

ArtForms Strings: Yellow Award

Skill Focus - 🎵 Work out a simple tune by ear

The following practise will train you to judge the intervals between the notes and help you to develop a well-tuned musical ear.

1. Play the following well-known melodies on your violin. Where the notes are missing, try to work out the correct pitch to match the given rhythm and practise until you perform fluently.

Twinkle, Twinkle,
Little Star



Musical notation for 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' in G major, 2/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The first few notes are present, followed by a gap, then more notes, and finally a gap at the end of the piece.

Row, Row, Row your Boat



Musical notation for 'Row, Row, Row your Boat' in G major, 6/8 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The first few notes are present, followed by a gap, then more notes, and finally a gap at the end of the piece.

Incy Wincy Spider



Musical notation for 'Incy Wincy Spider' in G major, 6/8 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The first few notes are present, followed by a gap, then more notes, and finally a gap at the end of the piece.

2. This time the rhythm is missing. Can you work out the rest of the tune?

This Old Man



Musical notation for 'This Old Man' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The first few notes are present, followed by a gap, then more notes, and finally a gap at the end of the piece.

Happy Birthday to You



Musical notation for 'Happy Birthday to You' in G major, 3/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The first few notes are present, followed by a gap, then more notes, and finally a gap at the end of the piece.

3. Now have a go at this longer piece.

She'll Be Coming 'Round The Mountain



Musical notation for 'She'll Be Coming 'Round The Mountain' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on two staves. The first staff has the first few notes, followed by a gap, then more notes, and finally a gap at the end of the piece. The second staff is empty.