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Basic Elements of Reading and Writing Music

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This series of 40 videos and accompanying worksheets was designed to introduce my students to the basic vocabulary and fundamental elements of reading and writing music. It is not intended as an in-depth study of all that Music Theory entails.

Though written with my students in mind and from the perspective of how I presented the concepts, the videos and worksheets are available to anyone who may find them helpful.

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For over 40 years, Stephen taught K-12 instrumental music in the Private Christian School (Whittier Christian) and Public School (California High School) settings. Although semi-retired, Stephen continues to work with students by teaching part-time at California High School and maintaining his private music studio, where he plays and teaches Woodwinds, Brass, Strings, and Piano. Stephen also plays with the church orchestra where he attends. When teaching full-time, he was primarily a "summer" composer. No longer teaching full-time, Stephen has the privilege of composing beyond just the summer months and publishes through his company, SARAHTIM — a title that comes from simply combining the names of his daughter, Sarah, and son, Timothy. (*Notes by Dr. John Burdett, Azusa Pacific University*)

“Where there is devotional music, God is always at hand with His gracious presence.” J.S.Bach

“The Lord is my shepherd...” (Psalm 23)

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9. Ledger Lines

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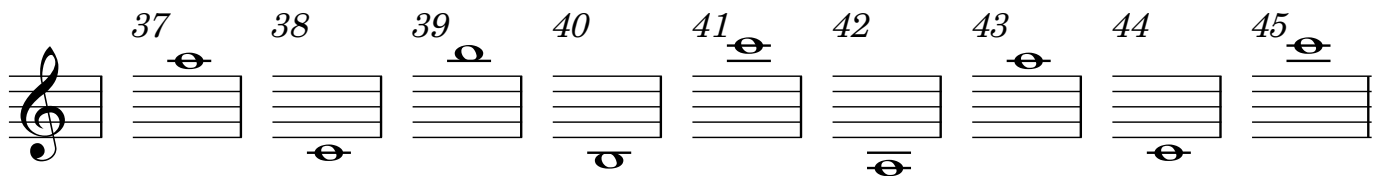
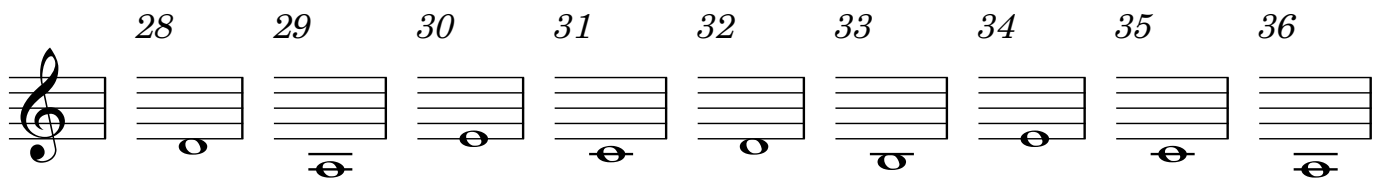
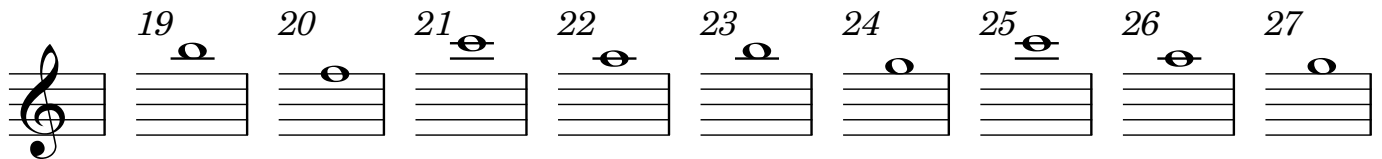
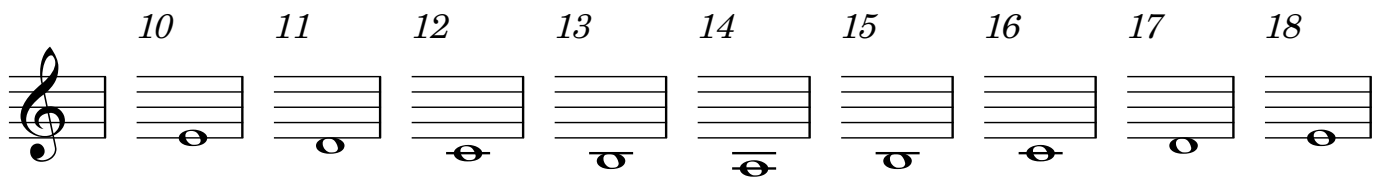
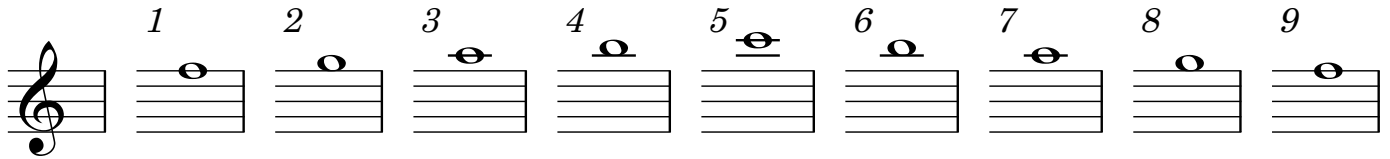
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Time _____

