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**Happy Birthday**  
**BEETHOVEN!**

Learn About Beethoven's

Sixth Symphony,

*The Pastorale*

(a mini SQUILT lesson)



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## Please enjoy this complimentary sample SQUILT lesson!

The goal of a SQUILT lesson is to give your child a beautiful piece of music and train them to listen to it thoughtfully. This thoughtful listening transfers to so many areas of life - not just music!

SQUILT lessons can include a little or a lot – as the parent you should judge how much your child can handle in one sitting.

**This particular lesson shows Beethoven's love for nature. He took many, many nature walks outside of Vienna; this symphony is what he "heard" on those walks!**

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Super Quiet Uninterrupted Listening Time

# Instructions

Read through the lesson with your child(ren).

It is all in order for you!



The clickable listening links are in **BLUE**.

If the listening selection is too long, simply listen to the first 3-4 minutes. Don't force a child beyond their limits. We want them to enjoy the music.

There are facts about Beethoven and The Pastoral Symphony given - children love to collect facts, so be sure to informally quiz them on the facts!

**\*Don't miss the #flatbeethoven contest - see the end of this packet for information!**

# Learn About Beethoven



- Born in **Bonn, Germany** in **1770**
- His family was musical - he was the third Ludwig in his family (his grandfather and older brother were also Ludwig)
- Beethoven could only add and subtract simple numbers. He left school at age 11 to help with his family's income and never learned any higher math.
- When he visited Vienna at age 17 he **played for Mozart**.

*“Keep your eyes on him—someday he’ll give the world something to talk about.”*

- Beethoven took lessons from **Haydn**, who was the Father of the Symphony.
- Beethoven pioneered **composing for the piano**.
- Beethoven slowly **lost his hearing** when he was in his 30s.
- He died at **age 56** in the middle of a thunderstorm.

# What is a SYMPHONY?

A symphony is a lengthy form of musical composition for orchestra, normally consisting of several large sections or movements.



Now, practice **S**uper **Q**uiet  
**U**nInterrupted **L**istening **T**ime  
while you listen to **movement 5** of  
Beethoven's 6th Symphony. This movement  
is entitled, *"Shepherd's Song. Cheerful and  
Thankful Feelings After the Storm"*.

# Learn About The “Pastorale”

“Pastorale” was the name given to Beethoven’s **6th symphony** - composed in 1807-1808

One of 2 symphonies that Beethoven intentionally named. The full title is: “Pastoral Symphony, or Recollections of Country Life.”

## **Five Movements, each with a name:**

1. Awakening of cheerful feelings upon arriving in the country
2. Scene by the brook
3. Merry gathering of the country folk
4. Storm, tempest
5. Shepherds’ song - happy and thankful feelings after the storm.

Beethoven hated living in the city - probably because he had to move so often. Each summer he moved to the county. This probably inspired his 6th symphony.

“How glad I am to be able to roam in wood and thicket, among the trees and flowers and rocks. No one can love the country as I do. ... In the country every tree seems to speak to me, saying, ‘Holy! Holy!’ In the woods there is enchantment which expresses all things!”

~ *Beethoven*

- Most symphonies of the time had 4 movements - the Pastorale has 5.
- Beethoven was the first composer of symphonies (he wrote 9 of them) that was **writing for the PUBLIC** - instead of the court or aristocracy.
- Beethoven wrote the 6th symphony at the same time he was writing the 5th symphony - which is AMAZING, because they are so different from each other.
- The final movement (5) - known as **"The Shepherd's Song of Thanksgiving"** is the calm after the storm in the previous movement.



## Listen again to the music.

This time, use the Draw What You Hear Sheet to draw while listening. Think about how Beethoven makes the music sound like nature.

