

The Carnival of the Animals

By Camille Saint-Saens



A workbook for Grade 2's including

- video and sound links
- musical activities for each animal
- musical terms and instrument references
- colouring sheets & wordsearch

Camille Saint-Saens

Camille Saint-Saens was born in **FRANCE** in the year **1835**.

His Dad died when he was a baby, so he lived with his **MOM** and **AUNTIE**.

His Auntie taught him to play the **PIANO** when he was **3 YEARS OLD**.

He was an **AMAZING PIANO PLAYER!**

Camille Saint-Saens was also a **COMPOSER**. That means that he wrote music!

The most famous concert that he ever wrote was **THE CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS!** It had **13** songs, each about an animals.

Camille Saint-Saen was a **JOKER!** He liked to sneak musical jokes into his songs.

He died in the year 1921. He was **86 YEARS OLD**.

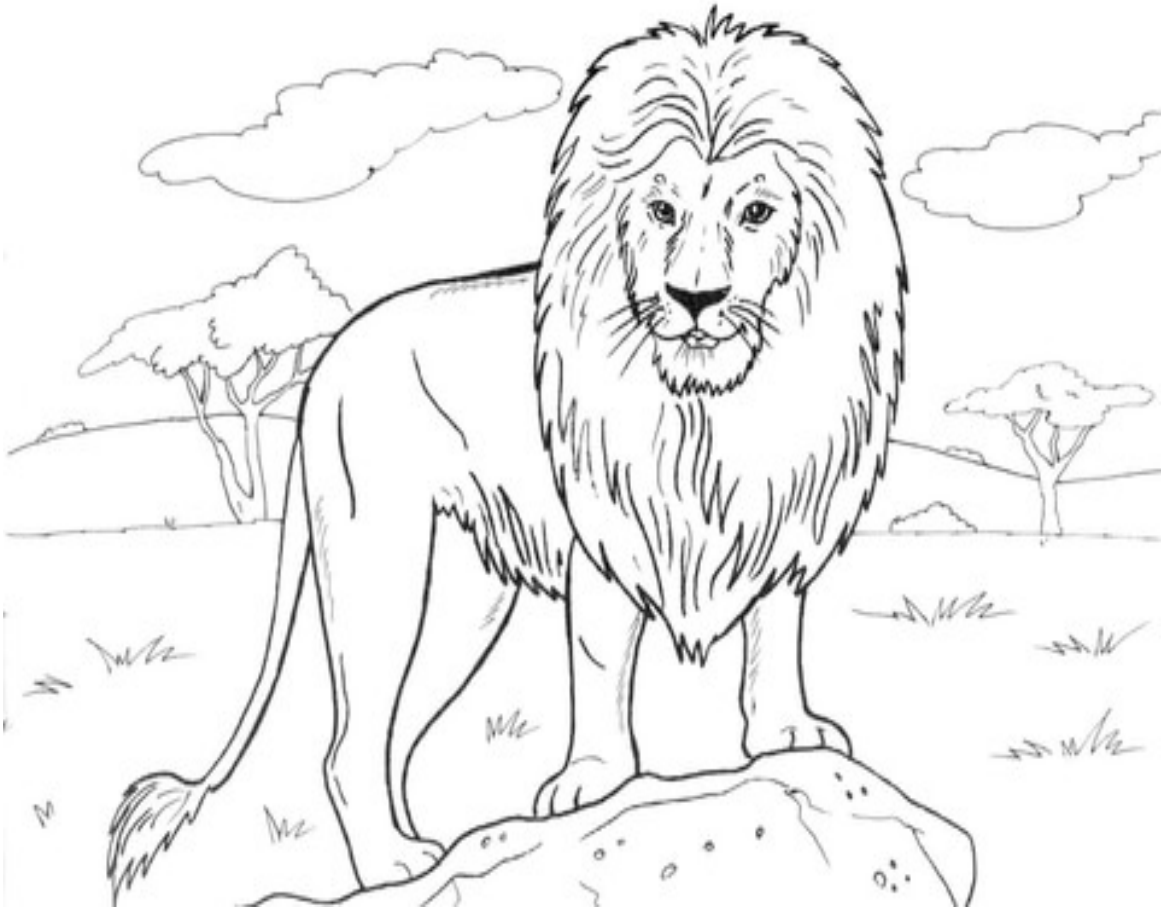


#1 The March of the Royal Lions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgDvsW9IfE4>

The lions are sleeping after a long night of hunting. They open their eyes as the sun begins to rise. They brush out their fur and straighten their whiskers. Then they open their mouths and let out a great big ROAR!

