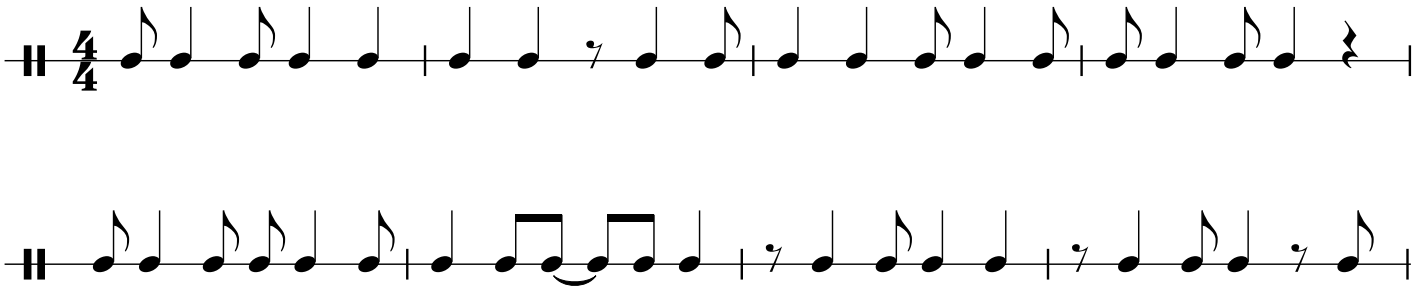Excerpt from *Sycopoation* by Ted Reed