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PICKUPS

Sometimes a song or other piece of music begins with an incomplete measure called a **pickup**. In 4/4 time the pickup can be one, two or three beats. Often, the last measure will be missing the same number of beats that the pickup uses. In

this way the initial incomplete measure is completed.

Here are some short excerpts of familiar tunes showing pickups of various numbers of beats in 4/4 and 3/4 time.

Jimmy Crack Corn

When I was young I used to wait on mas - ter

Red River Valley

From this val - ley they say you are

The Saints

Oh when the saints go march - ing

The Beautiful Blue Danube

Cowboy Jack

He was just a lone - ly