

# Peace Like a River

*Traditional, American*

adapted for one octave  
diatonic handbells

by



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KidsPlay™ Bells Needed:

C, D, E, F, G, A, B

*Includes eighth, quarter, dotted quarter, half, whole notes, and tied notes*



# Get the Rhythm!





# Counting $\frac{4}{4}$ Time with Quarter Notes

4  $\rightarrow$  means count to four in a measure

4  $\rightarrow$  means the quarter note  $\downarrow$  gets one beat

$\text{♪}$  =  $\frac{1}{2}$  beat

$\text{♩}$  =  $\frac{1}{2}$  beat

$\text{♪}$  = 1 beat

$\text{♫}$  = 1 beat

$\text{♬}$  =  $1\frac{1}{2}$  beats

$\text{♭♯}$  =  $1\frac{1}{2}$  beats

$\text{♭}$  = 2 beats

$\text{♮}$  = 2 beats

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$\text{♯}$  = 4 beats

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# Counting $\frac{4}{4}$ Time with Dotted Notes



1 half 2 half 3 half 4 half



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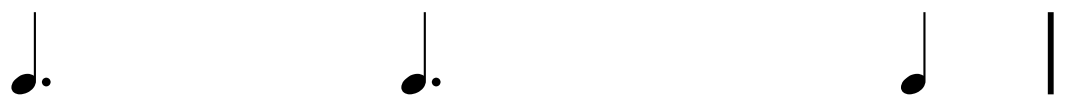
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# Tied Notes

- Notes that are *tied* are connected together by a curved line.




- Tied notes are the same pitch.
- Only the first note is played.
- The first note is held for the total time of the tied notes.

# Counting $\frac{4}{4}$ Time with Tied Notes




1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 |

X X X X | X X X |



1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 |

X X X X | | X X |



1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 |

X | | X X |





4  
4

# Peace Like a River



I've got peace like a




river. I've got peace like a





river. I've got peace like a

4  
4

# Peace Like a River

  
river in my soul


  
I've got peace like a


  
river. I've got peace like a

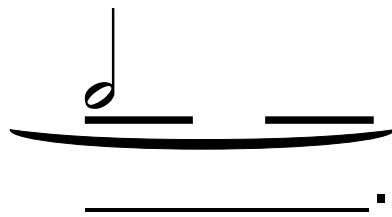


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# Peace Like a River

  
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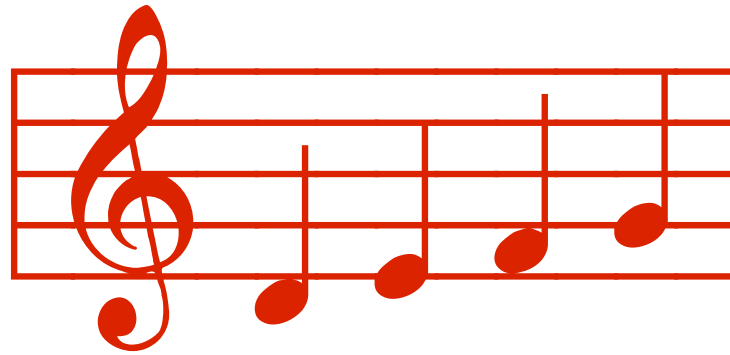
  
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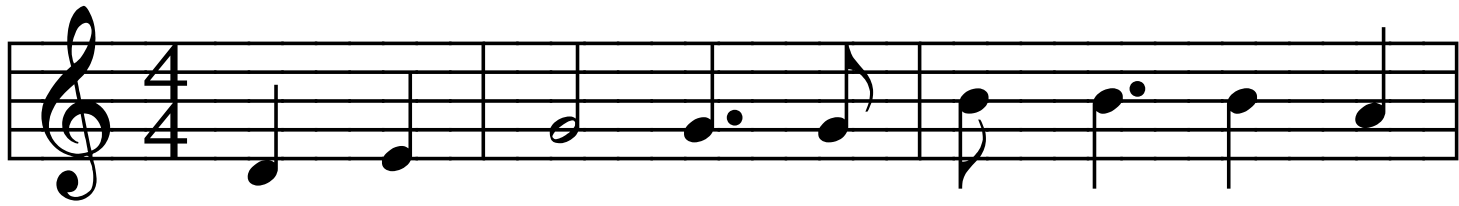




