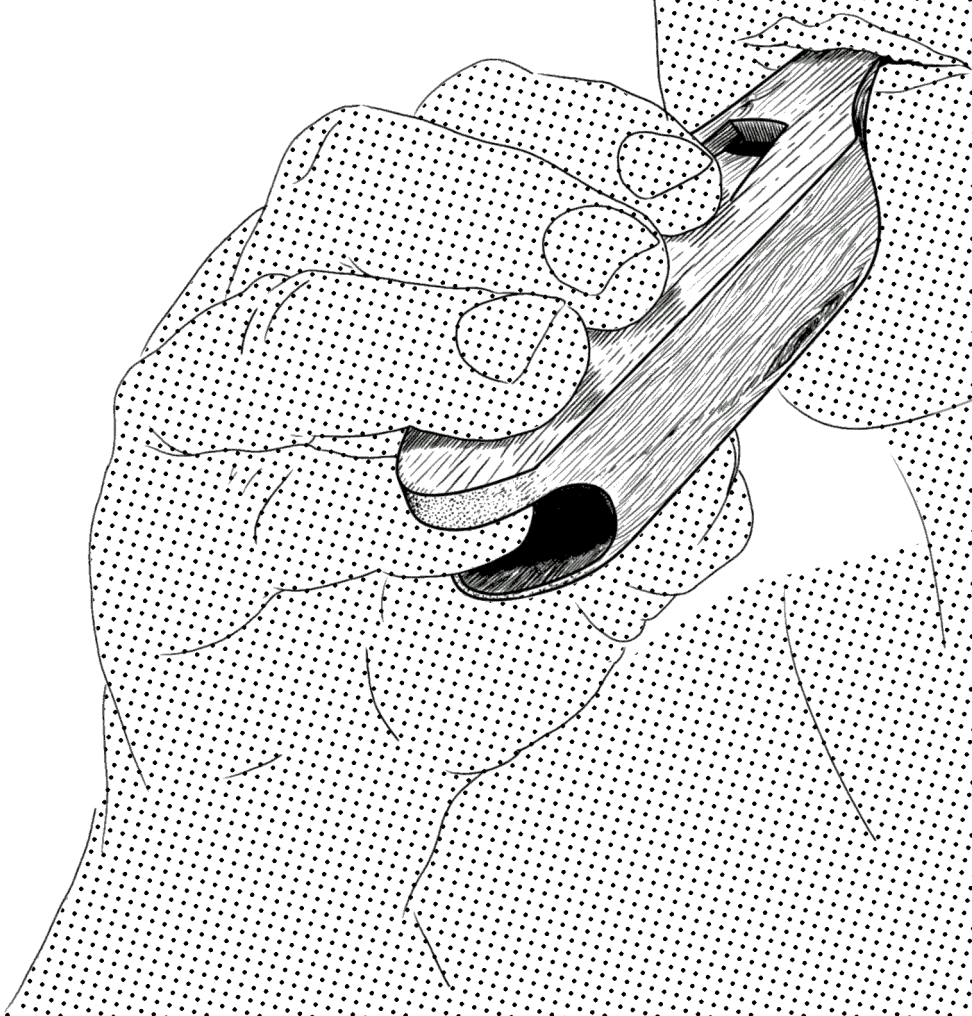


Mikroflööt

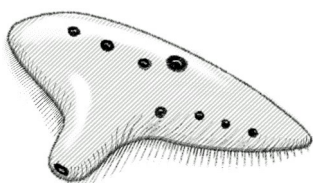
one octave
in one hand



Introduction

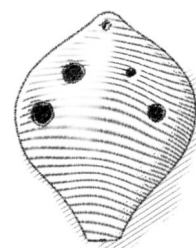
This *mikroflööt* (estonian word for micro-flute) is a **vessel flute**. Traditional vessel flutes can be found all over the world and have existed for thousands of years.

The most famous instrument in this family is the ocarina, invented in Budrio, Italy, in the 19th century by Giuseppe Donati. By usage, all vessel flutes are now often called ocarinas.



Typical ocarina

In the 1960s, English mathematician John Taylor proposed a 4-hole ocarina that could cover an octave using special fingerings. These are the fingerings we have chosen for our *mikroflööt*.



Four-hole English pendant ocarina

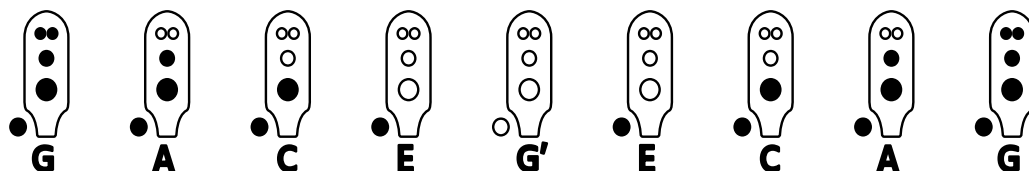
Playing intrucions

The micro-flute is played with one hand, either left or right. It should be held between the lips (on which it is simply rested) and the little finger, leaving the other fingers free. Before you begin, make sure your fingers cover all the holes. **Blow gently** into the mouthpiece, **pronouncing 'T'** for each note (except when you want to play slurs).

