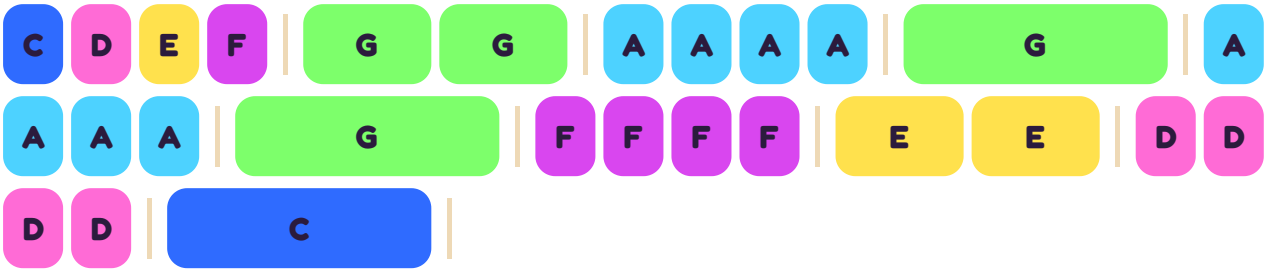
A little challenge

# How to play All My Little Ducklings (Alle meine Entchen) on the recorder

**All My Little Ducklings (Alle meine Entchen) recorder notes with letters**, for beginners, with a fingering chart for each note.

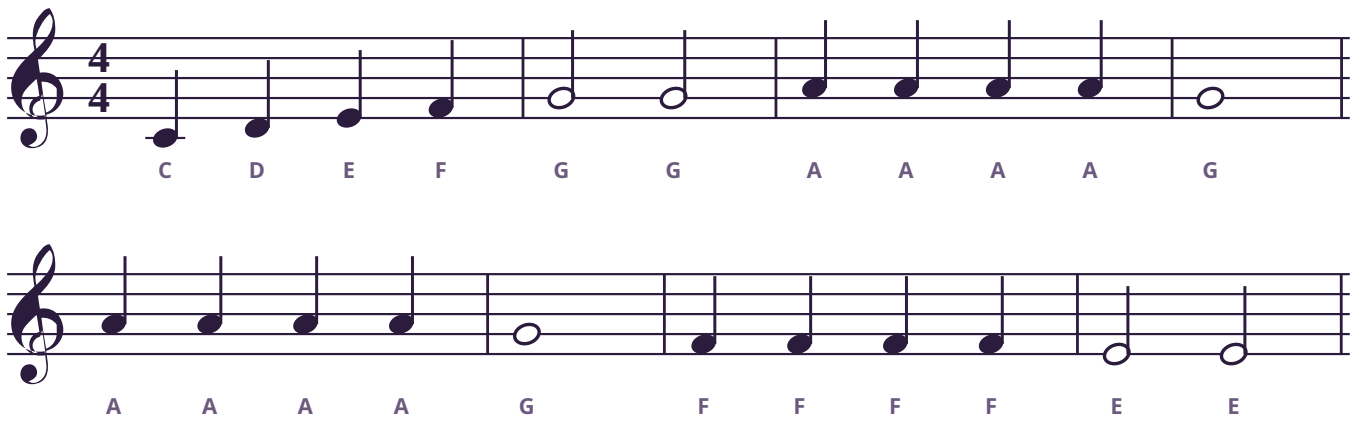
"Alle meine Entchen" ("All my little ducklings"), the first song almost every child in Germany learns. It climbs straight up from low C to A and comes back down: perfect for practicing low C and F. It uses 6 notes: low C, low D, low E, F, G and A. Below are the notes with their rhythm, and the fingering for each one.

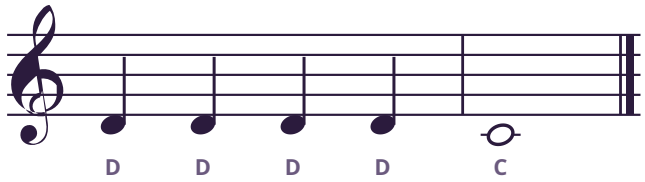
## The notes




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

## Sheet music





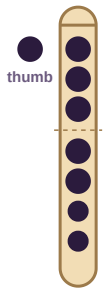

The same song in standard notation, with each note's name under it.

## The notes as letters

C D E F G G A A A A G A A A A G F F F F E E D D D D C

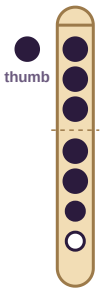
All for a soprano (descant) recorder, with baroque (English) fingering.

## Fingerings



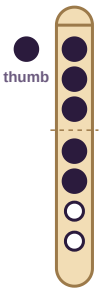

**low C**

Thumb hole covered, holes 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 covered



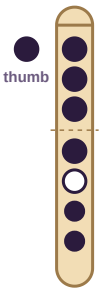

**low D**

Thumb hole covered, holes 1 2 3 4 5 6 covered



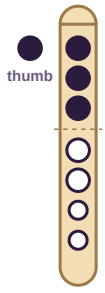

**low E**

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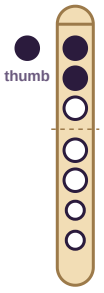

**F**

Thumb hole covered, holes 1 2 3 4 6 7 covered




**G**

Thumb hole covered, holes 1 2 3 covered




**A**

Thumb hole covered, holes 1 2 covered

Tap Play to hear a note; tap a fingering card to see how to play it. Filled holes are covered. The left hand is on top (thumb behind, holes 1–3), the right hand below (holes 4–7).

## Tips

- Say "doo" into the recorder for each note: the tongue starts every note, so repeated notes sound separate.
- Blow gently, like cooling soup. Too much air makes a squeak an octave up.
- Cover the holes with the soft pads of your fingers, not the tips, so no air leaks out.
- Low C needs the gentlest breath of all, and every hole sealed: if it squeaks, check your bottom fingers first.
- F has two fingerings: on a baroque recorder it's forked (thumb and holes 1 to 4, 6 and 7, with hole 5 open); on a German recorder, just the thumb and holes 1 to 4.