

# Varying your Rhythms

(or How to Get Them Sounding Really Interesting)



Let's look at this rhythm:

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Ev'-ry-one says it is ea-sy- to swim But no-one can do it as fast as Jim

It is perfectly correct, but it's BORING!

There are two really great ways to vary  . You could do this  or this  !



The trick is to know **which** quavers to change. Simply pick out the most interesting words and change those rhythms.

**Remember:** Don't change ALL the rhythms, the idea is to have lots of variety!

Now re-write this rhythm and write the words underneath:



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Here is an example in  $\frac{4}{4}$  :

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The sun was shi-ning and the beach was hot, So we all went there for the day

Here are some ideas for adding variety

 could become 

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Rewrite the rhythms (and words) now and make it really **interesting!**

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**EXTRA PRACTICE:** Now go over all your other rhythms and add some variety!