

# Old MacDonald

"With an 1/8 note here and an 1/8 note there..."

Traditional

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♩ = 92

Tuba

5

9 Practice counting this section like crazy!

13

The musical score is written for Tuba in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Tuba'. The second staff is marked with a '5' above it. The third staff is marked with a '9' above it and has a bracketed section from measure 9 to measure 12 with the instruction 'Practice counting this section like crazy!'. The fourth staff is marked with a '13' above it. The music features a sequence of eighth notes and quarter notes, with rests, and ends with a double bar line.

I like "Old MacDonald" because it has 1/8 notes on beat 1 in measures 11 & 12, 1/8 notes on *beat 2* in measure 12, 1/8 notes on **beat 3** in measure 11, and 1/8 notes on *beat 4* in measure 9. It's a GREAT song to learn, practice, and reinforce an understanding of 1/8 notes.

## PRACTICE Measures 9-12 like this:

1. Count it like *crazy!* (Until you know it like a pro!)
2. Speak the rhythm on the syllable "**toh**" (toe). This reminds your tongue what to do.
3. Buzz it on your mouthpiece. Use LOTS of air for a buzzy buzz!
4. Play it *beautifully!* (**DON'T** forget to count it in your **HEAD** as you play.)
5. Now play the whole song for your mother, your father, your stepmother, your stepfather, Grandma, Grandpa, cat, dog, goldfish - play it for everyone! SHARE YOUR MUSIC!!!

[My first dog, Scout, would just lay down and fall asleep when I would practice the tuba. My second dog, Kayla, she was a different story. The sound of the tuba seemed to really scare her. When I would play, she would high-tail it out of the room. She was even afraid of just seeing the tuba! When she turned about 8 or 9 years old, she was a lot less afraid of the tuba. And now she doesn't mind the tuba at all. She's 11 years old, and I think her hearing has changed as she has gotten older. Or maybe, she has just gotten used to the sound - who knows?]

**PRACTICE ! ! !**