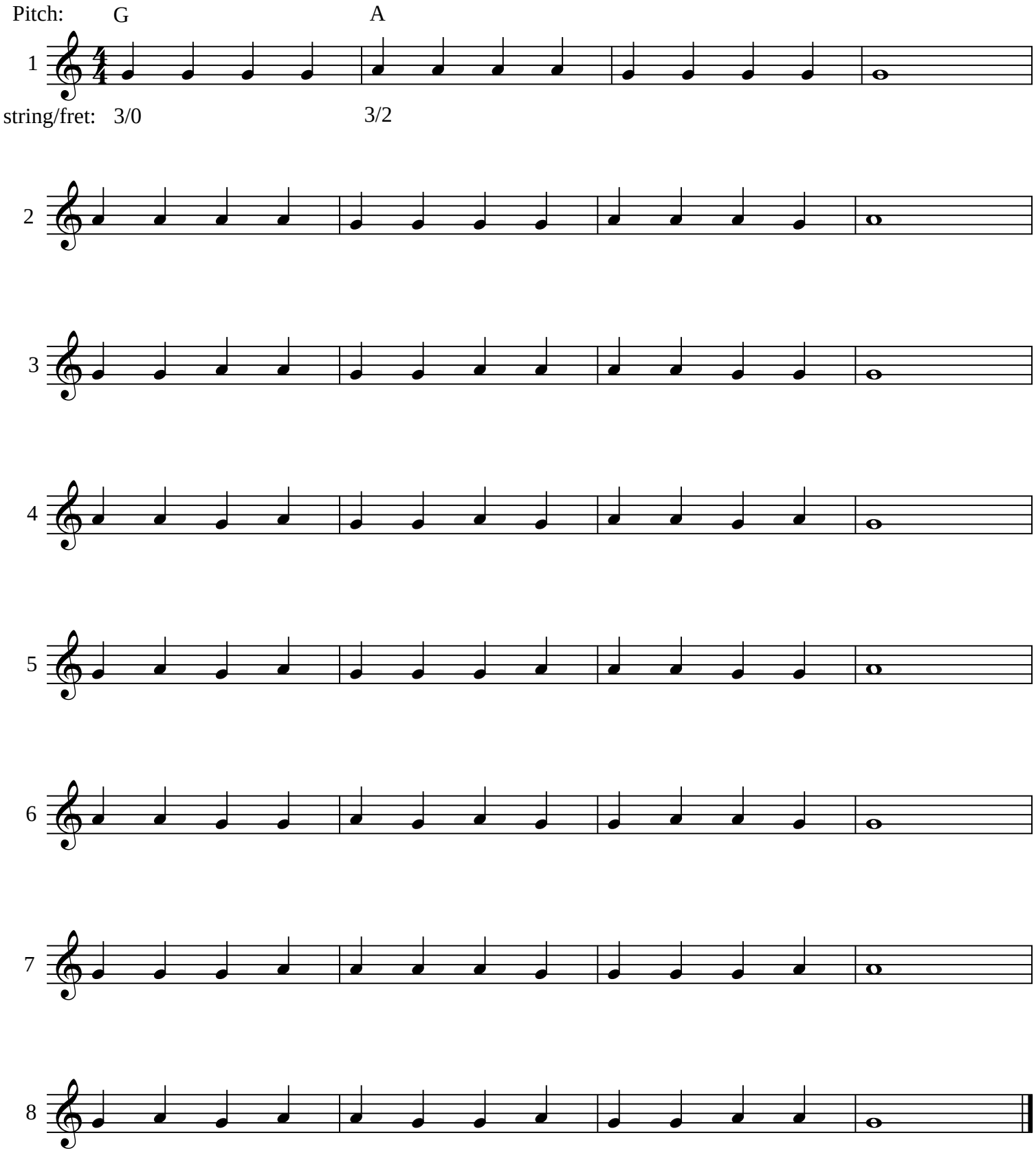Notes on the Third String