

How to Read Sheet Music

Allegro (♩ = 72)

notes

The Treble Clef
Higher register notes

The Bass Clef
Lower register notes

note values

Whole Note 4 beats		Whole Rest 4 beats	
Half Note 2 beats		Half Rest 2 beats	
Quarter Note 1 beat		Quarter Rest 1 beat	
Eighth Note 1/2 beat		Eighth Rest 1/2 beat	
Sixteenth Note 1/4 beat		Sixteenth Rest 1/4 beat	

1 2 3 4

accidentals

Sharp
Raise note 1 half step

b Flat
Lower note 1 half step

♮ Natural
Negate a flat or sharp

⏹ Fermata
Hold note longer

⏵ Tie
Add note lengths

> Accent/Marcato
Sharp emphasis on note

meter

4 beats per measure (♩ = 72)

4 value of one beat 72 bpm