

UNIT 4 – MUSIC ALL AROUND US

LESSON 5: MUSIC THAT TELLS A STORY

SOUND STORY: *THE SUN & THE WIND* CD4 TRACKS 16 & 17

Students in groups:

wind – **shakers**

trees – **bells**

rain – **tambourines**

thunder & lightning - **drums, cymbals and any other ‘thunder producers’** (see unit 3 lesson 5)

sun – **glockenspiels (played randomly)**

man walking – **tone block**

THE SUN & THE WIND

The sun and the wind were having an argument. Each thought he was the stronger. They decided to have a contest. The wind looked down and saw a man walking along the country road. He was wearing a hat. **tone block**

The wind said ‘I will make that man take off his hat and coat and show you that I am stronger’. So he started to blow.

First he was a gentle breeze. **shakers (softly & gently)**

But the man kept on walking. **tone block**

So the wind blew stronger, until the leaves on the trees began to shake and quiver. **shakers and bells (a little louder)**

But the man kept on walking. **tone block**

Then the wind called for the rain to help him. **shakers, bells & tambourines**

But the man pulled his coat and hat even tighter ... and kept on walking. **tone block**

Now the wind howled, the rain lashed and the trees shook as thunder crashed and a fierce storm filled the sky. **shakers, bells, tambourines, drums, cymbals and any other ‘thunder producers’**

The man pulled his hat and coat even tighter and took shelter under a rock ledge while the storm raged around him. **shakers, bells, tambourines, drums, cymbals and any other ‘thunder producers’**

The wind gave up.

The thunder and lightning stopped cracking. **drums, cymbals and any other ‘thunder producers’ stop**

The rain stopped lashing. **tambourines stop**

The trees stopped shaking. **bells stop**

And the wild wind died down to a gentle breeze. **shakers softly and gently**

Till everything was still. **All have stopped**

‘Now it is my turn’ said the sun.

As the clouds cleared, the warm rays of the sun shone down. **1 glockenspiel**

The man came out from under the rock ledge and saw that the storm had passed. So he continued on his journey **tone block**

The sun smiled – and grew stronger ... and warmer **2 glockenspiels**

The man smiled – and removed his hat ... and continued walking. **tone block**

The sun shone brighter and stronger. **3 glockenspiels**

So the man loosened his coat.

Now the sun was at full strength – and very hot indeed. **4 glockenspiels**

So the sun ... had won!

NOTES

Dynamics is an integral part of this sound story. The wind begins softly. As each new element is introduced (trees, rain, thunder & lightning) the sound becomes louder.

As the storm subsides the sound becomes softer.

The sun’s growing strength is represented by beginning with one glockenspiel and progressively adding more.