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Quartet of Happiness Listening Questions

You are going to listen to four original compositions by the Quartet of Happiness. Listen carefully to each piece and answer the questions after each listening.

Let the Monster In

1. Why does Rick (the person speaking at the beginning) have to sound the alarm?
2. What instrument does the Monster play? Why do you think so?
3. Describe the overall mood of this song. Does it sound happy, sad, angry, frantic, fast, slow, etc.?
4. Describe the form of this song. Are there sections (melodies) within the music that repeat themselves? Are there sections that are different? Please explain your answer.
5. What does improvisation mean? Do you think there are any examples of improvisation used in this song?

The Bully

1. What instrument is playing the role of Billy? What instrument is playing the role of the Bully? Compare your answers with what you actually see during the live Quartet of Happiness performance.
2. What special talent does Billy possess that might help him confront the Bully? Who helps Billy recognize this special talent?
3. What does Billy give the Bully at the end of the song? Why?

143 Hillside Fire Suite

1. What is the mood during the beginning of this piece? How does the mood change as the song progresses?
2. Does the fire chief let Rick return to his apartment after the fire breaks out?
3. What happens at the end of the song?

The Radio

1. How many different stations do you hear in "The Radio?"
2. What makes the stations different from one another?
3. What does "genre" in music mean?