Pictures You Can Hear: Baby Chicks
Mussorgsky “Ballet of the Unhatched Chicks” from Pictures at an Exhibition

WHAT DO YOU HEAR? 🐔

BEFORE YOU LISTEN
Just like you can paint pictures with a brush and paint, music can paint pictures with sound. Today’s music is about baby chicks dancing in their shells.

To make the music sound like baby chicks, the composer Modest Mussorgsky had decisions to make. Let’s think about what the music should sound like!

What should the **tempo** of the music be? Fast or slow? __________________________________________

What about the **pitch**? High sound or low sound? __________________________________________

What should the **dynamics** be? Loud or quiet? __________________________________________

What about the mood of the music? Happy or sad? __________________________________________

LET’S LISTEN!
Now listen to the music that Mussorgsky wrote about the unhatched chicks. Did it match with what you thought the dance of the baby chicks should sound like? Why or why not?

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LET’S DRAW!

Draw a picture of the baby chicks dancing inside their shells!