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You will spend much time with your music notation program. This time is worth much more than what you pay for a music notation program. Be sure that the program you choose can write a [music notation exchange format](#). This also holds for free versions.

The best export formats at the moment are [NIFF](#), [MusicXML](#), [abc](#) and [SCORE](#). Others are possible, but not [MIDI](#), that loses almost all visual information.

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