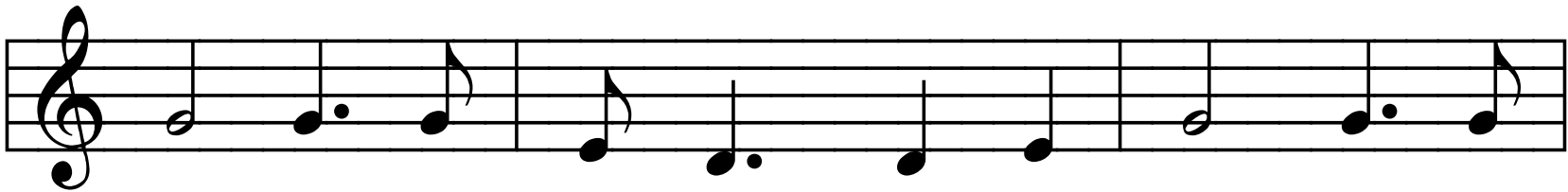


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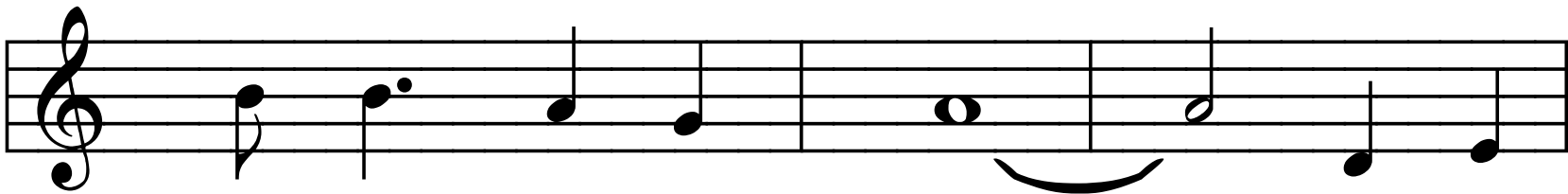




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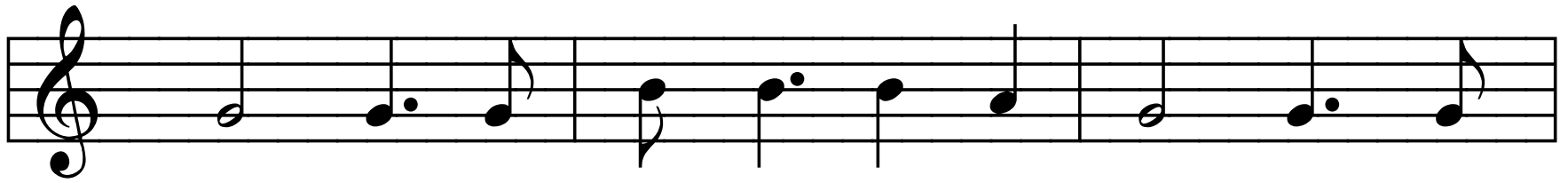


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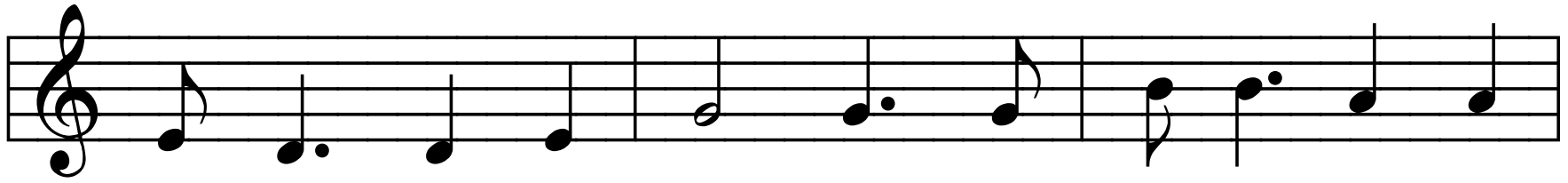


