Radium: A Music Editor Inspired by the Music Tracker

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Common lisp package for generating western style scores.
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