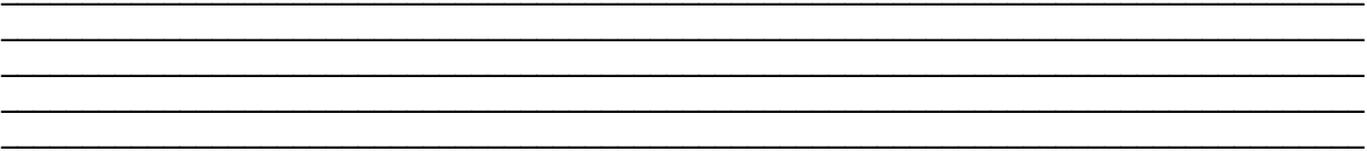


WRITE YOUR OWN SONG!

If you write your own song and follow all of my instructions, I will write it out for you on my computer and also send it as a music file so you can listen to it! Are you ready? Here are the instructions:

1. Draw your own staff. There are 5 lines in a staff, which also makes 4 spaces. Make 3. Use a ruler if you have one! The first one should look like this. (again, make 3):



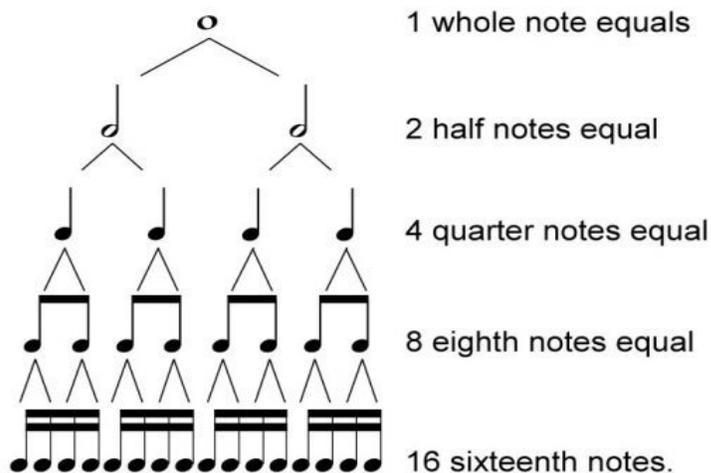
2. Then, put lines on both sides and draw a treble clef. Remember, the lines and spaces mean nothing unless you add that treble clef. The G line is where the treble clef circles. Add the 4/4 as well.



3. Now, we are going to write the song in 4/4 time. This means that every measure has 4 beats and every $\frac{1}{4}$ note (quarter note) gets a beat. A measure is in between the bar lines. If I wrote my song all on the G line, in quarter notes, for 4 measures it would look like this:



4. Here are the note values in case you have forgotten:



5. You may use whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes. This is how much space they take up in a measure in 4/4 time:

1 Whole note

2 half notes

4 quarter notes

8 eighth notes



6. You may ONLY use these notes: C, D, E, G, A, C. These are the notes:

C

D

E

G

A

C



7. DO NOT use these notes (F and B):

Bottom space (F)

Middle line (B)



8. Here are a few examples of note combinations. Each measure equals 4 beats (the quarter note being the beat).

Measure 1

2

3

4



1 + 1 + 2

$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 2 + 1$

4

1 + 2 + $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

=4

=4

=4

=4

9. You may use a quarter rest (equal to a quarter note). It looks like this:



10. Here is an example of different note names, all with quarter notes.



11. This last example is just like the song you will write- except you will find your own notes!

Three staves of music in 4/4 time, each starting with a treble clef. The first staff contains quarter notes C4, D4, E4, F4, followed by a whole note G4, a quarter rest, and a quarter note C4. The second staff is labeled with a '3' on the left and contains quarter notes C4, D4, E4, followed by quarter notes F4, G4, A4, and B4. The third staff is labeled with a '5' on the left and contains quarter notes C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, and A4. Each staff has a blue square icon with a white arrow pointing left in the top right corner.

If you have any questions you can do any of the following:

1. Email me at dbray@mountainsongschool.com
2. Meet with me for a zoom appointment and I can show you how to do it.
3. Come to my office hours zoom meeting on Wednesday at 2:30 and ask me there.

Have fun writing your song! When you are finished, have a parent or guardian take a picture of your song and email it to me so I can write it down and make it into a song for you! I miss all of you. I look forward to seeing your compositions!