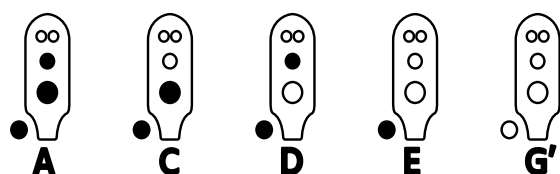
Tuning: once all the holes are closed, you just need to determine the correct blowing strength to play the G note.

Exercises

The mikroflööt melodia

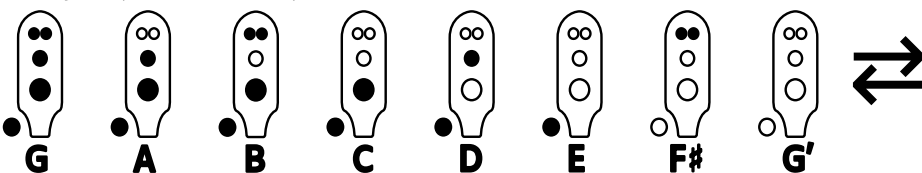


A minor pentatonic scale

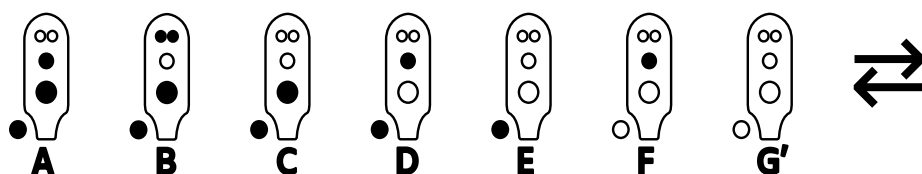


Play from left to right
and then from right to left.

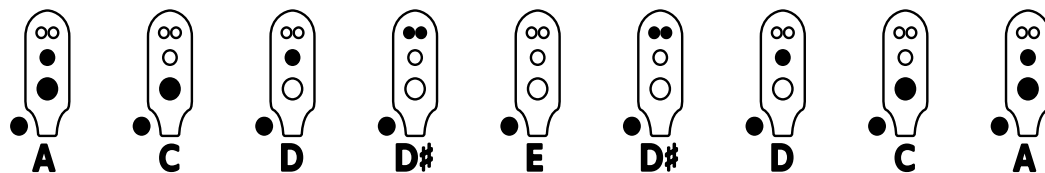
G major (*important!*)



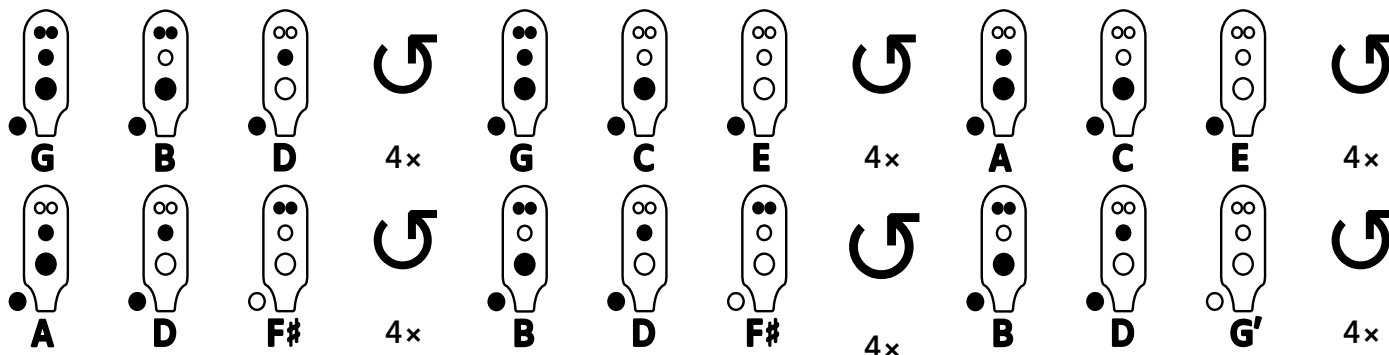
A minor (*important!*)



