

# Michael Finnegan

## Composer's Challenge

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign. The bass clef staff contains the lyrics: "There was an old man named Mich - ael Fin - ni - gan, he grew whis - kers on his chin - ne - gan." The melody for the first line is indicated by four notes: a quarter note, an eighth note, another eighth note, and a quarter note.

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The second system of musical notation is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign. The bass clef staff contains the lyrics: "Wind came up and blew them in a - gain, poor old Mich - ael Fin - ni - gan, be - gin a - again!"

2. Was an old man named Michael Finnegan,  
He fell down and brok his shin-negan.  
Folks said "Mike, you'll never swim again."  
Poor old Michael Finnegan, begin again!

3. Was an old man named Michael Finnegan,  
He grew fat and then grew thin again...  
Thinner than a safety pin-negan.  
Poor old Michael Finnegan, begin again!