# 2024 Braille Literacy Canada Symposium: Touch The Future

## Learning braille music

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Resources to get you started with braille music.

### Books for learning braille music.

An Introduction to Music for the Blind Student

A Course in Music and Braille Music Reading

By Richard Taesch

Published by Dancing Dots

Braille version in four volumes (print is in three). Teaches music as well as the braille music code. Braille music is the medium through which you learn.

<https://www.dancingdots.com/prodesc/currdet.htm>

7 Little Steps To Read Music

Braille version available by email to students.

<https://www.menvi.org/newsletters/news28.html>

Braille music publications updated to UEB - ICEB Music Committee webpage

[https://iceb.org/music.html\](https://iceb.org/music.html/)

Books include:

A survivor's guide to braille music notation by Helen Merrin

Published by Vision Australia.

Student's guide and teacher's guide.

Includes audio cd.

Music Braille Code 2015, developed under the sponsorship of the Braille Authority of North America

Published by The Braille Authority of North America.

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Publications from RNIB

Split into books for sighted learners, and books for blind learners.

https://www.rnib.org.uk/living-with-sight-loss/education-and-learning/braille-tactile-

codes/braille-music/braille-music-tutor-books-and-reference-materials/

### Programs for music conversion to braille

Goodfeel Braille Music suite of products

Sighted musicians convert print scores to braille music quickly, automatically and accurately with GOODFEEL®. Blind musicians can review braille score with optional verbal and musical cues and independently create print scores of their musical ideas.

<https://dancingdots.com/main/goodfeel.htm>

Musescore

Braille output from xml.

Also a huge amount of music files in Musescore and xml formats.

Accessibility handbook.

<https://musescore.org/en/accessibility>

Sao mai braille music translation

Translate music scores into high-quality Braille result (currently supporting the MusicXML standard). SMB software uses our own Bung Sang engine, which supports many unique features and custom transcription options. With its Score Info dialogue, transcribers can perform basic score editing to obtain a high-quality Braille output.

<https://saomaicenter.org/en/smsoft/smb>

Braille music editor 2024

A program by which the user brailles in six-key entry in braille music and exports to music xml.

<https://braillemusiceditor.com/>

### Youtube and podcast links

Webinar around the DAISY Music Braille Project:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7KJ3MwOpV4&list=PLnuK_MnMvxi8yOb-XtdGMmHCgorAPE8_B&index=8>

Kate Risdon from the UK introduces the braille method for reading and writing music

Classic FM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhQgXNLPVLc>

Braille Music: Let's Tackle the Basics! (Extra 22)

Braillecast

<https://www.braillecast.com/podcast/x022/>

UKAAF Braille music podcast:

Journey through braille music.

<https://www.golden-chord.com/braille-music-podcasts.php?sid=fce4481b0ab783cd2d7530847d335940>