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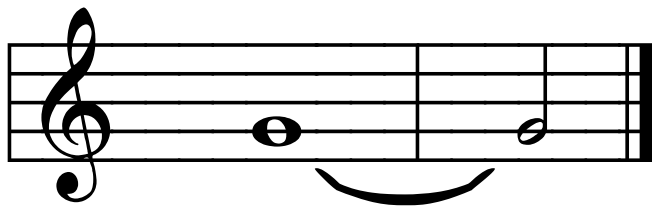




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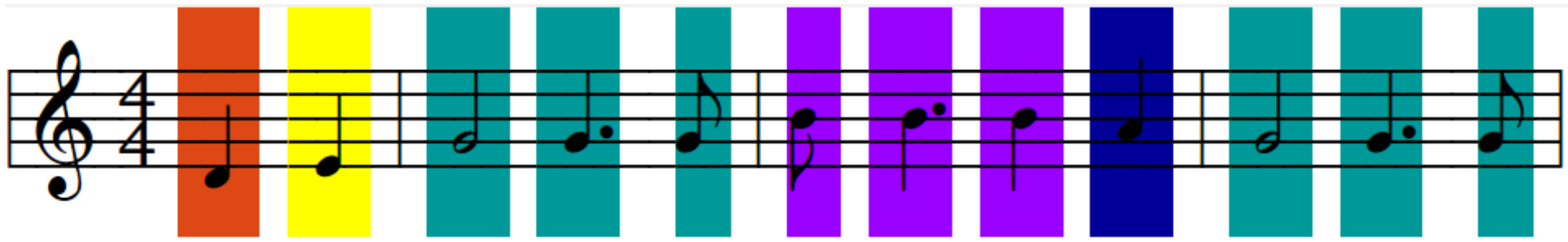


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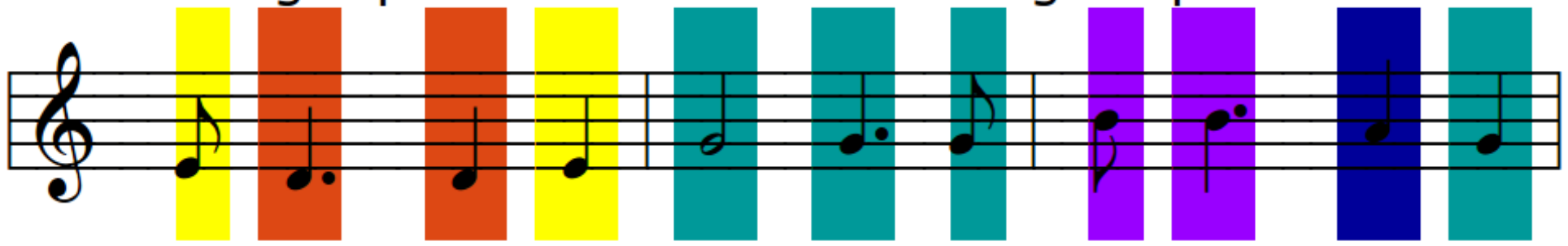


Play the Melody!

