


Program Music (Symphonic Poem)

Music that depicts a story or evokes pictorial scenes

Suggested **listening** and **responding** examples:

Composition	Composer	The story that is depicted	Musical Link
The Sorcerer's Apprentice	Paul Dukas	The apprentice learns just enough magical tricks from his master (the Sorcerer) to conjure chaotic spells of his own (inspired by a literary work by Goethe.)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rrm8usaH0sM
"Danse Macabre"	Camille Saint-Saëns	The fiddler (Death) summons skeletons from their graves at midnight to dance the dance of death	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcOZmtbLRP0
"Pastoral Symphony" Symphony No. 6 in F Major Op. 68	Ludwig van Beethoven	Birdsong and a storm are represented within this larger form of composition. (Happy Arrival – By the Brook – Merrymaking – Thunderstorm – Shepherd's Song)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dbfa86bTD34 

Your **soundscape** should also depict a scene.

i.e. The sequence of events/ the pictorial scene of a **storm** could include

- A sudden drop in temperature
- The unnerving lull before the storm
- Wind speed increases
- Tree branches and leaves move loudly as the wind blows
- Objects start to get blown around
- The beginning of a rain storm
- Hail, thunder and lightening
- A calming down of the force of the storm
- A rainbow
- The clouds break
- Sunshine and calm

Once you have established a plan of events, this should influence the sequence of events within **your** own composition