G blues scale



Arpeggios



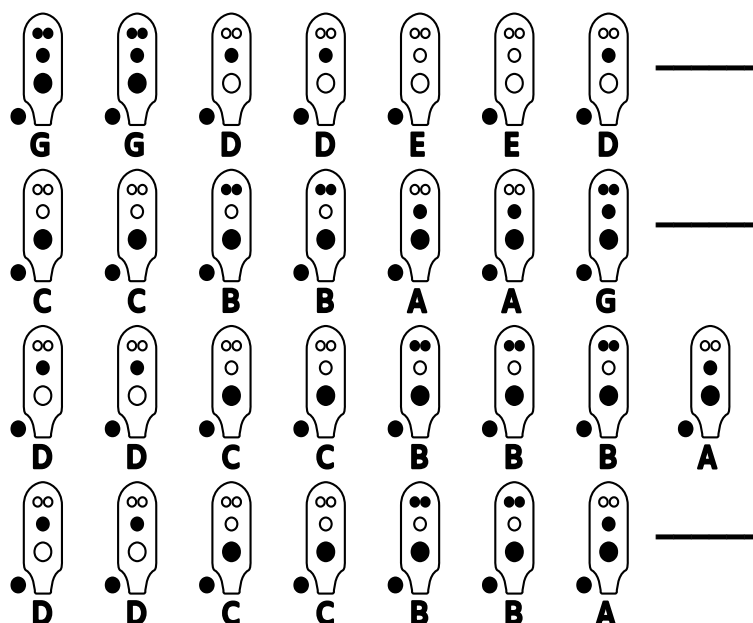
These arpeggios correspond to the following chords: G – C – Am – D – B – G

***Note:** the higher the note, the harder you have to blow. The flute is adjusted so that this variation is minimal, except for the two highest notes (F# and G) in order to maintain a bright sound.*



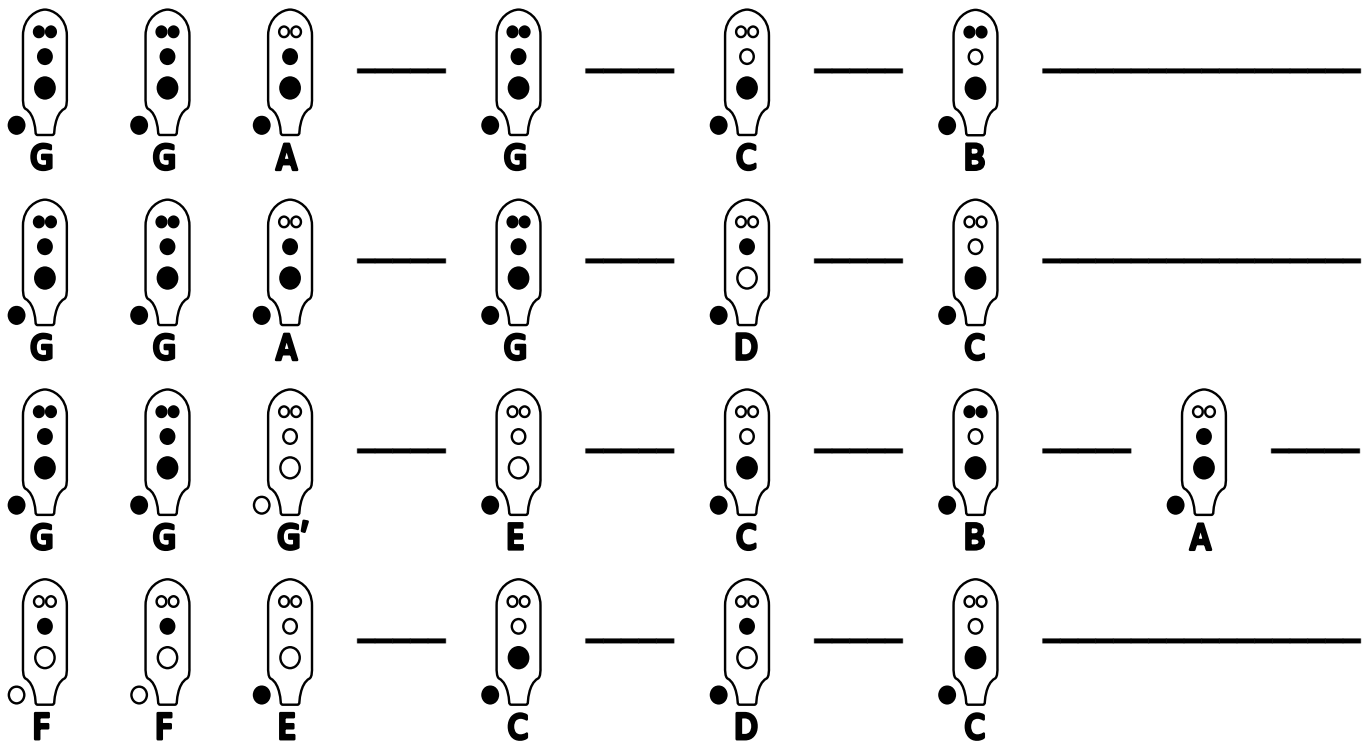
Ah ! vous dirai-je maman

France ~1740



To complete a cycle, play the first two lines again.