Name _____

Note Names Ledger Lines and Spaces - Speed Sheet 1 (Treble)

Write the letter name below the note.



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Note Names Ledger Lines and Spaces - Speed Sheet 2 (Treble)

Write the letter name below the note.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

A musical staff with a treble clef. Above the staff are numbers 1 through 9. Below the staff are nine empty staves for writing notes. The notes are: 1 (first space), 2 (first line), 3 (second space), 4 (second line), 5 (third space), 6 (third line), 7 (fourth space), 8 (fourth line), 9 (fifth space).

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

A musical staff with a treble clef. Above the staff are numbers 10 through 18. Below the staff are nine empty staves for writing notes. The notes are: 10 (first space), 11 (first line), 12 (second space), 13 (second line), 14 (third space), 15 (third line), 16 (fourth space), 17 (fourth line), 18 (fifth space).

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

A musical staff with a treble clef. Above the staff are numbers 19 through 27. Below the staff are nine empty staves for writing notes. The notes are: 19 (first space), 20 (first line), 21 (second space), 22 (second line), 23 (third space), 24 (third line), 25 (fourth space), 26 (fourth line), 27 (fifth space).

28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

A musical staff with a treble clef. Above the staff are numbers 28 through 36. Below the staff are nine empty staves for writing notes. The notes are: 28 (first space), 29 (first line), 30 (second space), 31 (second line), 32 (third space), 33 (third line), 34 (fourth space), 35 (fourth line), 36 (fifth space).

