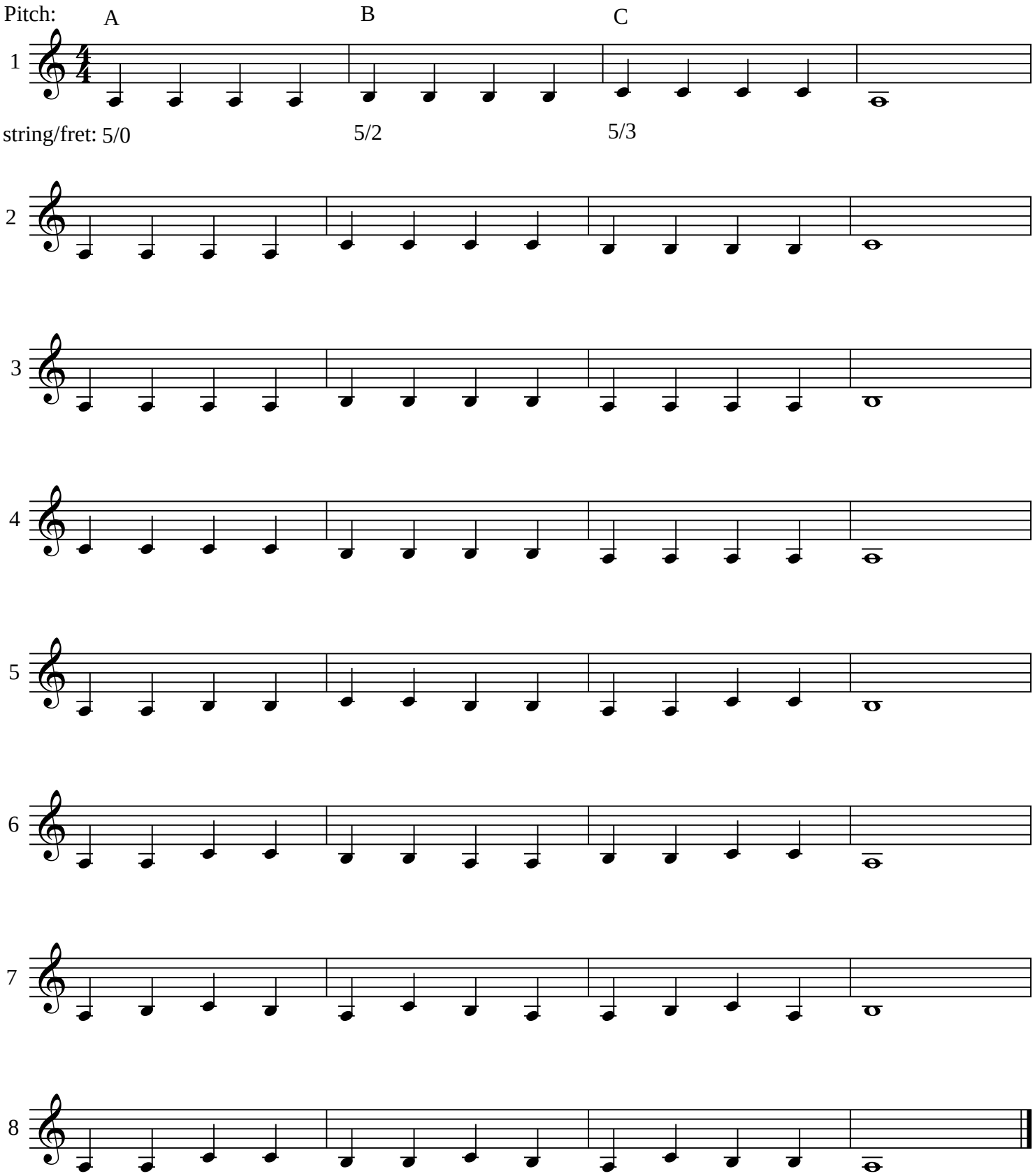Notes on the Fifth String