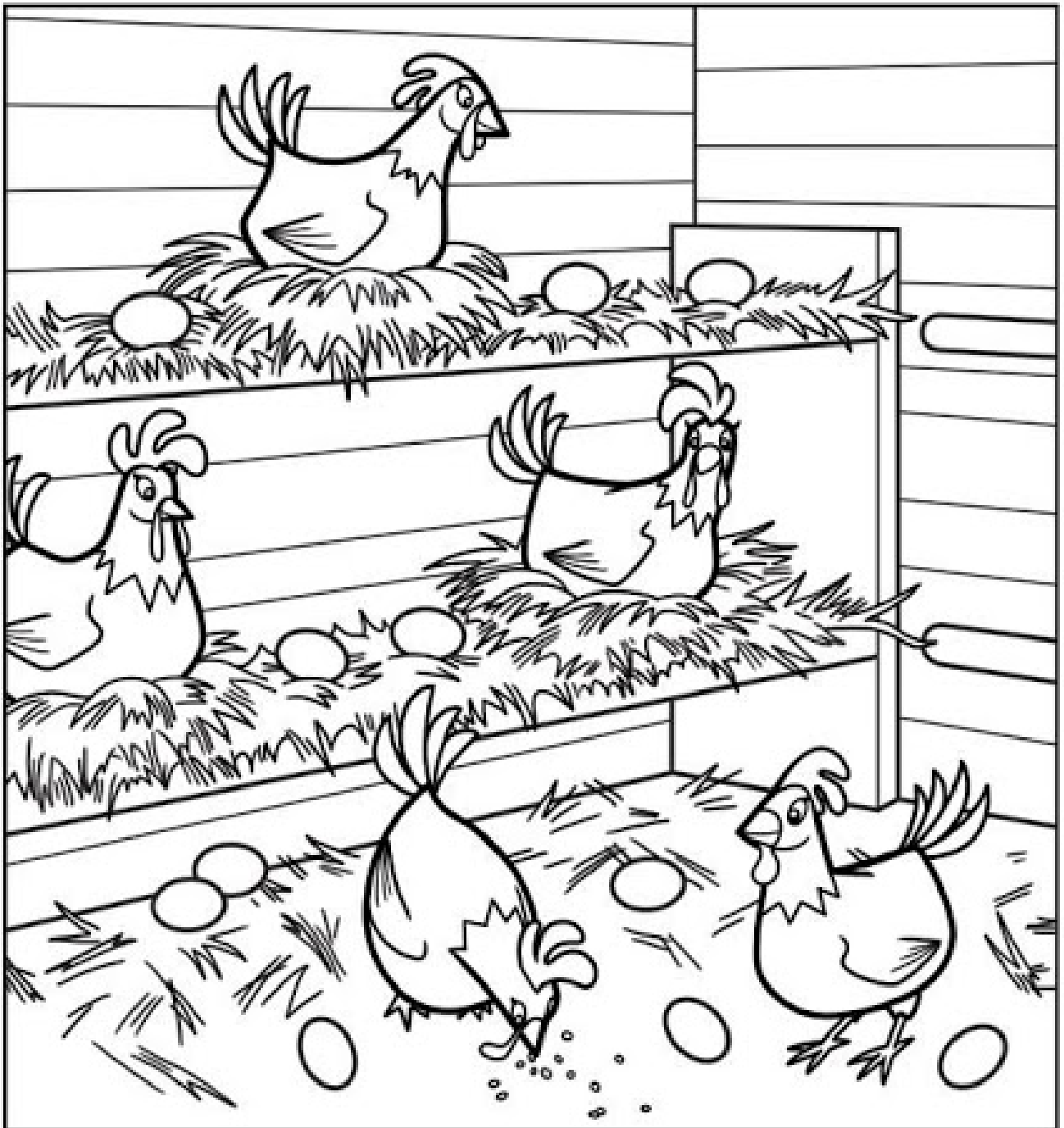
How many roars can you hear on the piano? Roar along with the music!



#2 The Hens & Roosters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0jkYaZ0QXU>

The hens are clucking and pecking around the farmyard.
The rooster wants their attention. Can you hear him calling on the clarinet?
Grab 2 spoons and hold them back-to-back. Play them as you hear the hens
clucking and pecking!