Happy birthday to you

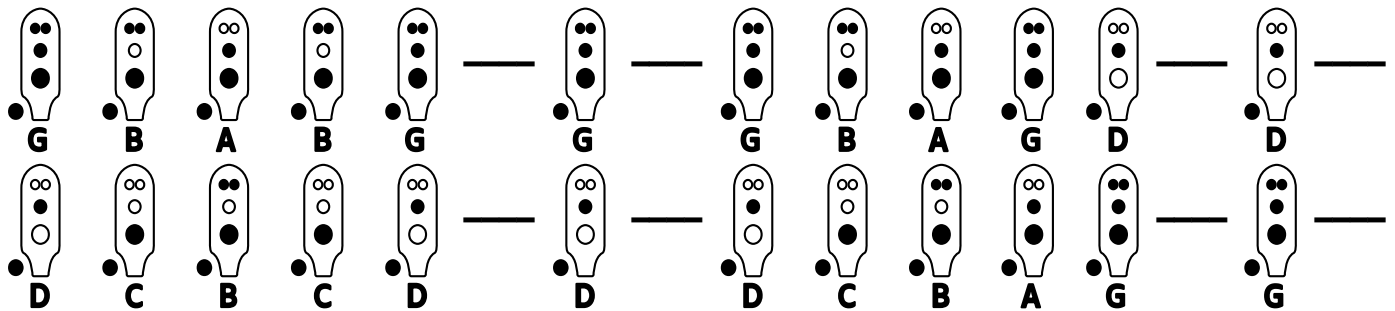


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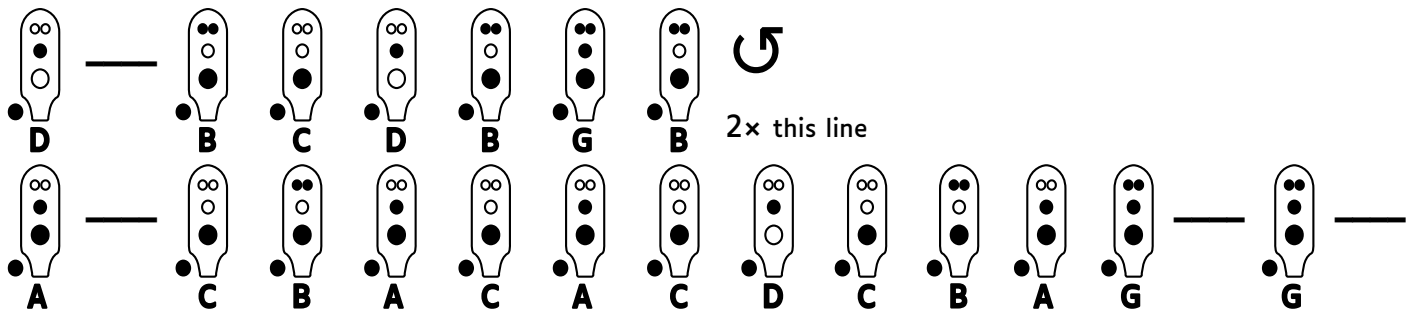


The Milkmaid's Polka

Finland (?)

