

I am Steve Smith, amateur radio operator (ham radio) KC5F. This is a somewhat improvised tune I call "Morse Music" that I came up with on the mountain dulcimer, just for grins! Most tunes have timing instructions in beats per second, but this one is to be played at 13 words per minute. (It just came out that way - I didn't plan it!)

"Lyrics" / Translation:

CQ CQ... ("calling any amateur radio operator")

DE ("from")

KC5F KC5F... (my FCC-assigned call sign)

(Normally at this point you would have a conversation)

TU ("thank you")

73 73... ("best regards" – standard closing greeting)

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dit dit (A friendly closing – held over from "*Shave and a haircut, two bits*". When code operators end a conversation, sometimes one sends "dit ditditdit dit" and the other responds with "dit dit". Now it's common to just skip the first part and both just send "dit dit")

And here is what I normally send my Morse code on – a World War Two J-38 key given to me by neighbor W9GJF when I got my first license in 7th grade:

