



Year 2 - Listen to any of the following extracts from “The Nutcracker Suite” by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky:

March; [Tchaikovsky - The Nutcracker - Marche](#)

Chinese Dance; [Tchaikovsky - Chinese Dance - The Nutcracker Suite](#)

Mirlitons; [Pytor Illych Tchaikovsky - Nutcracker Suite Op. 71a - VI. Dance of the Mirlitons](#)

Choose one of the extracts and write a short description about the music. This can include information such as:

- Name the instruments playing in the orchestra.
- Which instrument has the main melody (tune)?
- Which family does this instrument come from i.e. strings, woodwind, brass or percussion?
- Does the music have a fast or slow beat?
- How does the music make you feel (happy/sad etc)?

Any other facts about the composer:

- Which country he came from?
- Why kind of dance did he write the music for?
- Draw a picture of your favourite instrument?