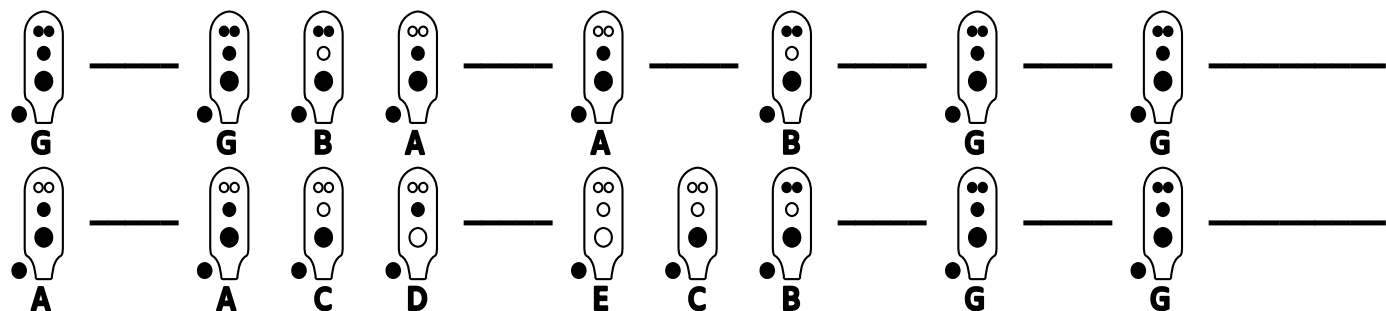


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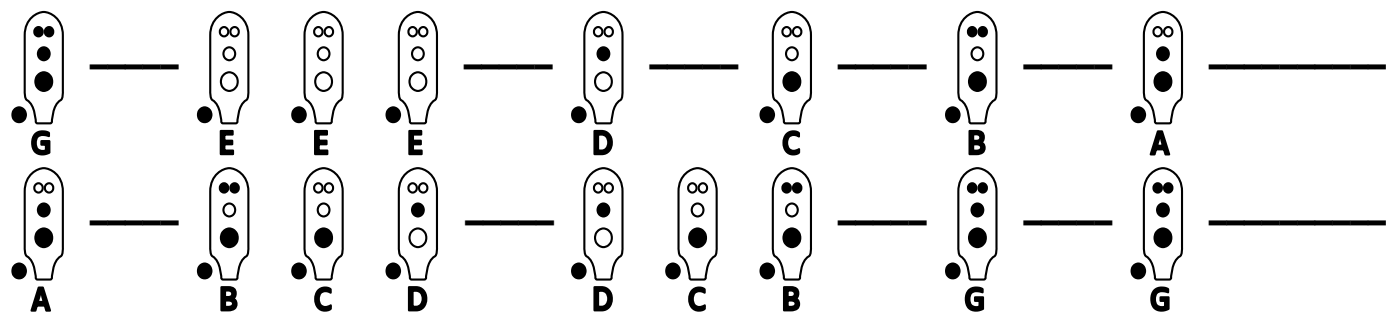


Savikua veneläse'

Estonia, Hargla version (1936)

