

Erie Canal

Folk Song

First system of musical notation for the song 'Erie Canal'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a simple accompaniment. The lyrics for this system are: "I've got a mule her name is Sal, Fif- teen -miles on the E -rie Ca nal. She's a".

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I've got a mule her name is Sal, Fif- teen -miles on the E -rie Ca nal. She's a

Second system of musical notation for the song 'Erie Canal'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a simple accompaniment. The lyrics for this system are: "Good old work-er and a good old pal, Fif - teen- miles on the E - rie Ca nal.".

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Good old work-er and a good old pal, Fif - teen- miles on the E - rie Ca nal.

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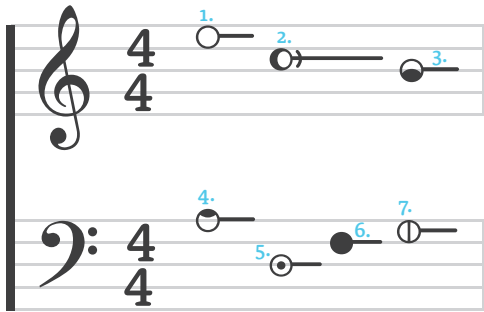
1 Learn the helper words

Each note has a symbol and a “helper word” that describes how that note looks. Say the note name and its helper word out loud to yourself (ie. “A for Above”, “C looks like ‘C’”). Do that twice and you’re set!

- A: above ◐ B: below ○ C: “C”
- ⊙ D: dot ○ E: empty ● F: full ⊕ G: groove



2 Test yourself



Use your hand to cover up the symbols above, and see if you can read these notes. (Answers at the bottom)



3 Congrats!

You’re reading music! Here’s a summary of some more info. For the the full guide and more songs, visit www.HummingbirdNotation.com.

Pitch	Rest		Rhythm
⊕ G: groove	((Whole	●)) —————
● F: full	(1/2	●) —————
○ E: empty	~	1/4	● —————
⊙ D: dot	~	1/8	● or ● ● ● ●
◐ B: below	+	1/16	● or ● ● ● ●
○ A: above	≠	1/32	● or ● ● ● ●
♯ Sharp			
♭ Flat			