

Incomplete Measures (Pick-up Notes)

Some pieces begin with an incomplete measure. This note (or notes) is known as a PICK-UP NOTE. The following piece has only 1 beat in the first measure. The missing 2 beats are found in the last measure.

Carnival of Venice

Moderato

Syncopation

When the accent in a musical passage falls on the weak beat (&) rather than the strong beat (1, 2, etc.), it is called SYNCOPATION.

Exercises

1 Fill in the last measure of each example with the correct note value for the given note name.

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Traditional Carol

a.

Auld Lang Syne

Scottish Folk Song

b.

2 Add bar lines and write the beats under each measure. Count and clap the rhythm.

a.