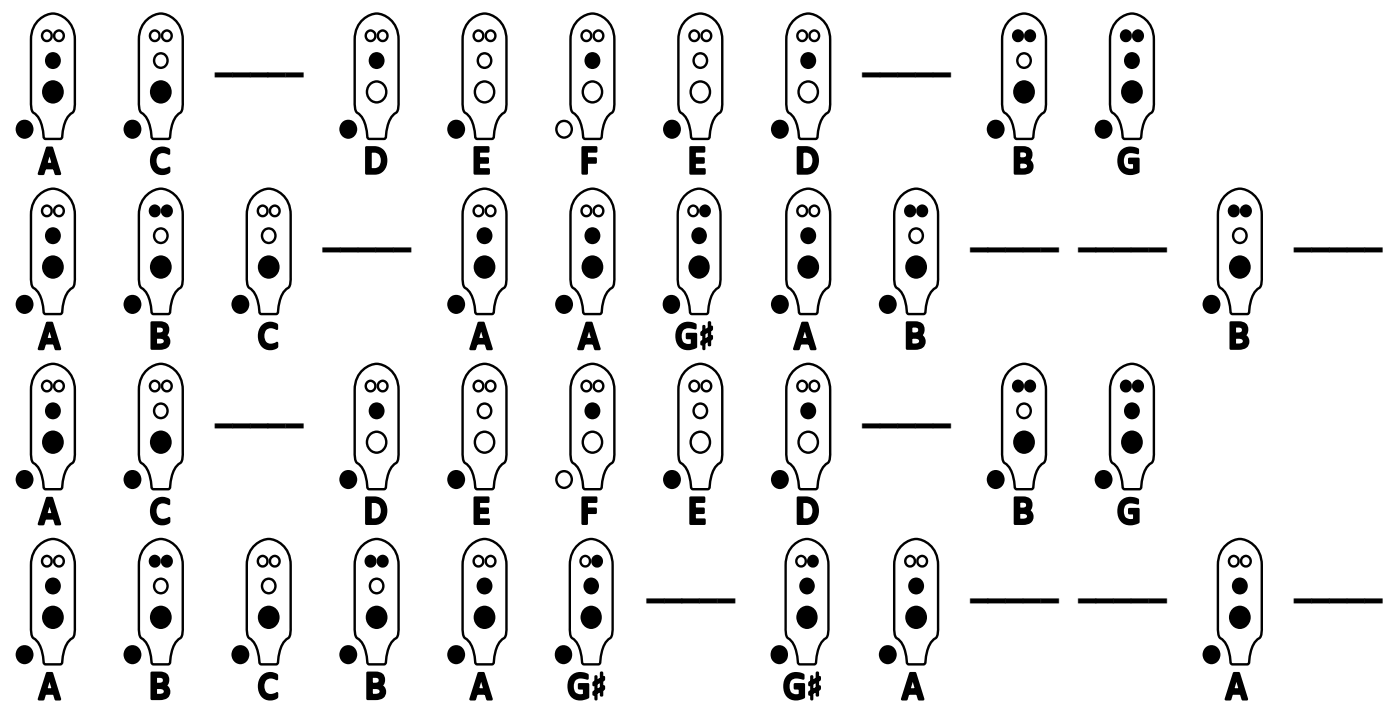


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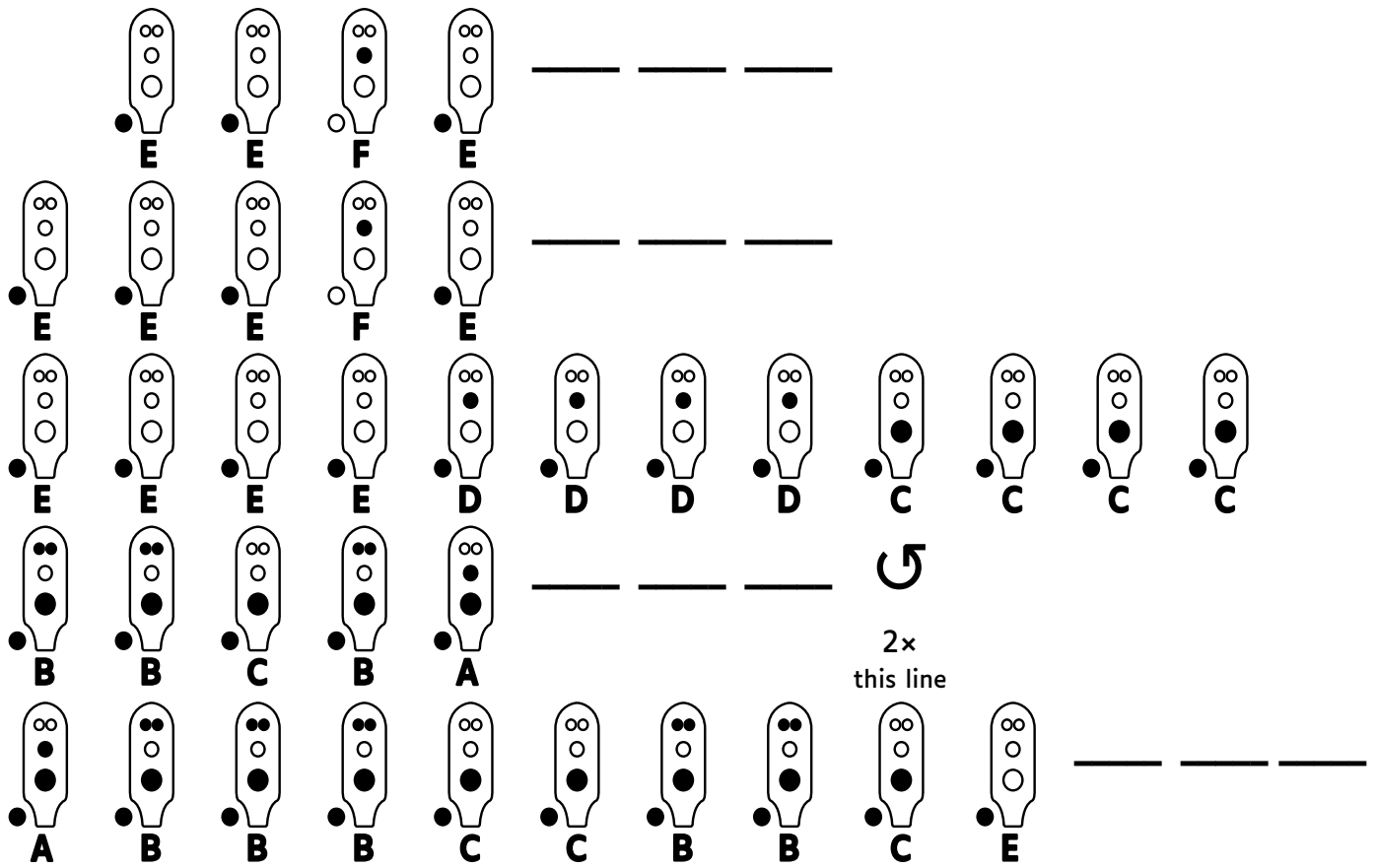
Greensleeves

