

Musical keys are written on five long horizontal lines called a STAFF.

This is like a house for notes. Each note lives on a different floor.



THE NOTE **E**
LIVES ON THE FIRST FLOOR



THE MIDDLE NOTE **C**
LIVES IN THE BASEMENT



Let's play this same melody in notes like a professional musician! Good luck!

A musical staff in 2/4 time, starting with a treble clef. The melody consists of seven notes: a quarter note on the first line (E), a quarter note on the first space (C), a quarter note on the second line (D), a quarter note on the second space (E), a quarter note on the third line (F), a quarter note on the third space (G), and a half note on the fourth line (A). Above the first two notes are the numbers '3' and '1' respectively, indicating fingerings. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Look at the song below. Did you notice that some of the notes are white and some are black?

Black notes are shorter and they are called QUARTER NOTES.

YOU HOLD THEM FOR 1 COUNT 

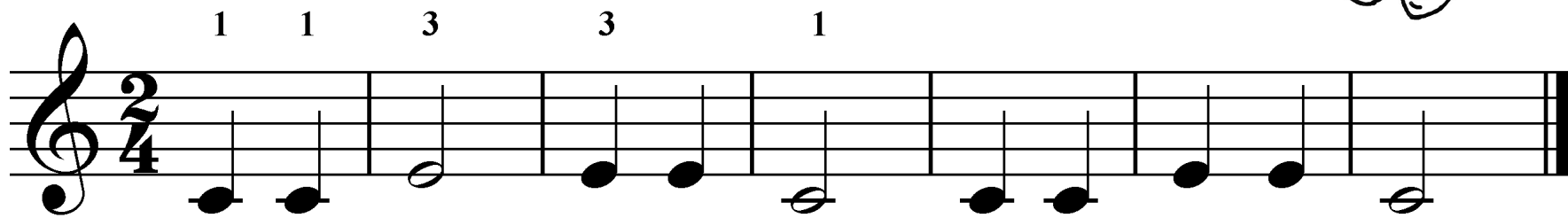
White notes are longer and they are called HALF NOTES

YOU HOLD THEM FOR 2 COUNTS 



HAPPY CLOWN

1 1 3 3 1



I play up, I play down, I'm a hap-py clown.

Play and sing the song above. Count out loud and clap.