



- Ask volunteers to read these two other poems aloud over music. Vivaldi's Piccolo Concerto is found on Track 2 of the Classical Kids *Music Only* recording.

*All the trees are sleeping,
And I am alone.
I am only a flower
In a garden of my own.
I am red, and white, and silver,
I exist in only dreams.
I blossom in the winter,
And wake with the morning breeze.*

(Claire)

*Oh, the breeze runs through my window,
Softly lands on my bed.
Then the clouds come and take over,
And they become friends.
They land on my knee,
And dance and dance,
'Til they become tired.
Then I fall asleep,
Cosily in my bed.*

(Gabriel)

*I sit by my window,
Looking all around.
While the snow falls gently,
Gently on the ground.
Each flake so light and peaceful,
Dancing in the wind.
If I were a snowflake,
That's how I would spin.*

(Katie)

*As I feel the sun's morning beams,
Streaming on my face,
I listen to young angels sing
A song of golden lace.*

(Paula)

- Write your own poetry to Vivaldi's Piccolo Concerto (Track 2).

Finding Additional Music

How quickly music can establish a glowing sense of peace or excitement to stimulate the poetic imagination!

- Encourage your students to bring in their own music, then find just the right words to express "their piece."
- Here are other picturesque pieces from the Baroque and Classical periods:
 - Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons"
 - Handel's Water Music
 - Bach's Orchestral Suites or Flute Sonatas
 - Corelli, Tartini and other Baroque adagios
 - Slow movements of classical works by Beethoven, Mozart and Haydn

To Vivaldi's Winter

Have your class listen to Vivaldi's lovely slow movement from Winter (Track 6 of the Classical Kids *Music Only* recording). Most children will find their images in the gorgeous violin melody. Direct their attention instead to the plucked-string accompaniment and ask, "What animal does this bring to mind?" Many children think they hear horses, but two children have brought to life that magical beast, the unicorn.