

Classics for Kids



Turkish Rondo

from Piano Sonata No. 11 in A major

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
 Born: January 27, 1756
 Died: December 5, 1791

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria, where his father Leopold was a violinist and composer. Wolfgang (or Wolferl, as his family called him) was a child prodigy. He composed his first piece of music at age five; he had his first piece published when he was seven; and he wrote his first opera when he was twelve. By the time Wolfgang was six, he was an excellent pianist and violinist. He and his sister Maria Anna (known as Nannerl) traveled all over Europe performing for royalty.

When he grew up, Mozart moved to Vienna and tried to earn a living as a pianist and composer. However, he had a hard time handling the fact that he was no longer a

child prodigy. Mozart was still a musical genius, but after he stopped being a cute kid, people stopped making a big fuss over him. At that time, musicians were treated like servants, but Mozart did not, and could not think of himself in this way.

Mozart was only 35 when he died. During his short life, he composed in all different musical forms, including operas, symphonies, concertos, masses, and chamber music. He is considered one of the finest musicians the world has ever known.

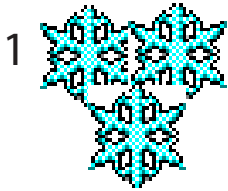
Follow along as you listen to Mozart's *Turkish Rondo*

Rondo

An instrumental composition in which the main theme is alternated with contrasting themes.

If the main theme is labeled A, and the other sections are labeled B, C, and D, the form of a rondo would be A-B-A-C-A-D-A.

Snow falls lightly, dancing in the air on its way to the ground.



Still shoveling.



Listen for the strong beat of the shovel trying to clean the sidewalk. (This is the Rondo theme).



Once again, we hear the breezy melody of the snow falling.



It's slippery on a cold winter day. Listen for the music sliding up and down the scale.



The shoveling continues.



A *coda* (Italian for "tail") ends the piece.

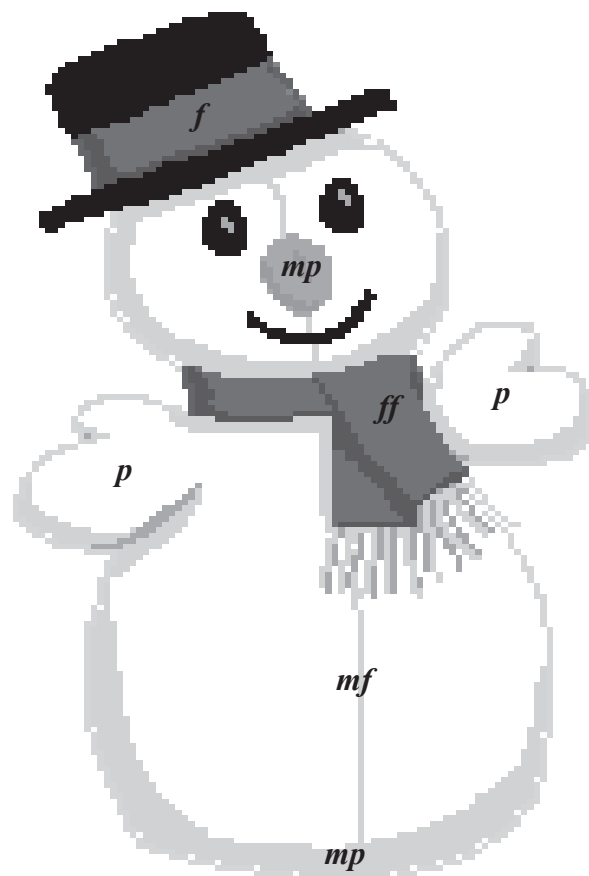


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P X B V D D C E X I K E N O V
 G X E C E H T L J L T L K W B
 I P E H L O N C A O G N E Q S
 F R A C S T Y I P H N T I K L
 O H J N E J X C G Q A E Z W W
 F M H A T A T I Z L C O L D V
 P R M G A G E J O A O N B F S
 X E R G K L T C L U A V A W B
 W E O O S E O P N C L W E L O
 A E T B E H E A H Q A H A S O
 J X S O C R M R J Y F N K C T
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 Z K O F O R F A V E I T W P X
 U H N N X F F R T N P H H K C
 J F S H O V E L G N C B C E M

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COLOR THE SNOWMAN



WORDS TO FIND

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| Blanket | Boots | Cold |
| Fireplace | Gloves | Hotchocolate |
| Iceskates | Icicle | Muff |
| Parka | Scarf | Shovel |
| Skiing | Sled | Sleigh |
| Snow | Snowman | Snowstorm |
| | Toboggan | |

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Draw a picture, or write your own story, if you wish, on blank 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Send us your art and we may post it on our Classics for Kids website for you to share with others.

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Color the snowman according to the dynamic symbols.

- ff* - fortissimo - very loud - red
- f* - forte - loud - blue
- mf* - mezzo forte - medium loud - yellow
- mp* - mezzo piano - medium soft - orange
- p* - piano - soft - green
- pp* - pianissimo - very soft - brown