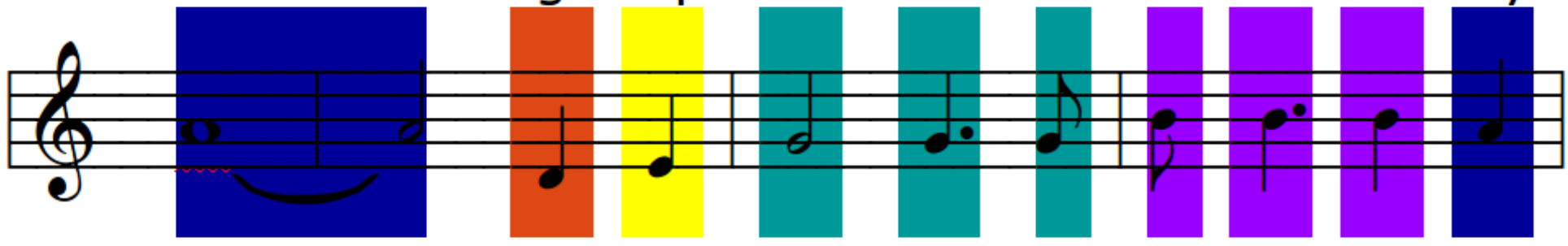




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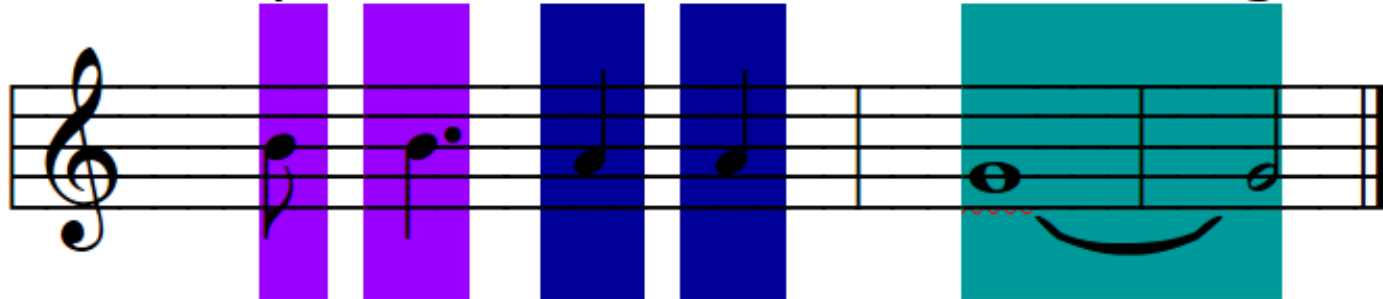


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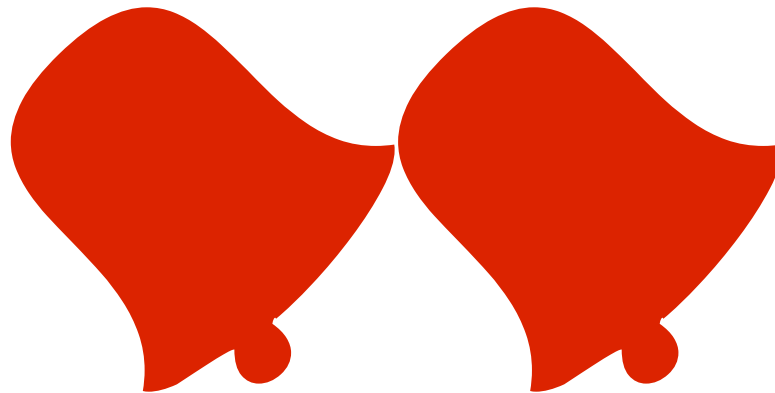
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Add the Harmony!





A musical staff in 4/4 time with a treble clef. It contains 12 notes: a quarter note, a dotted quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a dotted quarter note, a quarter note, a dotted quarter note, a quarter note, a dotted quarter note, a quarter note, a dotted quarter note, and a quarter note. Each note is positioned above a vertical colored bar.

I've got peace like a river. I've got peace like a

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soul. I've got peace like a river. I've got

4/4  
peace like a river. I've got peace like a



river in my soul.

The image displays two staves of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef and contains the melody for the lyrics. The notes are: a quarter note G4 (purple bar), a quarter note A4 (purple bar), a quarter note B4 (dark blue bar), a quarter note C5 (dark blue bar), a whole note D5 (teal bar with a smiley face), and a whole note E5 (teal bar with a smiley face). The bottom staff is also in treble clef and contains the accompaniment. The notes are: a quarter note G4 (teal bar), a quarter note A4 (teal bar), a quarter note B4 (dark red bar), a quarter note C5 (dark red bar), a whole note D5 (orange bar), and a whole note E5 (orange bar). The lyrics 'river in my soul.' are written below the notes.



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