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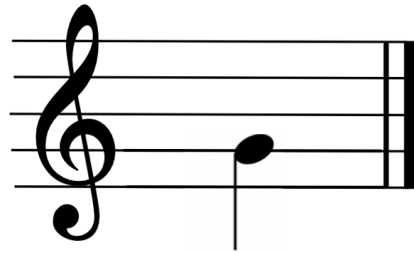
# The Journey Begins

Basic Theory

# Finger Positions



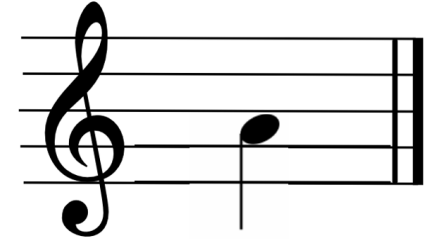
**Low G**



**Low G** – Close the chanter



**Low A**

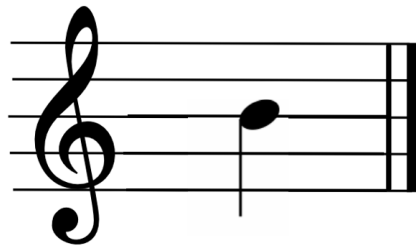


**Low A** – Cuppa tea?

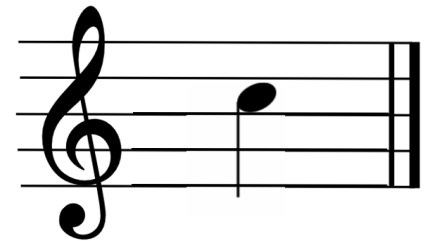
# Finger Positions



**B**



**C**



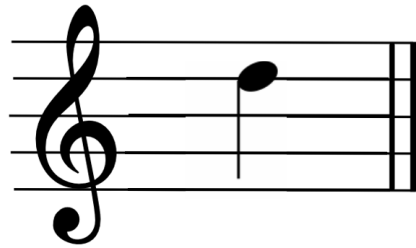
**B** – Oh, 2 Be or not 2 Be

**C** – The bridge

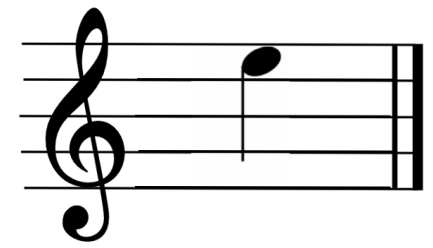
# Finger Positions



**D**



**E**



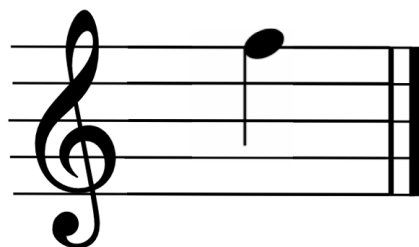
**D** – Throw it away

**E** – Cuppa tea for 2?

# Finger Positions



**F**



**F – Pinch**



**High G**

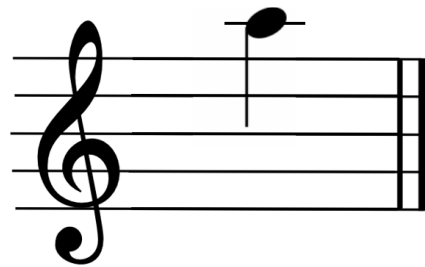


**High G – Gee, “Hi”**

# Finger Positions



High A



**High A** – The wedding touch

- Remembering the fingering positions
- **Low G** – Close the chanter
- **Low A** – Cuppa tea?
- **B** – Oh, 2 Be or not 2 Be
- **C** – The bridge
- **D** – Throw it away
- **E** – Cuppa tea for 2?
- **F** – Pinch
- **High G** – Gee, “Hi”
- **High A** – The wedding touch