**Do you get a picture in your head?  
Draw what you see!**

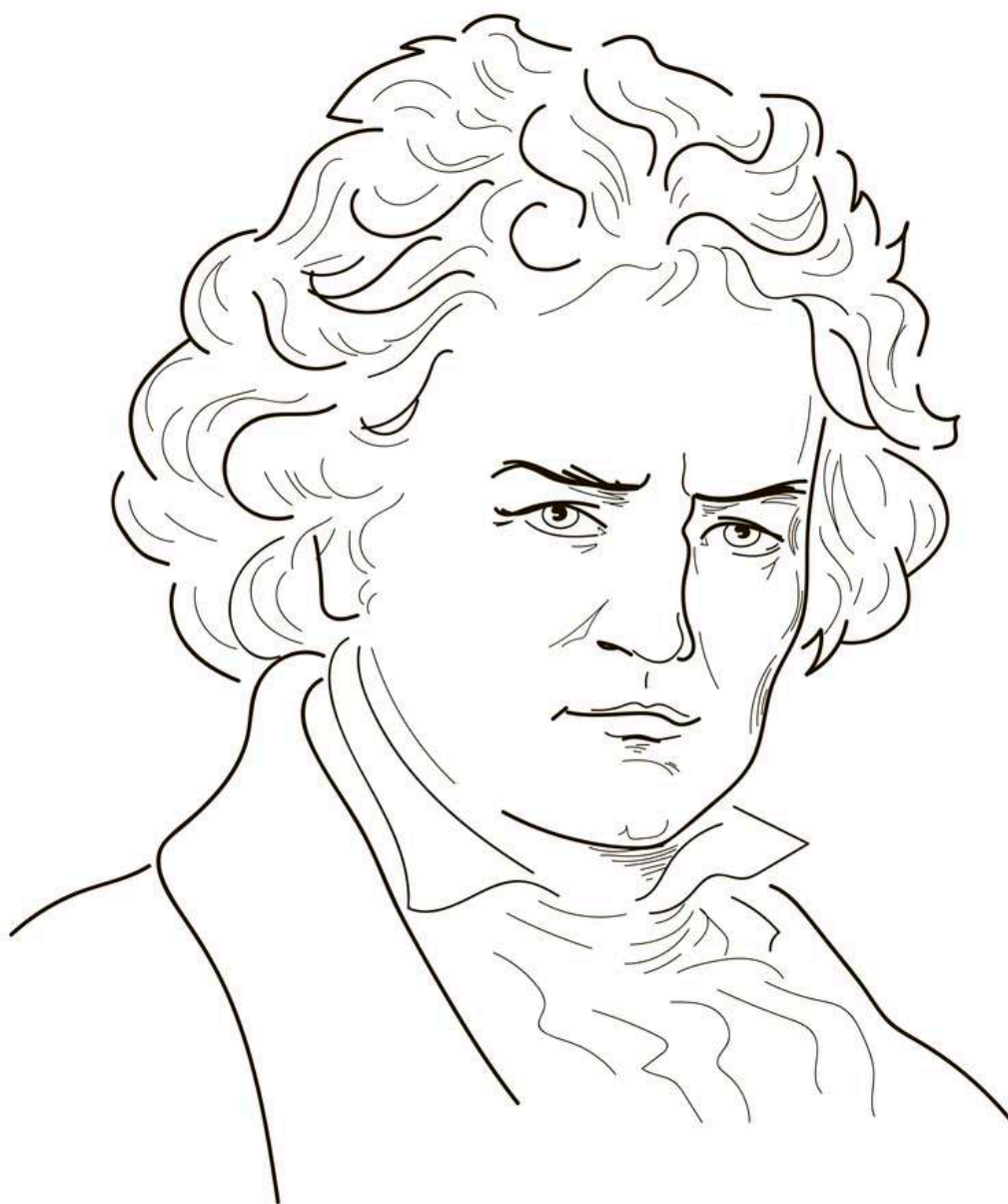
# Draw What You Hear

## Symphony #6 - Pastorale



Ludwig van Beethoven

# Beethoven Coloring



# Flat Beethoven

Cut out Flat Beethoven. Laminate him so he will last!

In the month of November take Beethoven on nature walks with you (his favorite!), or anywhere else you might want him to visit. **BE CREATIVE!**

Send pictures to [support@squiltmusic.com](mailto:support@squiltmusic.com) or post on social media using the hashtag #flatbeethoven #squiltive At the end of the month we will choose our favorite Flat Beethoven picture.

The winner will receive a box of SQUILT swag!



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