37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

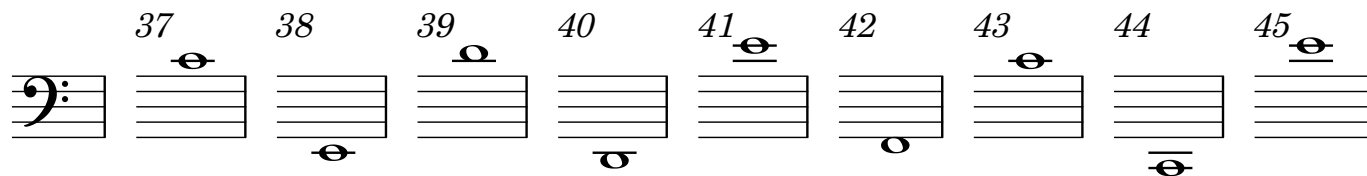
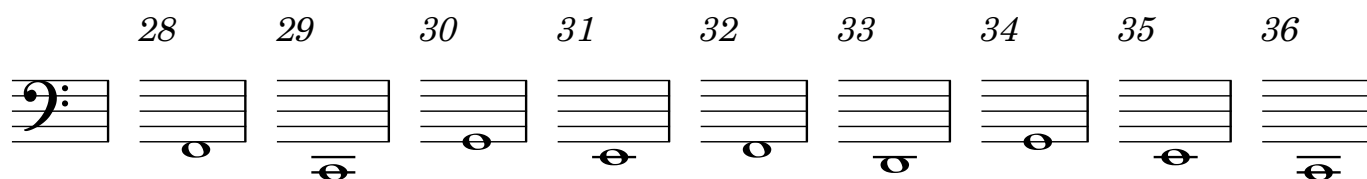
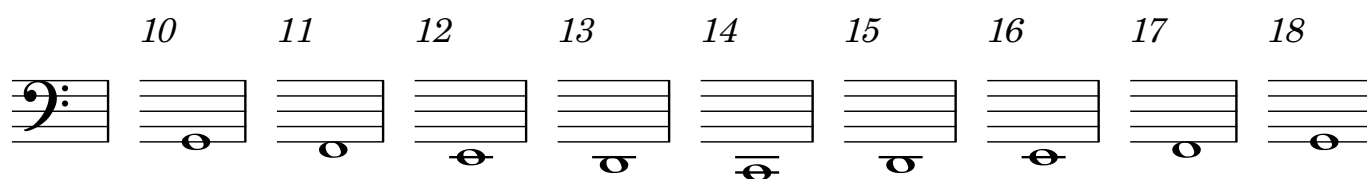
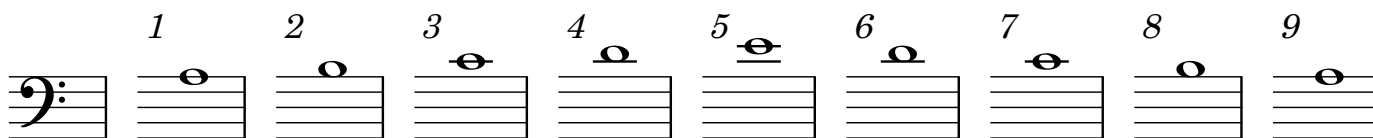
A musical staff with a treble clef. Above the staff are numbers 37 through 45. Below the staff are nine empty staves for writing notes. The notes are: 37 (first space), 38 (first line), 39 (second space), 40 (second line), 41 (third space), 42 (third line), 43 (fourth space), 44 (fourth line), 45 (fifth space).

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Name _____

Note Names Ledger Lines and Spaces - Speed Sheet 1 (Bass)