# Finger Patterns

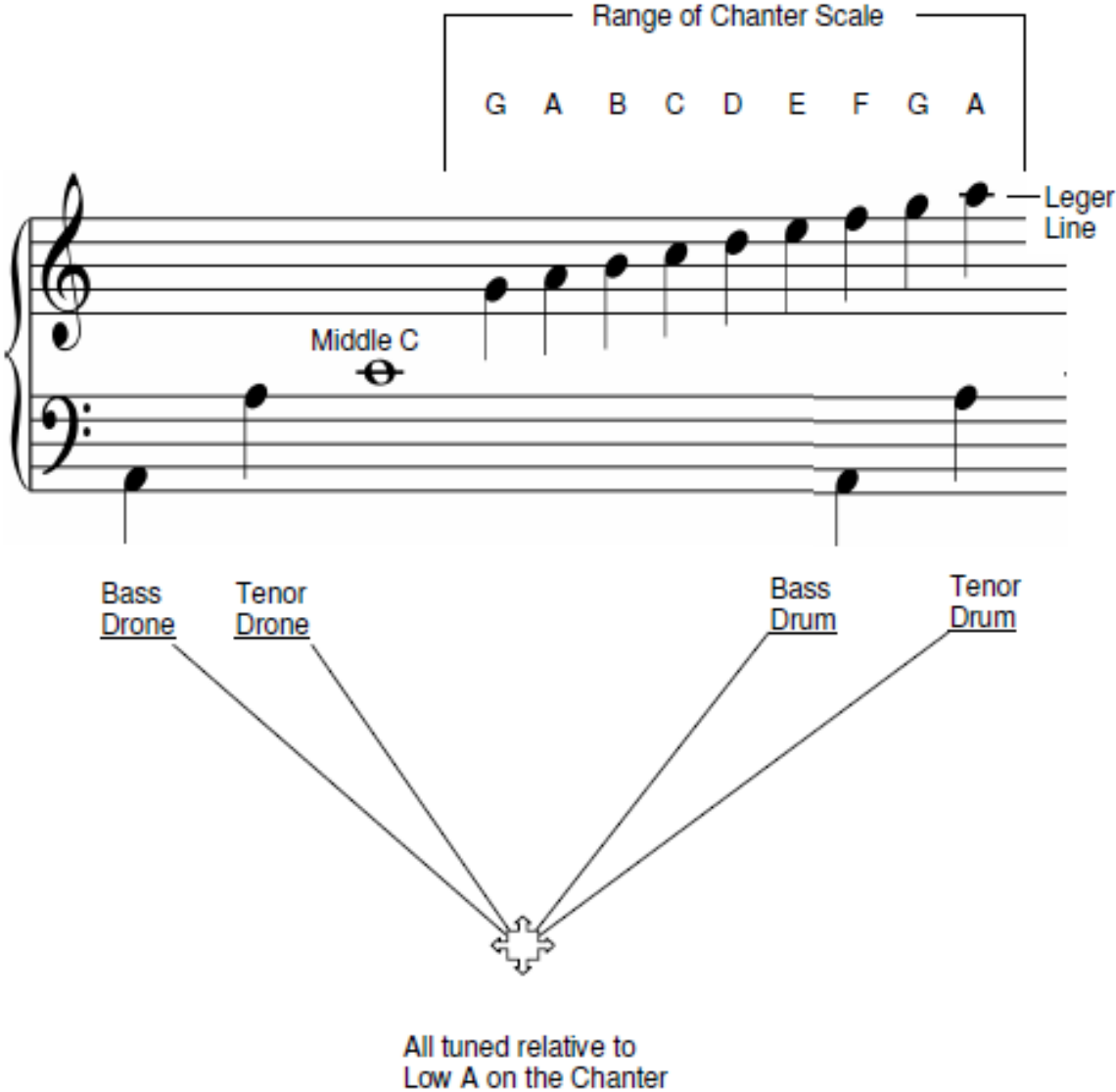


G A B C D E F G A

- Use thumb and 1st three fingers of left hand  
- Place right hand below left, using all four fingers  
- Lay fingers flat across holes (do not use fingertips)

○ = OPEN HOLE  
● = CLOSED HOLE

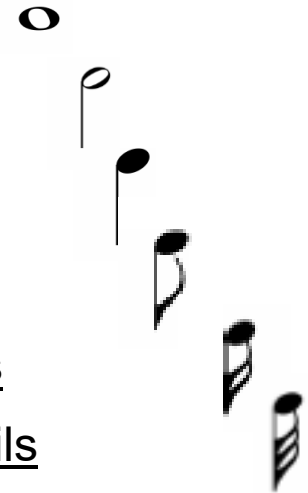
# The Great Staff



# Note Duration

- Note duration is the length of a musical Sound
- Six note shapes or symbols

• <b>Semibreve</b> or	Whole note -	Hollow circle
• <b>Minim</b> or	Half note -	<u>Semibreve</u> with a <u>stem</u>
• <b>Crotchet</b> or	Quarter note -	<u>Minim</u> with filled circle
• <b>Quaver</b> or	Eighth note -	<u>Crotchet</u> with one <u>beam</u> or <u>tail</u>
• <b>Semi-quaver</b> or	Sixteenth note -	<u>Crotchet</u> with two <u>beams</u> or <u>tails</u>
• <b>Demi-semi-quaver</b> or	Thirty-second note -	<u>Crotchet</u> with three <u>beams</u> or <u>tails</u>



# Note Duration

**THE SEMIBREVE**  
(Whole Note)



**Is equal to**

Two Minims  
(Half note)



**Or**

Four Crotchets  
(Quarter note)



**Or**

Eight Quavers  
(Eighth Notes)



**Or**

Sixteen  
Semiquavers  
(Sixteenth Notes)



**Or**

Thirty-Two Demi-  
Semi Quavers  
(Thirty second note)



All basic notes are referred to as SIMPLE NOTES.

