

# Finding the Beat

Before beginning to write a song, we need to know the basics of how a song is put together. Let's start with the beat.

Chant this rhyme. To keep the beat, clap once for each box.

<b>Twin - kle,</b>	<b>twin - kle,</b>	<b>lit - tle</b>	<b>star,</b>
<b>How I</b>	<b>won - der</b>	<b>what you</b>	<b>are!</b>
<b>Up a -</b>	<b>bove the</b>	<b>world so</b>	<b>high,</b>
<b>Like a</b>	<b>dia - mond</b>	<b>in the</b>	<b>sky,</b>
<b>Twin - kle,</b>	<b>twin - kle,</b>	<b>lit - tle</b>	<b>star,</b>
<b>How I</b>	<b>won - der</b>	<b>what you</b>	<b>are!</b>

## Word Rhythm

Now that we have established the beat, it is time to find the rhythm of the words. Each box is still equal to one beat, so it takes one big star to equal one beat, and it takes two small stars to equal one beat.





Chant this rhyme and clap the rhythm.

























Follow the big stars and the small stars above the words.

<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>Twin - kle,</b>	<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>twin - kle,</b>	<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>lit - tle</b>	<small>★</small> <b>star,</b>
<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>How I</b>	<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>won - der</b>	<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>what you</b>	<small>★</small> <b>are!</b>
<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>Up a -</b>	<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>bove the</b>	<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>world so</b>	<small>★</small> <b>high,</b>
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<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>Twin - kle,</b>	<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>twin - kle,</b>	<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>lit - tle</b>	<small>★</small> <b>star,</b>
<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>How I</b>	<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>won - der</b>	<small>★</small> <small>★</small> <b>what you</b>	<small>★</small> <b>are!</b>









# Quarter Notes and Eighth Notes 3

We have found the word rhythm; now let's put that rhythm into notes. Each big star is now a quarter note . Each pair of small stars is now a pair of eighth notes .

1. Chant these words and clap the rhythm.
2. Follow the s and the s above the words and clap the rhythm.
3. Clap and chant the rhythm syllables. Say "ta" for every . Say "ti-ti" for every pair of .

 <b>Twin - kle,</b>	 <b>twin - kle,</b>	 <b>lit - tle</b>	 <b>star,</b>
 <b>How I</b>	 <b>won - der</b>	 <b>what you</b>	 <b>are!</b>
 <b>Up a -</b>	 <b>bove the</b>	 <b>world so</b>	 <b>high,</b>
 <b>Like a</b>	 <b>dia - mond</b>	 <b>in the</b>	 <b>sky,</b>
 <b>Twin - kle,</b>	 <b>twin - kle,</b>	 <b>lit - tle</b>	 <b>star,</b>
 <b>How I</b>	 <b>won - der</b>	 <b>what you</b>	 <b>are!</b>

Chant this rhyme and clap the rhythm of the words. Finish writing the rhythm above the words. Write one quarter note or one pair of eighth notes in each box.

 <b>Star</b>	 <b>light,</b>	 <b>star</b>	 <b>bright,</b>
<b>First</b>	<b>star I</b>	<b>see to -</b>	<b>night,</b>
 <b>Wish I</b>	 <b>may,</b>	 <b>wish I</b>	 <b>might,</b>
<b>Have the</b>	<b>wish I</b>	<b>wish to -</b>	<b>night.</b>

Now clap and say the rhythm syllables.  = ta  = ti-ti