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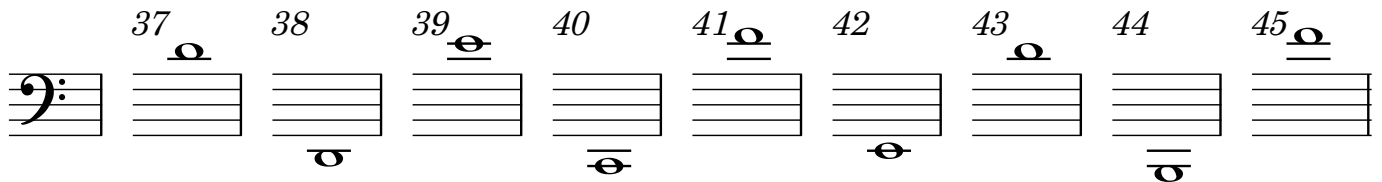
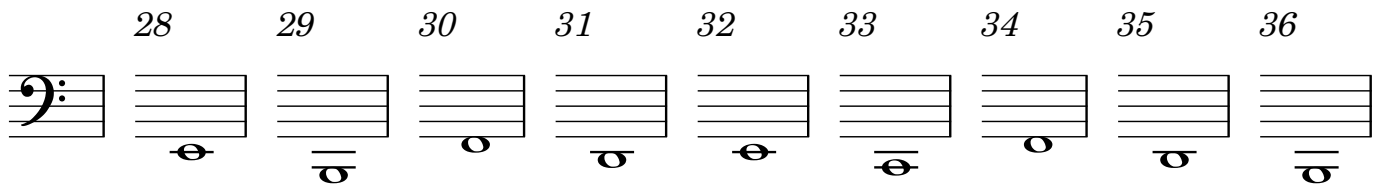
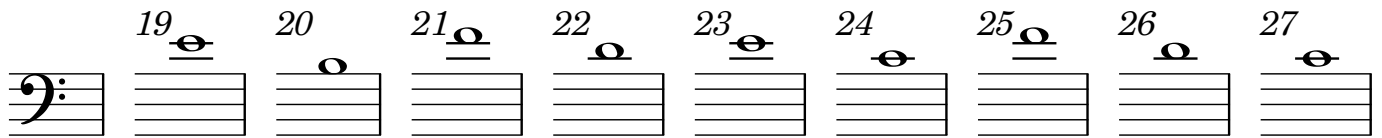
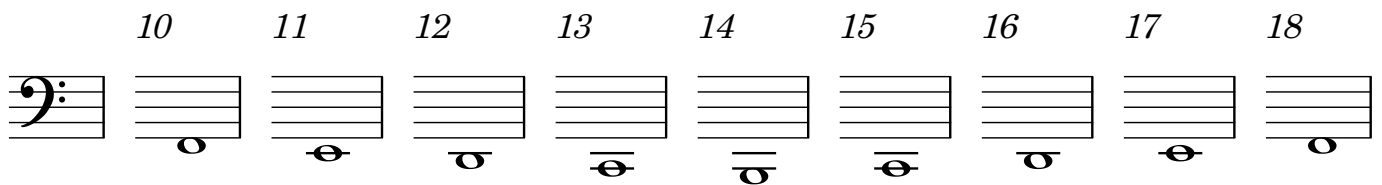
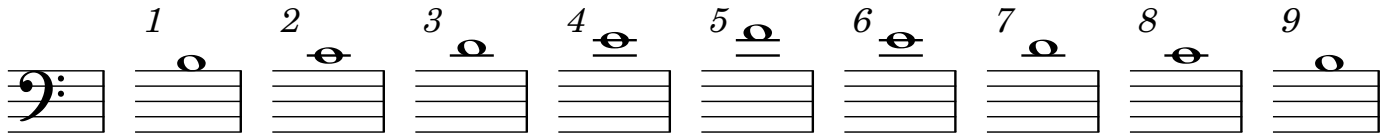
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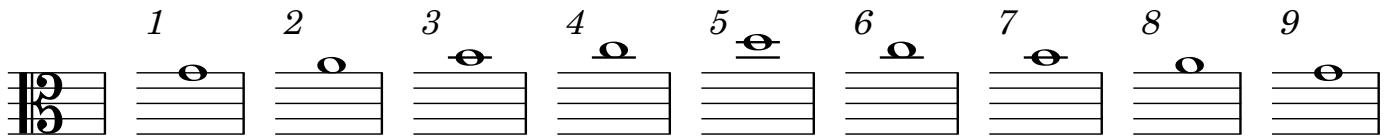
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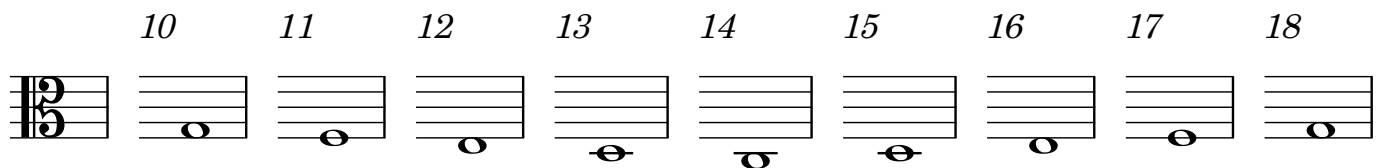
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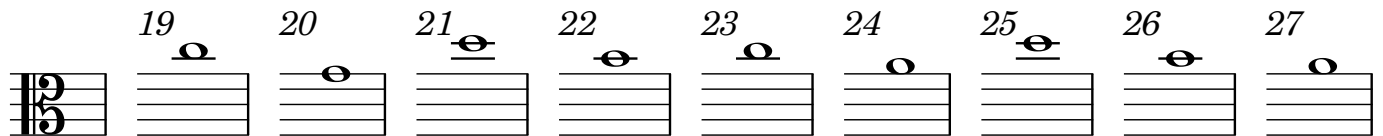
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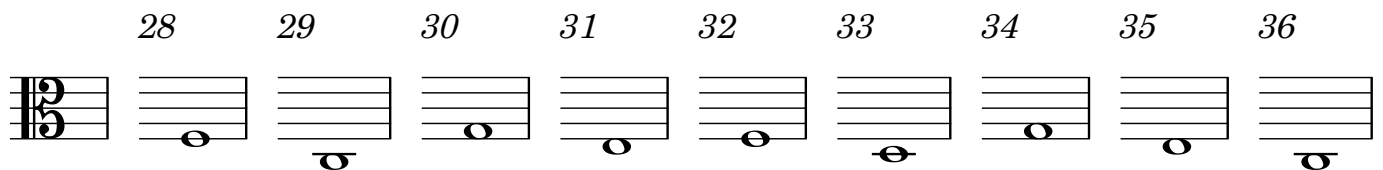
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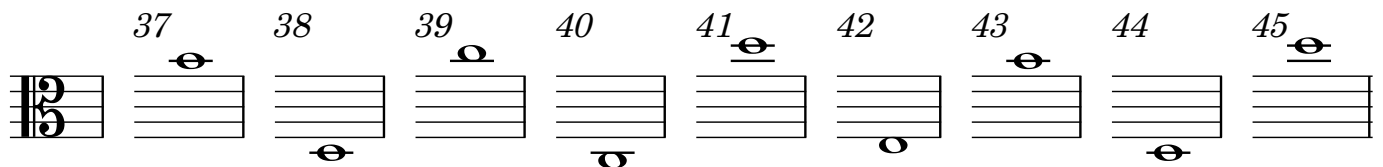
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28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36



37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45



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Note Names Ledger Lines and Spaces - Speed Sheet 2 (Alto)

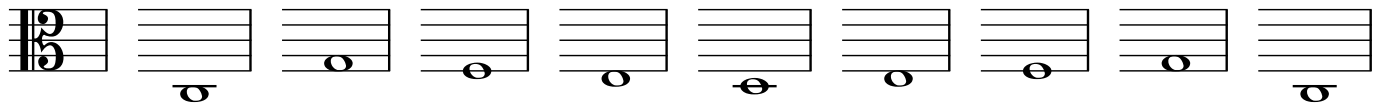
Write the letter name below the note.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The staff contains nine whole notes. Notes 1 through 8 are on ledger lines above the staff, and note 9 is on the first line. The notes are: 1 (first ledger line), 2 (second ledger line), 3 (third ledger line), 4 (fourth ledger line), 5 (first space), 6 (second space), 7 (third space), 8 (fourth space), and 9 (first line).

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18



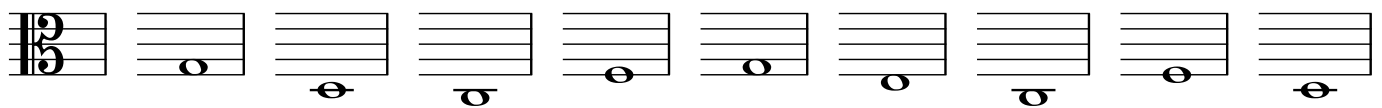
A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The staff contains nine whole notes. Notes 10 through 17 are on ledger lines below the staff, and note 18 is on the first space. The notes are: 10 (first ledger line), 11 (second ledger line), 12 (third ledger line), 13 (fourth ledger line), 14 (first space), 15 (second space), 16 (third space), 17 (fourth space), and 18 (first line).

