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Basic count 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 &
High pitch
 Low pitch L L L L L L L L

Samba 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 &
High pitch H H H H
 Low pitch L L L L

Variation 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 &
High pitch HH HH HH HH
 Low pitch L LL LL LL L

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