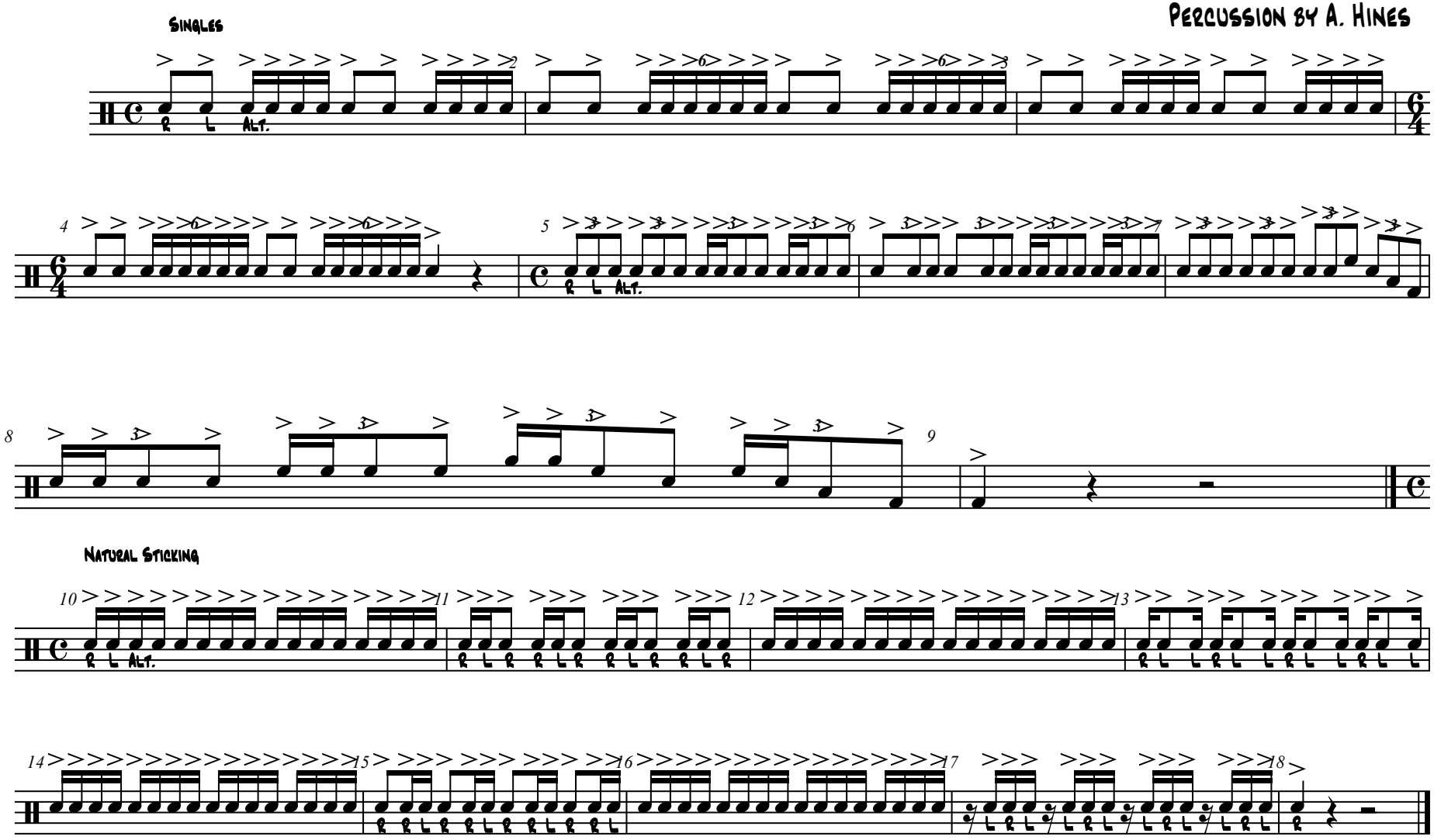Basics