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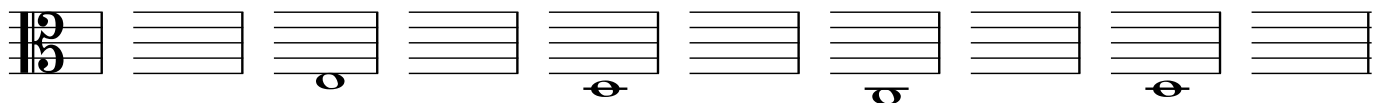
A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The staff contains nine whole notes. Notes 19 through 26 are on ledger lines above the staff, and note 27 is on the first line. The notes are: 19 (first ledger line), 20 (second ledger line), 21 (third ledger line), 22 (fourth ledger line), 23 (first space), 24 (second space), 25 (third space), 26 (fourth space), and 27 (first line).

28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36



A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The staff contains nine whole notes. Notes 28 through 35 are on ledger lines below the staff, and note 36 is on the first space. The notes are: 28 (first ledger line), 29 (second ledger line), 30 (third ledger line), 31 (fourth ledger line), 32 (first space), 33 (second space), 34 (third space), 35 (fourth space), and 36 (first line).

37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45



A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The staff contains nine whole notes. Notes 37 through 44 are on ledger lines above the staff, and note 45 is on the first line. The notes are: 37 (first ledger line), 38 (second ledger line), 39 (third ledger line), 40 (fourth ledger line), 41 (first space), 42 (second space), 43 (third space), 44 (fourth space), and 45 (first line).

Time _____

Name:.....

Note Names Ledger Lines and Spaces - Speed Sheet 1 (Treble)

Write the letter name below the note.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
F	G	A	B	C	B	A	G	F
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
E	D	C	B	A	B	C	D	E
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
B	F	C	A	B	G	C	A	G
28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
D	A	E	C	D	B	E	C	A
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
A	C	B	B	C	A	A	C	C

Time _____

Name:.....

Note Names Ledger Lines and Spaces - Speed Sheet 2 (Treble)

Write the letter name below the note.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
G	A	B	C	D	C	B	A	G

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
D	C	B	A	G	A	B	C	D

19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
C	G	D	B	C	A	D	B	A

28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
C	G	D	B	C	A	D	B	G

37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
B	B	C	A	D	G	B	B	D

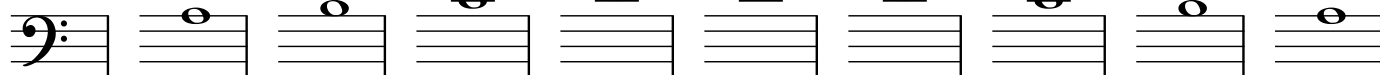
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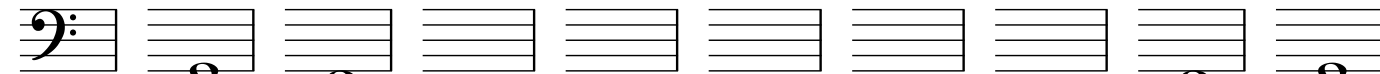
Write the letter name below the note.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



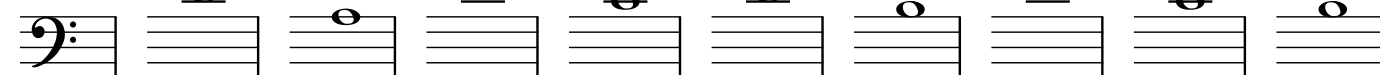
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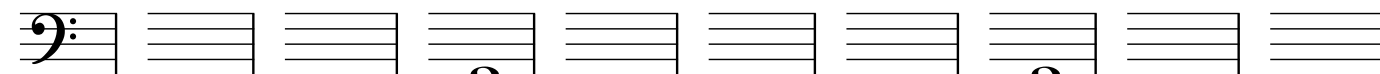
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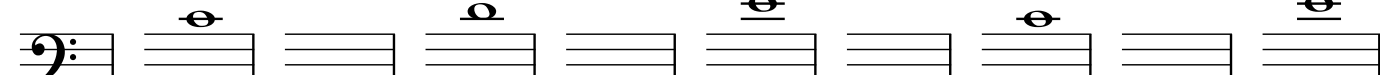
D A E C D B D C B

28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36



F C G D F D G E C

37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45



C E D D E F C C E

Time _____

Name:.....

