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SOUND OFF: HOW TO COUNT TIME

4 Kinds of Notes:

			
Quarter Note (Crotchet)	Half Note (Minim)	Dotted Half Note (Dotted Minim)	Whole Note (Semibreve)
One count	Two counts	Three counts	Four counts
			
Count: 1 2 3 4	Count: 1 2 3 4	Count: 1 2 3	Count: 1 2 3 4

Time Signatures

Each piece of music has two numbers at its beginning called a time signature. These numbers tell us how to count time for that particular piece.

4/4

The TOP NUMBER tells us how many counts in each measure.

The BOTTOM NUMBER tells us what kind of note gets one count.

3/4

THREE counts to a measure

A QUARTER NOTE gets one count

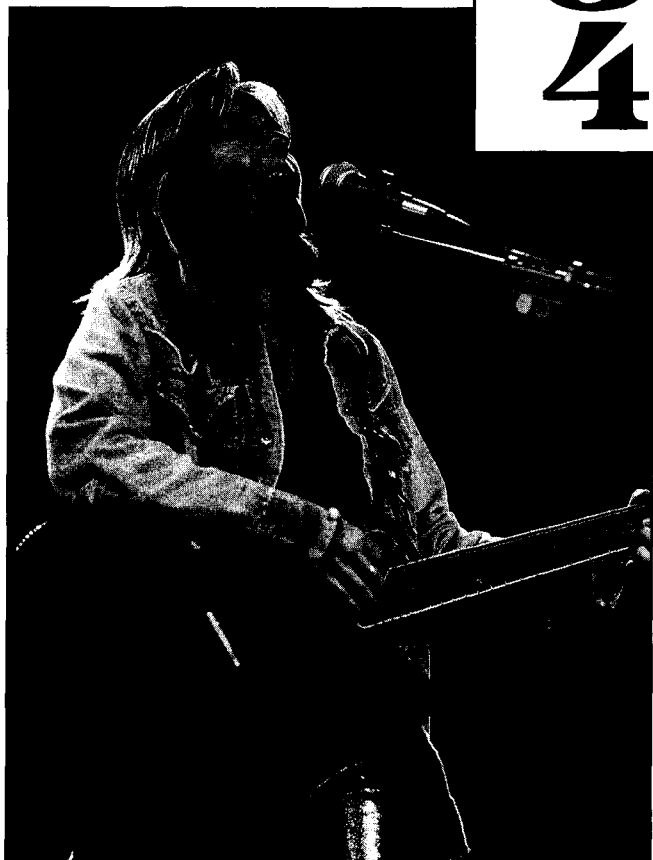


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Important:

Fill in the missing time signatures of the songs already learned. Even though tablature players do not read standard music notation, it is still important to become familiar with the concept of time signatures.

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