

MUSIC IN THE MORNING



Eine kleine Nachtmusik: Movement 1 by Mozart

DAY 1: The feature composer for this week is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (MOE-tsart) and the name of the featured composition is ***Eine kleine Nachtmusik: Movement 1*** (EYE-neh KLY-neh NAHKT-moozeek). This selection was composed for a small ensemble of only string instruments. The title is German and means “a little night music.” Enjoy listening to this selection.

DAY 2: The feature composer for this week is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (MOE-tsart) and the name of the featured composition is ***Eine kleine Nachtmusik: Movement 1*** (EYE-neh KLY-neh NAHKT-moozeek). It was said that Mozart could hear the music he composed in his head as he wrote it, and sometimes had to write as fast as he could just to get it down on paper. He was a musical prodigy of extraordinary talent. Mozart usually worked long and hard, finishing compositions at a tremendous pace as deadlines approached. Enjoy listening to this lively selection.

DAY 3: The feature composer for this week is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (MOE-tsart) and the name of the featured composition is ***Eine kleine Nachtmusik: Movement 1*** (EYE-neh KLY-neh NAHKT-moozeek). Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria and was a composer of the Classical period. As a child, he learned to play the piano, and composed songs that his father would notate for him. By the age of 6, he was performing for European royalty and composing for keyboards and strings. Listen for the melodic direction, the path of notes in a melody. The opening melody sounds a bit jumpy, leaping between the notes.

DAY 4: The feature composer for this week is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (MOE-tsart) and the name of the featured composition is ***Eine kleine Nachtmusik: Movement 1*** (EYE-neh KLY-neh NAHKT-moozeek). Mozart did not live a very long life but composed hundreds of musical masterpieces, symphonies, operas, concertos, chamber and solo works, before he died at the age of 35. Today’s selection was completed in August of 1787 but was not published until 1827, 36 years after Mozart’s death. Listen to the violins, violas, cellos and double basses perform this piece.

DAY 5: Can you name the featured composer for this week?... If you said “Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart” you are absolutely right! Can you name the featured composition? Nice job if you said “***Eine kleine Nachtmusik: Movement 1!***” This selection is in sonata form, a musical structure consisting of three main sections: an exposition, a development and a recapitulation. Listen for the opening melody to return when the recapitulation section begins.