Note Names Ledger Lines and Spaces - Speed Sheet 2 (Bass)

Write the letter name below the note.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
B	C	D	E	F	E	D	C	B
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
F	E	D	C	B	C	D	E	F
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
E	B	F	D	E	B	F	D	C
28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
E	B	F	D	E	C	F	D	B
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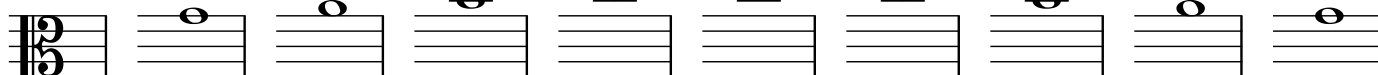
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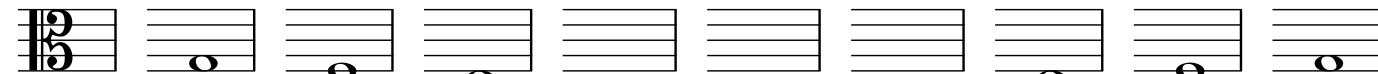
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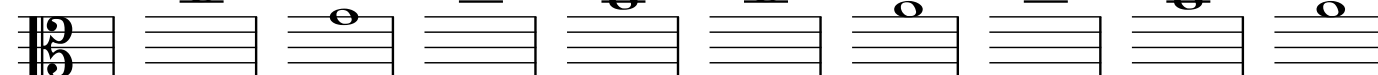
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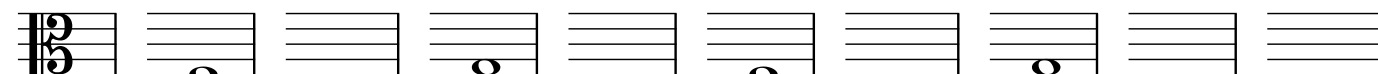
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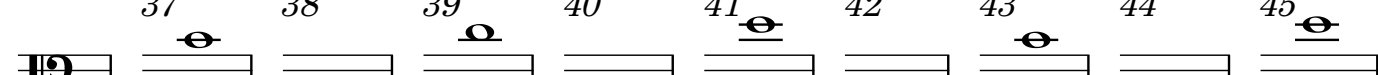
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F C G E F D G E C

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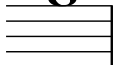
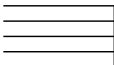
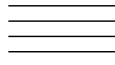
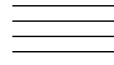
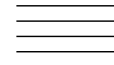
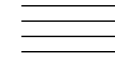
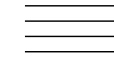
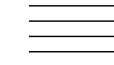
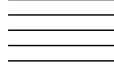
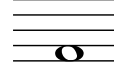
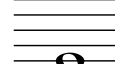
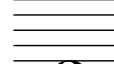
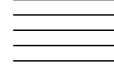
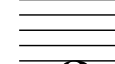
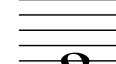
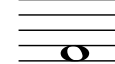
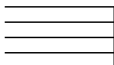
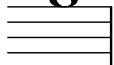
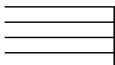
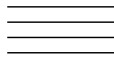
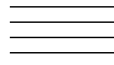
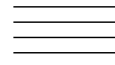
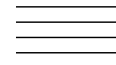
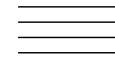
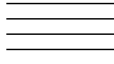
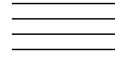
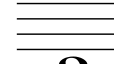
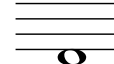
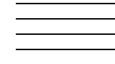
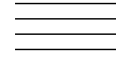
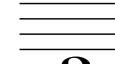
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