# Radium: A Music Editor Inspired by the Music Tracker

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# Common Music Notation

CMN: https://ccrma.stanford.edu/software/cmn/cmn/cmn.html
Common lisp package for generating western style scores.
CMN has support for Radium songs.

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