

Frere Jacques

Traditional
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Key: C

Musical notation for the first system of 'Frere Jacques'. 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: 'Fre - re Jacqu - es Fre - re Jacqu - es Dor - mez vouz? Dor - mez vouz?'. The bass staff contains the bass line with lyrics: 'Fre - re Jacqu - es'. Fingerings are indicated with numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4. The melody includes a trill on the first note of the first measure and a triplet of eighth notes in the third measure.

Musical notation for the second system of 'Frere Jacques'. 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: 'Son-nez le ma tin es Son-nez le ma tin es Ding Ding Dong Ding Ding Dong'. The bass staff contains the bass line with lyrics: 'es'. Fingerings are indicated with numbers 1, 4, and 5. The melody includes a trill on the first note of the first measure and a triplet of eighth notes in the third measure.

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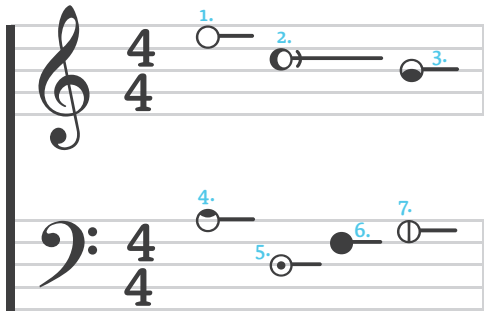
1 Learn the helper words

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	≠		