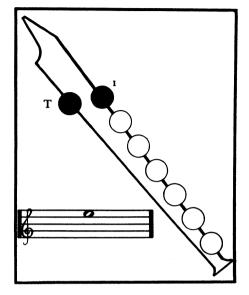
THE TREBLE RECORDER

THE FIRST NOTE

- 1. Put your LEFT thumb on the hole at the back. Feel, but don't look, to find out whether the hole is covered.
- 2. Put your LEFT first finger on the top hole. Feel, don't look.
- 3. Use your breath just strongly enough to make a clear note, not more.
- 4. Cover the holes with the pads of your fingers, not the tips.

The letter name of the note you have just played is E.



The Note E

Any note, whatever its shape or size, which has its body in the top space of the stave, is an E.

The black notes $(\ \ \ \)$ are one beat long, the others $(\ \ \ \)$ are two beats long. If you think of the black notes as one pennyworth of music, the others are two pennyworth.

Play each note separately—stop playing for a very little time between notes. Now go on to Exercise 1.



The figures $\frac{4}{4}$ are called the time-signature, because they show the time in which the music is to be played.

The top figure 4 shows the number of beats in a bar, and the bottom one shows their length.

Each bar is marked off by a bar-line(1).

The double bar-line (II) shows the end of a tune, or of an important part of a tune.



TONGUING

Single-tonguing, the kind you already know, is difficult to keep up in fast passages, so other tonguings have been found.

When notes that have to be played fast are in even groups (2, 4, 8, etc.) double-tonguing should be used. Say t-k-t-k- instead of t-t-t-t-.

When the notes are in groups of three or six, use triple tonguing-—t-k-d-t-k-d-. All tonguing needs regular practice, and the important thing is that you should practise slowly enough to keep time.

Here is a group of pieces to help you to practise tonguing.



The next tune contains some triplets (or or or).

Triplet quavers are played in the time of two quavers.

