Play Music

One of the simplest things that we can do, to make something cool with our robot, is the "Play note" command. One note is just one note, but put the right notes together in the right order and we have a masterpiece. Let's get started:

First, let's play a note. Any note.

play	tone	on	note	C4*	beat	Half

I drag and dropped this block into the programming area. And then I clicked it. And there was music. Well, calling it music is a stretch of the imagination, but it played a note. So, I added another note.

play	tone	on	note	C4*	beat	Quarter▼
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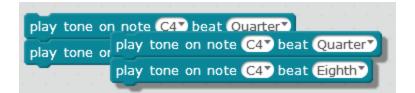
When I drag the second blog below the first block, the bottom of the first block turns white. This means when I "drop", they will fit together. I can also change the length and pitch of the note. Here, I am changing the length of the second note:

l	pl	ay	1	to	n	e	0	n	n	ot	e	0	24	•	be	eat	Quarter
	pl	ay	1	to	n	e	o	n	n	ot	e	0	24	7	be	eat	Quarter
																	Half
																	Quarter
																	Eighth
																	Whole
																	Double

Ok, now I want more notes. For more notes, I need more of the same "play tone on...." block. A shortcut I can make, instead of dragging and dropping is to copy and paste. If I right click on the blocks on the programming area, it gives me a menu:

play tone on note C4 bea	duplicate
play tone on note C4 bea	delete
	add comment

Selecting "duplicate" copies the blocks. Note that this will duplicate all the blocks below and including the block I clicked. So if I had clicked the bottom block, only one block would have been duplicated. As I clicked the top block, both blocks were duplicated:



Now, I can add them to the end of my song:

play tone on note C4 beat Quarter
play tone on note C4 beat Eighth
play tone on note C4 beat Quarter
play tone on note C4 beat Eighth

And keep developing:



Ok. Now, I want to have a pause. So I need a different block. I need to wait. Under the "Control" Scripts, there is a "wait" block:

Motion	Events
Looks	Control
Sound	Sensing
Pen	Operators
Data&Blocks	Robots
wait 1 secs	-

I am going to add that to the end of my song, then repeat the first half with a couple of changes:

play tone on note C4 beat Quarter
play tone on note C4 beat Eighth
play tone on note D47 beat Half
play tone on note C47 beat Half
play tone on note F4 beat Half
play tone on note E4 beat Half
wait 0.5 secs
play tone on note C4 beat Quarter
play tone on note C4 beat Eighth
play tone on note D4 beat Half
play tone on note C47 beat Half
play tone on note G47 beat Half
play tone on note G4 beat Half

One important aspect of writing code is including comments. While they don't affect how a program runs, they are a huge help to people who read the code. This could be other people who are working on the same team as you, or you yourself, months after having initially written the code (and having forgotten some of the details). Comments should be included in all programs to guide those reading it. To add comments, right-click on the block you want to add the comment to and then select "add comment":

	Leat Quarter			
duplicate				
delete	eat Eighth			
add comment	at Half			
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Here I have added comments to my song:

play tone on note C4 beat Quarter	T
play tone on note C4 beat Eighth	The start of a mystery song
play tone on note D4 beat (Half	

Make sure that you add comments to all your programs, and update the comments where necessary if you make any changes to programs.

Challenge:

- Do you know what the song is? Can you finish the song? Can you amend the comments to reflect the updated status?
 Can you write the song "Merry Christmas"? Be sure to add comments
 Can you write your own song? Add comments