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Chapter 1: A Snake Wearing Pants

QUOTE

“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up.”

– Pablo Picasso

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COMPOSITION

Equus – Eric Whitacre

- **About:** <https://ericwhitacre.com/music-catalog/equus>
- **Listen:** <https://smarturl.it/whitacreequus>
- **Watch:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiiJxpJuCsA>
- **Score:** <https://www.boosey.com/cr/music/Eric-Whitacre-Equus/103849>

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COMPOSITION

A Boy and a Girl – Eric Whitacre

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- **Watch:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLoncQ9Euik>
- **Sheet music:** <https://www.halleonard.com/product/8744627/a-boy-and-a-girl>

POEM

A Boy and a Girl – Octavio Paz (English Translation by Muriel Rukeyser)

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When David Heard – Eric Whitacre

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Chapter 2: Emotional Architecture

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- National Aeronautics and Space Administration: <https://www.nasa.gov>
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COMPOSITION

Deep Field – Eric Whitacre

- About: <https://ericwhitacre.com/music-catalog/deep-field>
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- Watch: <https://youtu.be/yDiD8F9ItX0>
- Score: <https://www.boosey.com/cr/music/Eric-Whitacre-Deep-Field/103848>

COMPOSITION

La Mer – Claude Debussy

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Chapter 3: The Golden Brick

REFERENCE

Louis Kahn

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COMPOSITION

Lux Aurumque – Eric Whitacre

- **About:** <https://ericwhitacre.com/music-catalog/lux-aurumque>
- **Listen:** <https://smarturl.it/ewluxaurumque>
- **Sheet music:** <https://giamusic.com/store/resource/lux-aurumque-satb-divisi-pdf-dwjms1024?artist=1HdpBQVM3RNc>

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Chapter 4: Building with the Golden Brick: Themes

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Cloudburst – Eric Whitacre

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- **Watch:** <https://youtu.be/boOGv7e9AME>
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COMPOSITION

Sleep – Eric Whitacre

- **About:** <https://ericwhitacre.com/music-catalog/sleep>
- **Listen:** <https://smarturl.it/ew-sleep>

- **Sheet music:** <https://giamusic.com/store/resource/sleep-vocal-score-pdf-dwjms1035?artist=1HdpBQVM3RNc>
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Chapter 5: Building with the Golden Brick: Gestures

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Equus – Eric Whitacre

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In C – Terry Riley

- <http://terryriley.net>

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The Sacred Veil – Eric Whitacre

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- **Listen:** <https://smarturl.it/ewthesacredveil>
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Chapter 6: The Primer

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FILM

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Chapter 7: Painting with Sound

COMPOSITION

Go, Lovely Rose – Eric Whitacre

- **About:** <https://ericwhitacre.com/music-catalog/three-flower-songs>
- **Listen:** <https://smarturl.it/ew-golovelyrose>
- **Sheet music:** <https://sbmp.com/SR2.php?CatalogNumber=432>

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COMPOSITION

Water Night – Eric Whitacre

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 - **Listen:** <https://smarturl.it/ew-waternight>
 - **Sheet music:** <https://giamusic.com/store/resource/water-night-pdf-dwdw1008?artist=1HdpBQVM3RNc>
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Chapter 8: Voicing

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Sainte-Chapelle – Eric Whitacre

- **About:** <https://ericwhitacre.com/music-catalog/sainte-chapelle>
 - **Listen:** <https://smarturl.it/ew-sainte-chapelle>
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Chapter 9: Background Counterpoint

FILM

Frozen

- <https://frozen.disney.com>

COMPOSER

Philip Lasser

- <https://www.philiplasser.com>

COMPOSITION

A Boy and a Girl – Eric Whitacre

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 - **Sheet music:** <https://www.halleonard.com/product/8744627/a-boy-and-a-girl>
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Chapter 10: Finding Your Voice

COMPOSITION

Requiem – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

- <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Requiem-in-D-minor>
- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Wolfgang-Amadeus-Mozart>

QUOTE

“There are two kinds of music. The good kind and the other kind.”

