

Into the Cave Improvisation

Black-Key Improvisation

In music, **improvisation** means to create your own music “on the spot.” You and your teacher can create your own “into the cave” music. Here’s how.

1. Play any black keys. Start on the highest black keys, to the right of your teacher’s hand.
2. Gradually, play lower and lower. Stay close to your teacher’s hands. Everybody needs a buddy when exploring a dark cave!
3. Your teacher may narrate, reading the words. Have fun!



Teacher Duet:

The sun shines brightly! The children step into the cave. It’s cool and dark.

8^{va} BOTH HANDS ----- *loco*

f *mf* *mp*

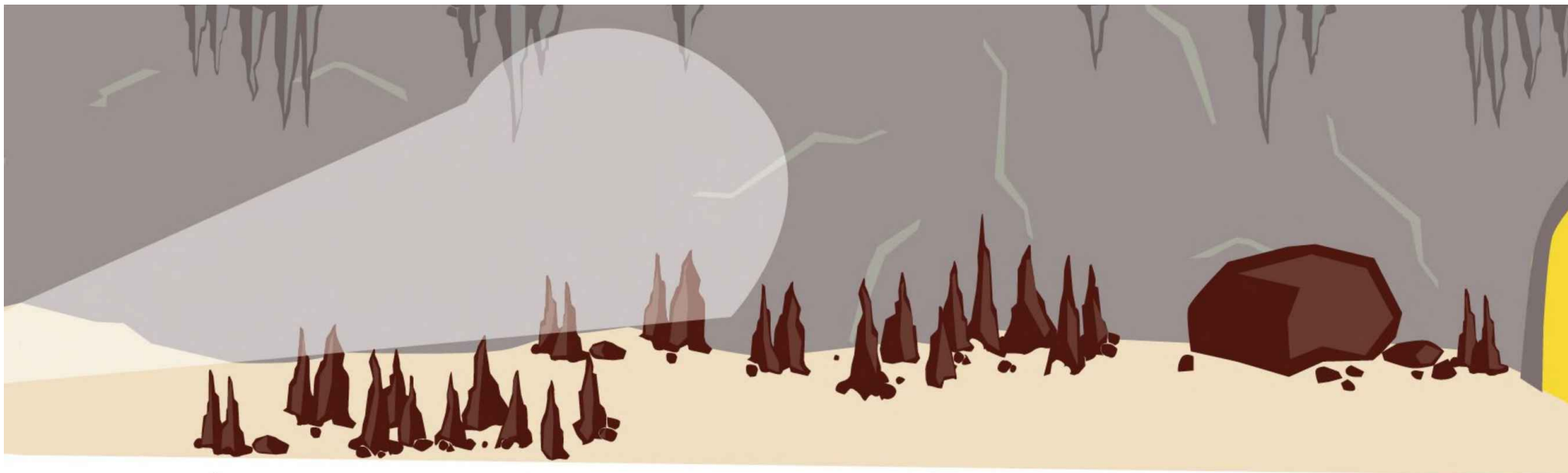
with pedal

They walk down, down, and down, into the cave.

p

8^{va} -----

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time, featuring a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system consists of two staves. The right-hand staff begins with a dynamic marking of *f* and includes fingering numbers (5, 2, 1) and a *with pedal* instruction. The left-hand staff features a triplet of eighth notes (2, 3) and a *loco* marking. The second system continues the piece, with the right-hand staff using a *p* dynamic and the left-hand staff including a triplet (2, 3) and an *8^{va}* marking. The piece concludes with a final *8^{va}* marking.



4. Shall we bring the children UP and out of the cave?
 Stay close to your teacher's hand as you go back up to the highest black keys.

It's so dark. They carefully walk out. They see a little light,

and a little more. They're out in the bright sun once again!

mf *f* *ff*

8^{va} BOTH HANDS

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is written for piano and consists of two systems. The first system is in bass clef and contains three measures. The first measure is marked *pp* and features a 5/2 time signature. The second measure is marked *p*. The third measure is marked *mp*. The second system is in treble clef and contains five measures. The first measure is marked *mf*. The second measure is marked *f*. The third measure is marked *ff* and includes an 8^{va} BOTH HANDS instruction with a dashed line above the staff. The final two measures show the 8^{va} instruction continuing with a solid line above the staff.