English folk song, 16th-century



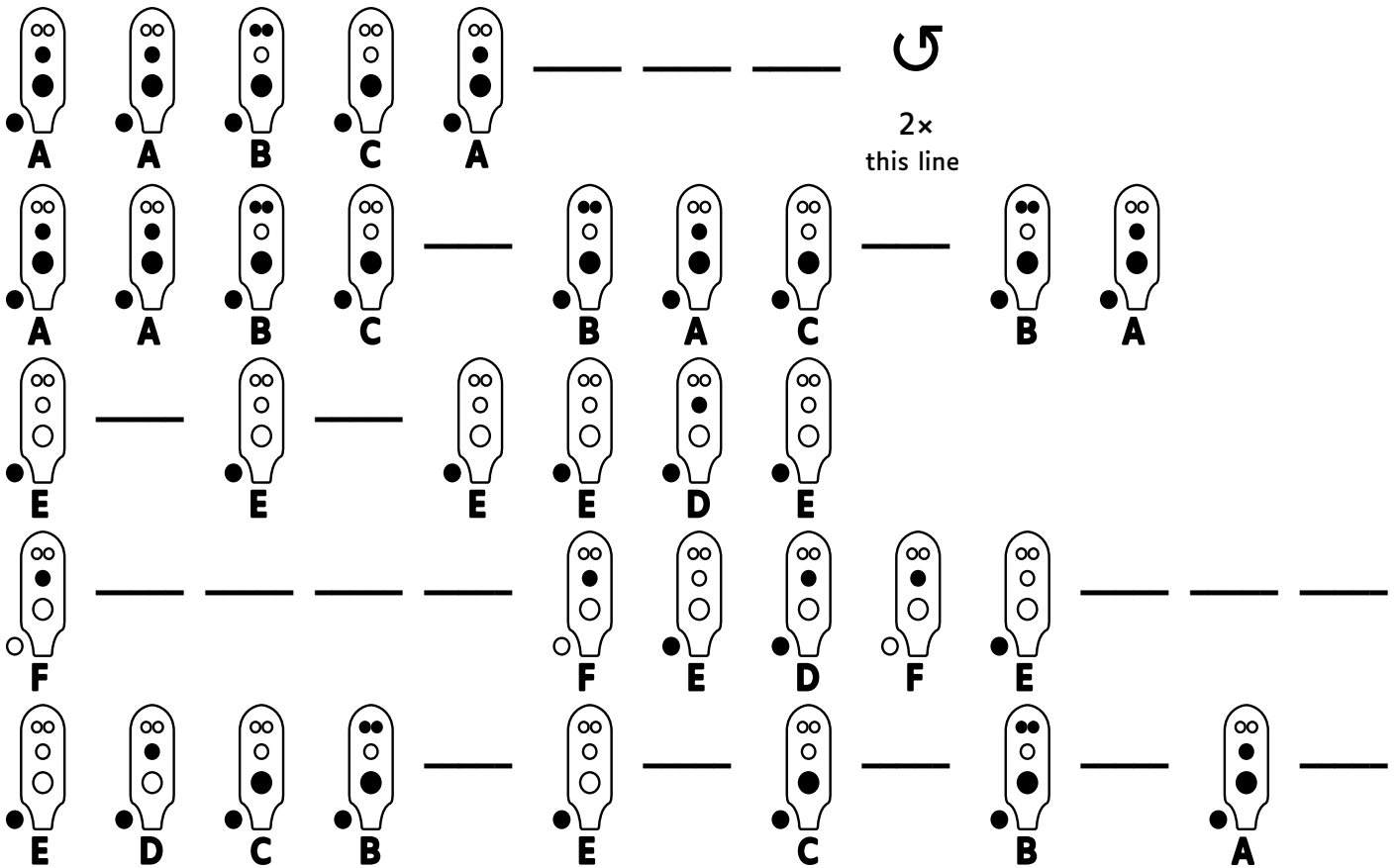
Epresso Macchiato

Tommy Cash



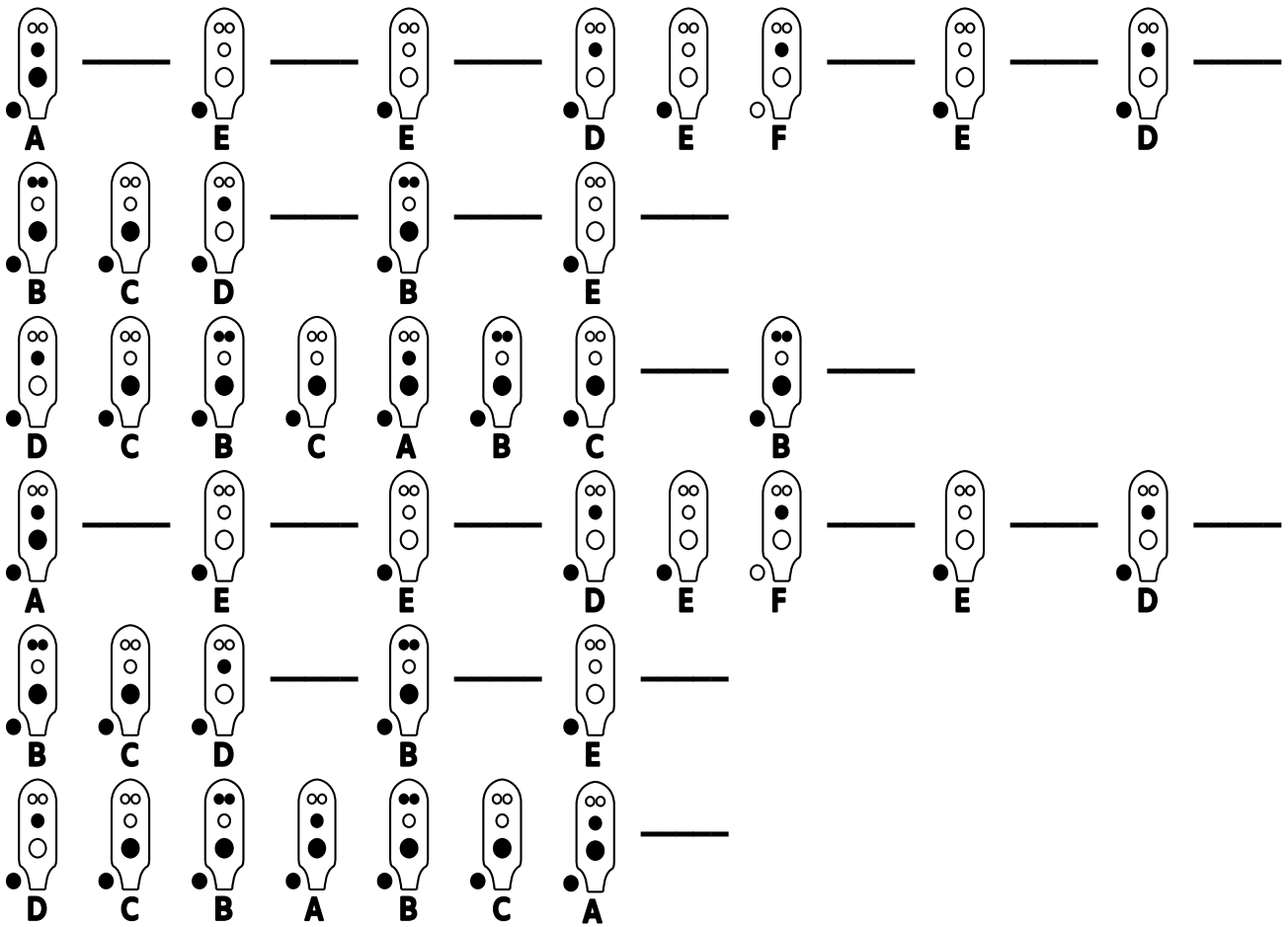
Bella ciao

