



DUSK SONG

Choosing a drone flute

Flutes for the hour the day lets go.

A short guide from the house

What a drone flute is

A drone flute is a flute with more than one voice.

One pipe carries the melody. One or more pipes hold a steady tone beneath it - the drone. You breathe once. The room fills with something fuller than a single line.

You do not need years of lessons to begin. You need air, a quiet corner, and a little patience while your embouchure settles.

What to listen for

- Tone before tricks. A good drone sits under the melody without fighting it.
- Stability. Pitch should hold as you soften or strengthen your breath.
- Comfort. Hole spacing should fit your hands. Larger baritones ask more reach.
- Finish. Joints, edges, and how light sits on the surface. Leave it out if it belongs in the room.

Key and range

Keys are just homes for the melody.

- Lower keys feel deep and room-filling. They are longer and ask a bit more air.
- Mid keys are the everyday middle - easy to sit with.
- Higher or pocket flutes are brighter and smaller.

There is no morally correct key. There is the sound you want in your evening.

Dusk Song's first flute is aimed at that lower, sonorous place: a large triple in G, with melody and drones meant to speak together.

440 and 432

440 Hz is the everyday reference most instruments and recordings share. If you ever want to play along with others, start here.

432 Hz is a slightly lower tuning of the same instrument family. Some people prefer how it sits in the body. It is a tuning choice, not a cosmology.

We default to 440. We treat 432 as an option when we offer it - never as a belief system.

How to choose

- Decide the hour. Depth for dusk, or something light for a walk?
- Check your hands. If large holes feel like a stretch, begin mid or smaller.
- Listen to real audio when you can - not only studio polish.
- Prefer a maker who keeps instruments in stock or names a clear lead time.
- Buy the finish you will live with.

Care, simply

- Wipe condensation from the airway when you are done.
- Let it dry before the case.
- Keep it out of hot cars and direct noon sun.
- If a joint feels fierce, ease it - do not force.

A note from the house

Dusk Song is a small house for drone flutes. Form simple. Finish considered.

We are not in a hurry to shout. We are in a hurry to make something that speaks well when the light thins.

If you are on the list, we will write when the first flute is ready.

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