

Only a music maestro can figure out this melody - Part 1

Puzzle 09

To solve the first part of this puzzle, you need to determine the number of beats of each note (shown are quarter note (♩) for one beat, half note (♪) for two beats, and whole note (♩) for four beats). Using these values, index into the word beneath the note to get a letter.

When you do, it will spell out the solution: **TUNES**

Music Maestro
Can you find the hidden word in this ditty?

♩ = 1

Turn up in fine arts.

Good Old Songs!

Songs still exist to change expectations. Fans often look off Broadway, which inspires people's thankful, lonely hearts.



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Only a music maestro can figure out this melody - Part 2

Puzzle 09

The second part of this puzzle starts by extracting a message from the text below the tune. The repeat symbol (||) at the end of music is a clue to apply the same extraction technique from Part 1 (index by 1, 1, 2, 4, 4) and repeat until the extraction is complete..

When you do, you will extract the message: "GOOGLE THE SOLFA CIPHER".

A musical staff in 4/4 time with a treble clef. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 1. The melody consists of five notes: a quarter rest, a quarter note, a quarter note, a half note, and a half note. Below the notes are the lyrics: "Turn up in fine arts." Red numbers 1, 1, 2, 4, 4 are placed below the notes. A red circle highlights the repeat symbol at the end of the staff.



Looking up the Solfa Cipher ([here, for example](#)), you'll find that it uses the note value (do, re, mi..) and a counting sequence 1 through 4 based on the unit duration (*not* note duration) as lookups into a table of values.

Solfa Cipher allows for disguising the clef, key, scale, and other elements, but using them at face value as given, the notes are La, Re, Do, So, Fa.

With quarter note duration, since the music is 4/4, the count value matches the beat in the measure of the note: 3, 4, 3, 1, 1.

Combining the two gives L3, R4, D3, S1, F1.

Decoding these values gives the answer: **LYRES**