Italia

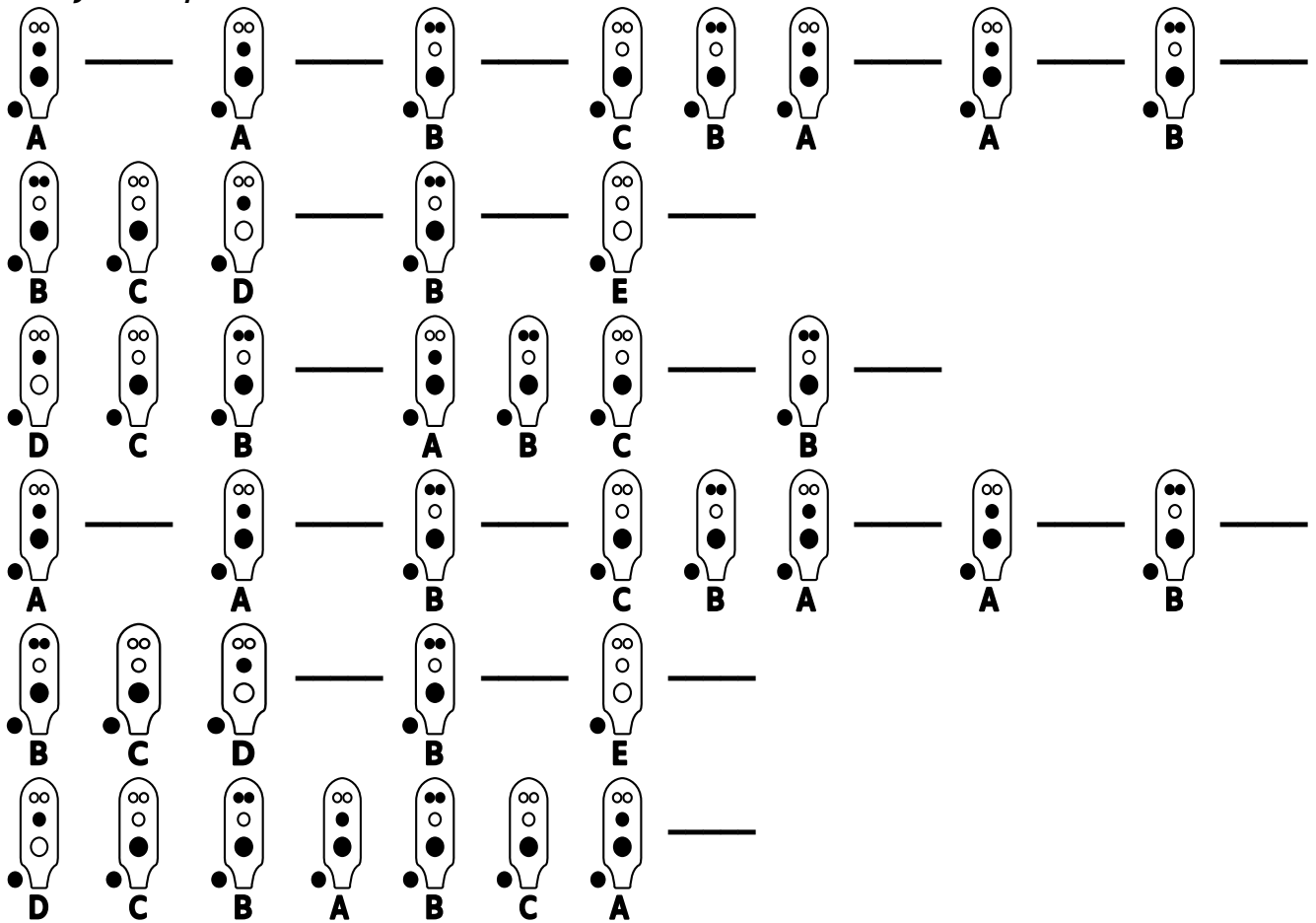


An dro

Bretagne



▲ Play each part twice ▲





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