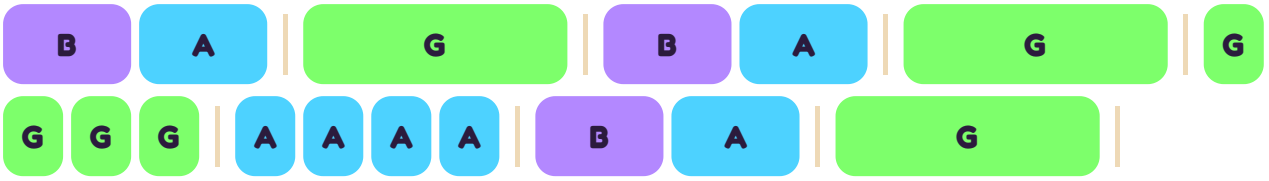
First songs

How to play Hot Cross Buns on the recorder

Hot Cross Buns recorder notes with letters, easy for beginners, with a fingering chart for each note.

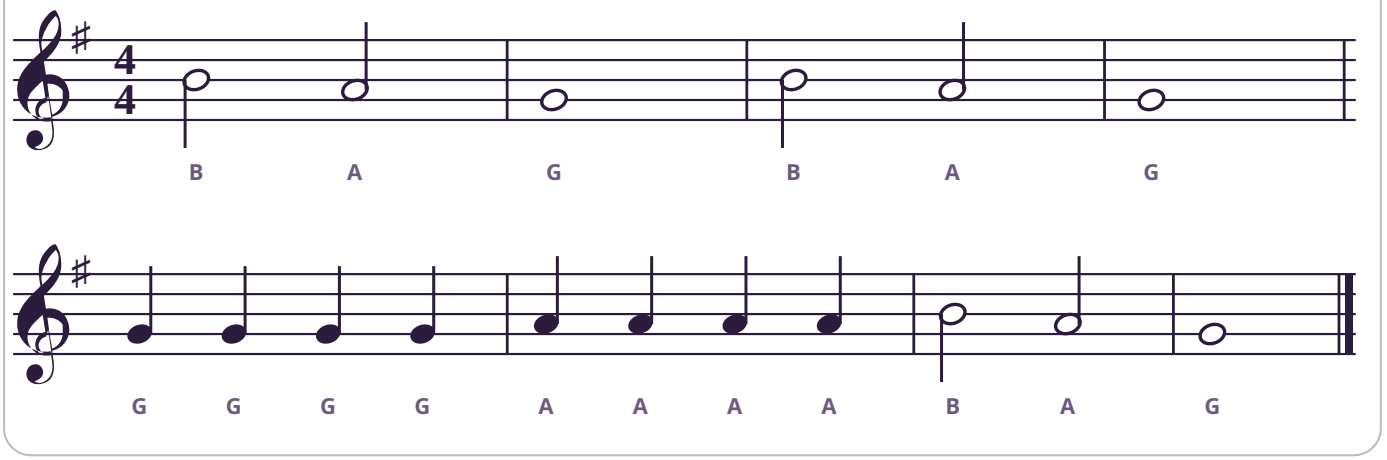
An old English street cry, sung by sellers of the spiced buns. With just three notes, B, A and G, it's the classic first song on the recorder. It uses 3 notes: G, A and B. Below are the notes with their rhythm, and the fingering for each one.

The notes



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

Sheet music



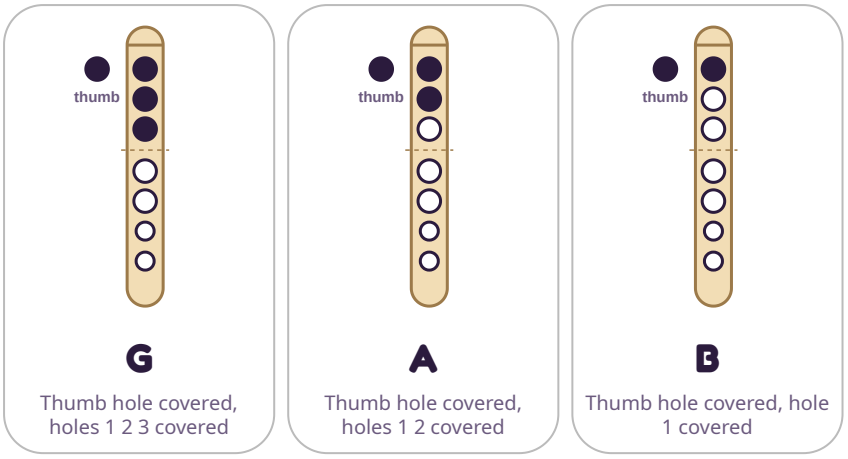
The same song in standard notation, with each note's name under it.

The notes as letters

B A G B A G G G G G A A A A B A G

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

Fingerings



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.