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Key to symbols

Vowels:

ɪ	**si**t	/sɪt/	iː	st**ree**t	/striːt/
e	b**e**nch	/bentʃ/	ɑː	st**ar**t	/stɑːt/
æ	**a**lley	/æliː/	ɔː	w**al**k	/wɔːk/
ʌ	b**u**s	/bʌs/	uː	sh**oe**s	/ʃuːz/
ɒ	st**o**p	/stɒp/	ɜː	t**er**minus	/tɜːmɪnəs/
ʊ	c**ou**ld	/kʊd/			
aɪ	br**i**ght	/braɪt/	aʊ	**ou**t	/aʊt/
əʊ	sn**ow**	/snəʊ/	eə	wh**ere**	/weə/
eɪ	l**a**te	/leɪt/	ɪə	id**ea**	/aɪdɪə/
ɔɪ	empl**oy**	/ɪmplɔɪ/	ʊə	s**ure**	/ʃʊə/

The common sound of unprotected vowels is /ə/, e.g. 'and there wasn't a plant':
/ənd ðə wɒzənt ə plɑːnt/

Consonants:

p	**p**ast	/pɑːst/	b	**b**y	/baɪ/
t	**t**erminus	/tɜːmɪnəs/	d	**d**own	/daʊn/
k	**c**oncrete	/kɒŋkriːt/	g	**g**ot	/gɒt/
f	**f**irst	/fɜːst/	v	**v**isitor	/vɪzɪtə/
θ	**th**ought	/θɔːt/	ð	**th**ere	/ðeə/
s	**s**it	/sɪt/	ʃ	**sh**oes	/ʃuːz/
ʃ	**sh**ops	/ʃɒps/	ʒ	mea**s**ure	/meʒə/
m	**m**iles	/maɪlz/	l	**l**ord	/lɔːd/
n	**n**ow	/naʊ/	r	**r**ight	/raɪt/
r	**r**ang	/ræŋ/	w	**w**ant	/wɒnt/
h	**h**ow	/haʊ/	j	**y**es	/jes/

Tone unit boundary: //
// the bus stopped // we'd got to the terminus //

Sounds in prominent syllables: UPPER CASE letters
// the BUS STOPPED // we'd GOT to the TERminus //

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Tonic syllable: underlining
// the BUS STOPPED // we'd GOT to the TERminus //

Tone: arrows placed at the beginning of the tone unit
fall: ↘
rise: ↗
fall-rise: ↘↗
level: →
// ↗ WHEN the bus STOPPED // ↘ she GOT OUT //

Key: arrows placed before the first prominent syllable
High key: ↑
Low key: ↓
Mid key: No arrow
// the BUS STOPPED // we'd ↑ GOT to the TERminus //
// the BUS STOPPED // we'd ↓ GOT to the TERminus //

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