

## Time Signatures

Time Signatures are the numbers at the beginning of a piece of music - The top number tells us the number of beats in each bar. The bottom number tells us the type of note. For example: 4/4 time means there are 4 beats in each bar and the 4 on the bottom means that these 4 notes are quarter note beats or crotchets.

4/4 time means: There are 4 quarter note or crotchet beats in each bar.

3/4 time means: There are 3 quarter note or crotchet beats in each bar.

2/4 time means: There are 2 quarter note or crotchet beats in each bar.

"C" stands for Common Time which is the same as 4/4 time - 4/4 is used so much that you write the letter "C" instead of 4/4 time.



Here is an example of various note values in 4/4 time



Here is an example of various note values in 3/4 time



Here is an example of various note values in 2/4 time



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