– Duke Ellington

- <http://www.dukeellington.com>

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POEM

I Carry Your Heart – E.E. Cummings

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/E._E._Cummings

COMPOSITION

“Home” from *The Sacred Veil* – Eric Whitacre

- **About:** <https://ericwhitacre.com/music-catalog/home>
- **Listen:** <https://smarturl.it/ew-home>
- **Sheet music:** <https://www.halleonard.com/product/324738/home>

COMPOSER

Arvo Pärt

- <https://www.arvopart.ee/en/arvo-part/>

FILM

Out of Sight

- <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0120780>

REFERENCE

Ray of Light – Madonna

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COMPOSITION

Knoxville: Summer of 1915 – Samuel Barber

- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Samuel-Barber>

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Romeo and Juliet – William Shakespeare

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REFERENCE

5 Stages of Grief – Dr. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross

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Light Drawings – Pablo Picasso

- <https://www.pablocicasso.org>
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BOOK

The Lord of the Rings – J.R. Tolkien

- <https://www.tolkien.co.uk/product-category/the-lord-of-the-rings/>

COMPOSER

Milton Babbitt

- <https://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/30/arts/music/30babbitt.html>

COMPOSER

Stephen Sondheim

- <http://www.sondheim.com>

COMPOSITION

Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine – Eric Whitacre

- **About:** <https://ericwhitacre.com/music-catalog/leonardo-dreams-of-his-flying-machine>
- **Listen:** <https://smarturl.it/ew-leonardo>
- **Score:** <https://giamusic.com/store/resource/leonardo-dreams-of-his-flying-machine-pdf-dwjms1032?artist=1HdpBQVM3RNc>

COMPOSER

Claudio Monteverdi

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COMPOSITION

Everything In Its Right Place – Radiohead

- <https://radiohead.co.uk/library#kida/kid-a>

Chapter 11: Walkthrough – The Gift of the Magi

COMPOSITION

The Gift of the Magi – Eric Whitacre

- **About:** <https://ericwhitacre.com/music-catalog/the-gift-of-the-magi>

COMPOSITION

Cold As Ice – Foreigner

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COMPOSER

Stephen Sondheim

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COMPOSER

Lin Manuel Miranda

- <https://www.linmanuel.com>

COMPOSITION

Little Tree – Eric Whitacre

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POEM

Little Tree – E.E. Cummings

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COMPOSITION

'*Nessun Dorma*', *Turandot* – Giacomo Puccini

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Things I've Learned

Do Something

REFERENCE

William Goldman

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REFERENCE

George Abbott

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Walk With The Masters

COMPOSITION

La Mer – Claude Debussy

- <https://www.laphil.com/musicdb/pieces/442/la-mer>
- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Claude-Debussy>

COMPOSITION

The Rite of Spring – Igor Stravinsky

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- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Igor-Stravinsky>

COMPOSITION

Piano Sonatas – Ludwig van Beethoven

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Violin Concerto – Samuel Barber

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- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Samuel-Barber>

COMPOSITION

Symphony No.5 – Gustav Mahler

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COMPOSITION

La Valse – Maurice Ravel

- <https://www.laphil.com/musicdb/pieces/445/la-valse>
- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Maurice-Ravel>

COMPOSITION

Fugues – Johann Sebastian Bach

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- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Johann-Sebastian-Bach>

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Question Everything

COMPOSITION

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- **Score:** <https://www.boosey.com/cr/music/Eric-Whitacre-Deep-Field/103848>

Work In Progress

QUOTE

“A work of art is never finished. It’s merely abandoned by the side of the road
– Pablo Picasso

- <https://www.pablocicasso.org>

Closing Doors

REFERENCE

Steve Jobs

- <https://www.apple.com/stevejobs/>

Just Ask

COMPOSITION

Ghost Train – Eric Whitacre

- **About:** <https://ericwhitacre.com/music-catalog/ghost-train>
- **Listen:** <https://smarturl.it/ewghosttrain>
- **Score:** <https://www.halleonard.com/product/4001841/ghost-train-trilogy--complete-set-three-movements>

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COMPOSER

Johann Sebastian Bach

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COMPOSER

Benjamin Britten

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Planting Seeds

REFERENCE

Charlie Kaufman

- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Charlie-Kaufman>

FILM

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- <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0338013>

REFERENCE

Michel Gondry

- <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0327273>

REFERENCE

Jim Carrey

- <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000120>

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Get Bored

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Lux Aurumque – Eric Whitacre

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Potted Plant

REFERENCE

Michael Kerker

- <https://www.kennedy-center.org/artists/k/ka-kn/michael-kerker/>

Doubt

COMPOSER

Dale Warland

- <https://dalewarland.com>

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Fail Big, Fail Often

REFERENCE

Juilliard School

- <https://www.juilliard.edu>

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Kubla Khan – Samuel Taylor Coleridge

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