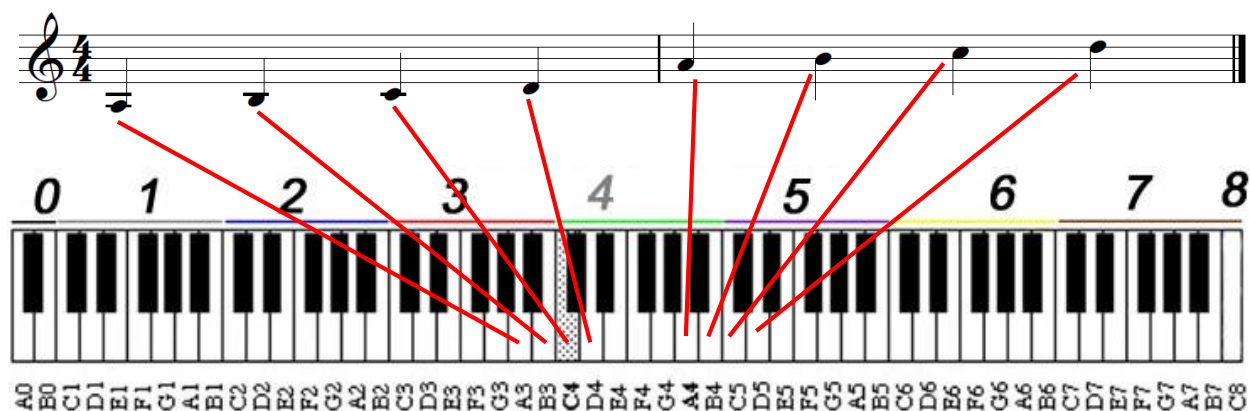


## LESSON 2-1 : Simple Melodies

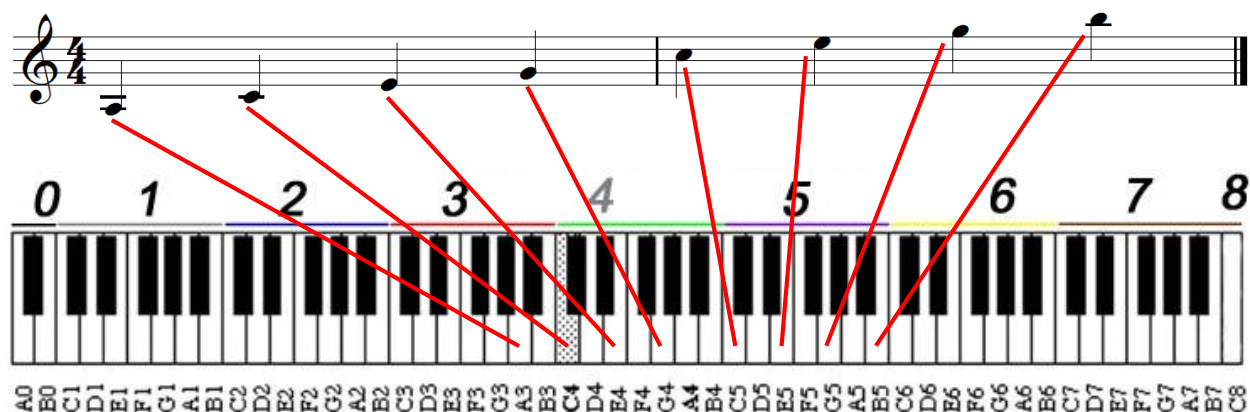
### Pop Piano: Playing Melody Lines

#### Speed Reading

- Useful to read long strings of notes
- Read the next note based on its relative position to the previous note
- Adjacent notes on the staff
  - Correspond to a 1 white key jump on the keyboard



- Notes on adjacent lines or adjacent spaces
- Correspond to a 2 white key jump on the keyboard



## Hand Position and Hand Shape

- Keep hand arched
- Curl the fingers
- Let each finger rest on 1 adjacent white key (default position)
- Imagine you are holding a tennis ball



## Simple Melody Practice

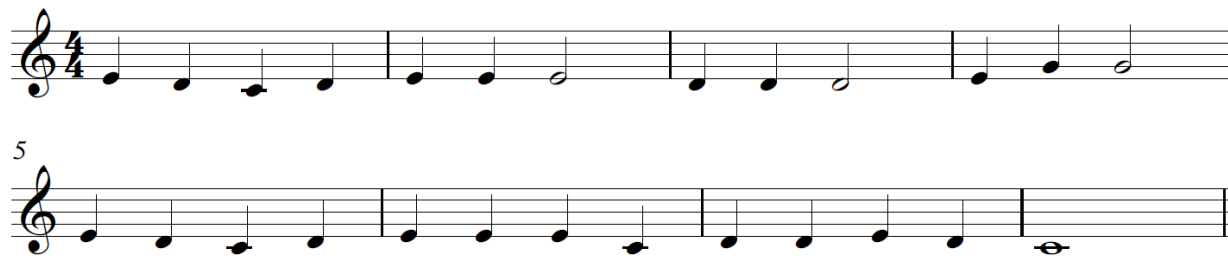
- Tips to approaching any melody
  - Identify range of notes in the melody
  - Position hand on keyboard such that fingers cover this range
  - Each finger rests on 1 key - when a note appears in the melody, use that finger to play the corresponding key
  - Turn on your metronome to set the beat, and start playing!

### Lightly Row





Mary Had A Little Lamb



Ode To Joy

