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.