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SLEIGH RIDE

TCHAIKOVSKY "Troika" from *The Seasons*, op. 37b
ANDERSON *Sleigh Ride*

MELODY AND ACCOMPANIMENT



In this episode, Corrie introduces two winter-themed songs that are perfect for the holiday season!

WHAT IS A MELODY?

Often, music is written to include two parts: a melody and an accompaniment. A **melody** is a group of notes that create the main tune, which is usually simple and sing-able. An **accompaniment** is the part that supports the melody.

TROIKA

Corrie explains the first piece of music, "Troika," is about a sleigh that is pulled by three horses. What happens to Natsuko's hands when the horses get excited? Listen to the last section of *Troika* again.

Which hand becomes more active? RIGHT HAND or LEFT HAND

Which hand plays the main tune? RIGHT HAND or LEFT HAND

In many piano music, it is common to see the melody played by the right hand (high sound) and accompaniment by the left hand (low sound). However, in this section, the _____ hand plays the melody and the _____ hand plays the accompaniment.

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A melody and an accompaniment can also be played by two different people. In *Sleigh Ride*, who plays the melody and who plays the accompaniment? Listen carefully to how high or low the melody sounds to help you decide and connect the dots!

PIANIST

- Natsuko •
- Evan •

PITCH

- High •
- Low •

PART

- Melody
- Accompaniment