

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.

1



The music has a happy start.

2



Listen for the strong beat of the Rondo theme.

3



The music has fun sliding up and down the scale.

4



The Rondo theme returns.

5



Once again, we hear the happy melody from the beginning.

6



The Rondo theme appears again.

7



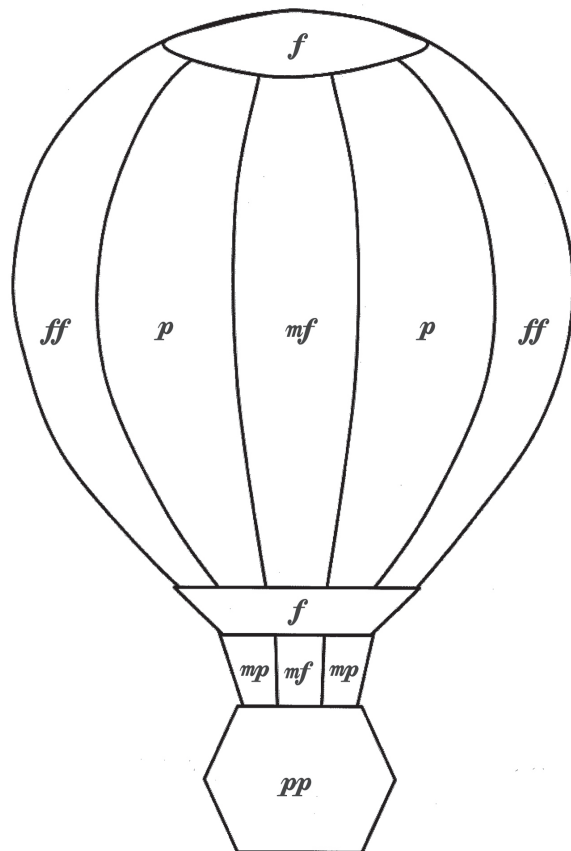
A *coda* (Italian for "tail") ends the piece.

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- 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