

EINE KLEINE NACHTMUSIK

KV 525, W.A. MOZART



CHILD PRODIGY

Wolfgang was born in Austria in 1756. His father, Leopold, was a violinist, conductor and composer in the musical city of Salzburg. He discovered very early on the fantastic talent of his son. Wolfgang appeared to be a musical genius!

Leopold gave Wolfgang and his older sister, Nannerl, music lessons at home. The children learned to play the piano and the violin, and Wolfgang was only a child when he began to write his own musical compositions!

Leopold was very proud of them, and wanted to show his children's special talent to the world. He took Wolfgang and Nannerl on long trips across Europe to perform before important people. Between the age of 6 and 15, Wolfgang spent more than half his time on tour.

During the performances, Leopold showed off his son as if he was a dog who could perform tricks: playing superfast pieces, improvising, playing while blindfolded, etc.

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You can think, talk, write, draw about these questions ... while listening to 'Eine kleine Nachtmusik'.



Would you like to be in Wolfgang's shoes?
Why? Why not?

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What is your talent?
What talent do you admire in others?

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LOOK



In this short film, you can see what it was like:
<https://youtu.be/YDUZ3CtMRCI>.

In the painting, you see Wolfgang, his father and his sister playing music together. Leopold Mozart with Wolfgang and Maria Anna (Nannerl), 1763. Painting by Louis Carrogis de Carmontelle



SERENADE

Just imagine... night has fallen. The sun made way to darkness and the moon several hours ago. The faint light of a lamppost casts its gleam on the balcony of a house in a quiet street. Rustling, a bush sways ... suddenly a young man appears! He looks around and makes sure no one is watching him. The young man stands under the balcony and starts to sing...



Good day, hello, greetings, bonjour! Anyone home? I'm standing in the courtyard.

Trala, I'm singing a little song for my dear love

*A very little song, yes, for my love
tralalalalala tralalalalala tralalalalaa*

(a young woman in pyjamas appears on the balcony, rubbing her eyes sleepily. The young man sings on..)

Everyone doing okay? Your gran, too?
Yes, yes, we're all fine. Quite the weather
we're having today!
Alright, good, I have to go as it's getting
late and it's cold and I'm tired.

'Eine kleine Nachtmusik' is a serenade, a musical greeting to one's beloved. In Mozart's day there was no internet, and even the telephone had yet to be invented! So people who were in love had to go to a lot more trouble to reach their loved one. Some did so by going to their beloved's house and singing a song to attract attention.



YOUR OWN SERENADE!



You can write your own text for a secret love!
For someone you like or for the love of your
dreams. For your pet or for the moon.
For your pillow or your nightlight.

A large rectangular box with a decorative border, containing several horizontal dotted lines for writing.

Can you sing your text to the music?

STRING ORCHESTRA



In the string orchestra, you have every instrument of the violin family. There are four of them, from small to large:



**THE
VIOLIN**

the violin (just like the other instruments of this family) is played with a bow



**THE
VIOLA**

is one size larger than the violin
is the oldest member of the family



**THE
CELLO**

you hold it between your legs to be able to play it
has a very warm sound



**THE
DOUBLE BASS**

is so big that you have to stand up to be able to play it
it's a favourite instrument in jazz music



The smaller the instrument, the higher the sound

the bigger the instrument, the lower its sound



Music

STRING QUIZ



Study the information accompanying the drawings
Watch a concert of Eine kleine Nachtmusik (<https://youtu.be/QZWKUzbekXU>). Now test your knowledge with his quiz!

1. What material are string instruments made of?

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2. How many strings does a violin have? Is that the same for all string instruments?

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3. What is the difference between a violin and a viola?

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4 True or false:

the smaller the instrument, the higher the sound

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the cello is the biggest instrument in the string orchestra

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5. You can also play a string instrument without a bow.

That's called pizzicato in Italian. In this short film, the orchestra plays pizzicato: <https://youtu.be/3CAXpuPqfv0>. Explain in your own words what that means.

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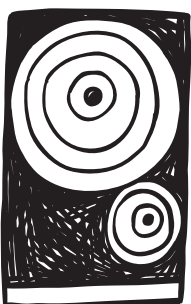
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READY?

WELL DONE! NOW YOU KNOW A LOT MORE ABOUT MOZART AND STRING INSTRUMENTS.



TEKENOPDRACHT



Hoe zou Mozart er vandaag uitzien?

Teken hem en zijn zus!

A large, empty rectangular frame with a double-line border and small square corner markers, intended for drawing.