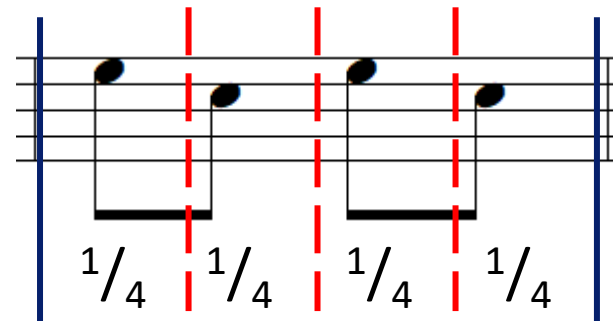
# Lengthening Notes

- **Dots**

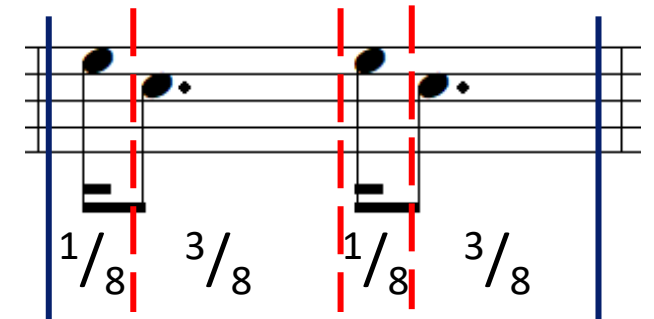
- A Dot increases note value by half

$$\text{Dotted Quarter Note} = \text{Quarter Note} + \text{Eighth Note}$$

$$\text{Dotted Half Note} = \text{Half Note} + \text{Half Note}$$



1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4



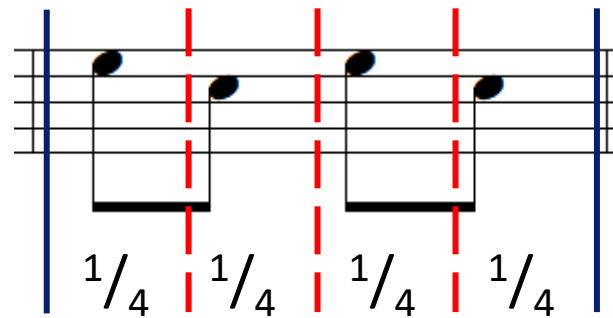
1/8 3/8 1/8 3/8

- **The Tie or Bind**

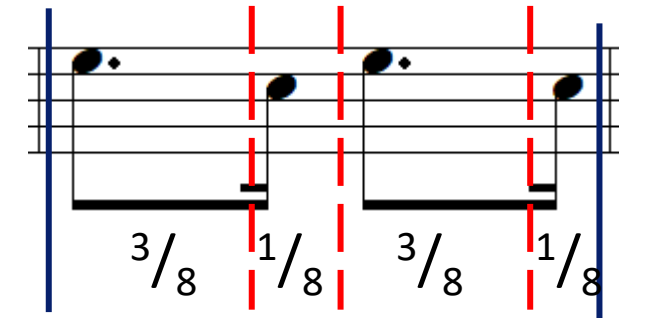
- 1<sup>st</sup> note sounded and held for value of all notes

$$\text{Two Quarter Notes with Tie} = \text{Quarter Note} + \text{Quarter Note}$$

$$\text{Two Eighth Notes with Tie} = \text{Eighth Note} + \text{Eighth Note}$$



1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4



3/8 1/8 3/8 1/8

# Our Journey



- **Course Syllabus**

- **Beginner Course 1**
- **Beginner Course 2**
- **Tuneful Basics**
- **Bagpipe Basics**
- **Basic Tunes**
- **Drone Proficiency**
- **Traditional Tunes**
- **Chanter Basics**
- **10 Tune Piper**
- **Sets of Tunes**
- **PBA Certificate Prep**

- **1<sup>st</sup> 20 Tunes**

1. **Scots Wha Hae**
2. **Amazing Grace**
3. **Blue Bells of Scotland**
4. **Flower of Scotland**
5. **Skye Boat Song**
6. **Castle Dangerous**
7. **Will You No Come Back Again**
8. **Highland Laddie**
9. **Rowan Tree**
10. **When the Battle is O'er**
11. **Scotland the Brave**
12. **Green Hills of Tyrol**
13. **Bonnie Dundee**
14. **The Keel Row**
15. **No Awa to Bide Awa**
16. **A Hundred Pipers**
17. **Piper of Drummond**
18. **Rocking the Baby**
19. **Highland Cathedral**
20. **Auld Lang Syne**

# Sets of Tunes



- **Standard 4/4's**
  - Blue Bells of Scotland
  - Rowan Tree
  - Scotland the Brave
- **Standard 3/4's**
  - Green Hills of Tyrol
  - When the Battle is O'er
  - Castle Dangerous
- **Standard 6/8's**
  - Bonnie Dundee
  - A Hundred Pipers
- **Slow Air - Jig**
  - Skye Boat Song
  - Rocking the Baby
- **Farewell Set**
  - Will Ye No Come Back
  - No Awa to Bide Awa
- **March Strathspey Reel**
  - Highland Laddie
  - Keel Row
  - Piper of Drummond
- **Selection of Marches**
  - Scots Wha Hae
  - Barron Rocks of Aiden
  - Teribus
  - Sweet Maid of Glendaruel