#3 Wild Horses

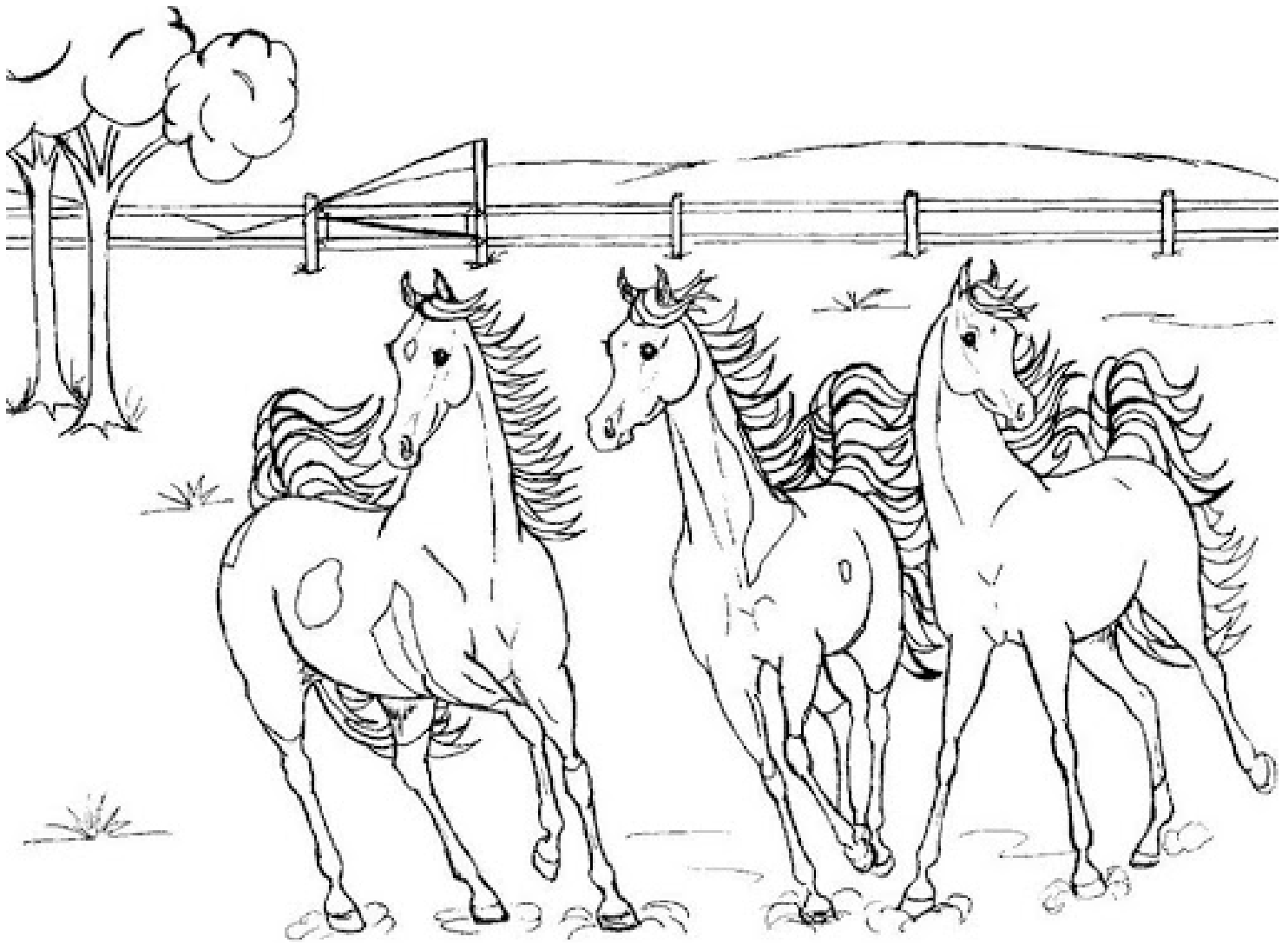
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypK-VdqJg9w>

Can you hear the wild horses racing through the fields?

Camille Saint-Saens thought a song about wild horses should be **VERY FAST!**

PRESTO is the musical word for very fast.

Can you go outside and run as fast as the wild horses?



#4 Tortoises

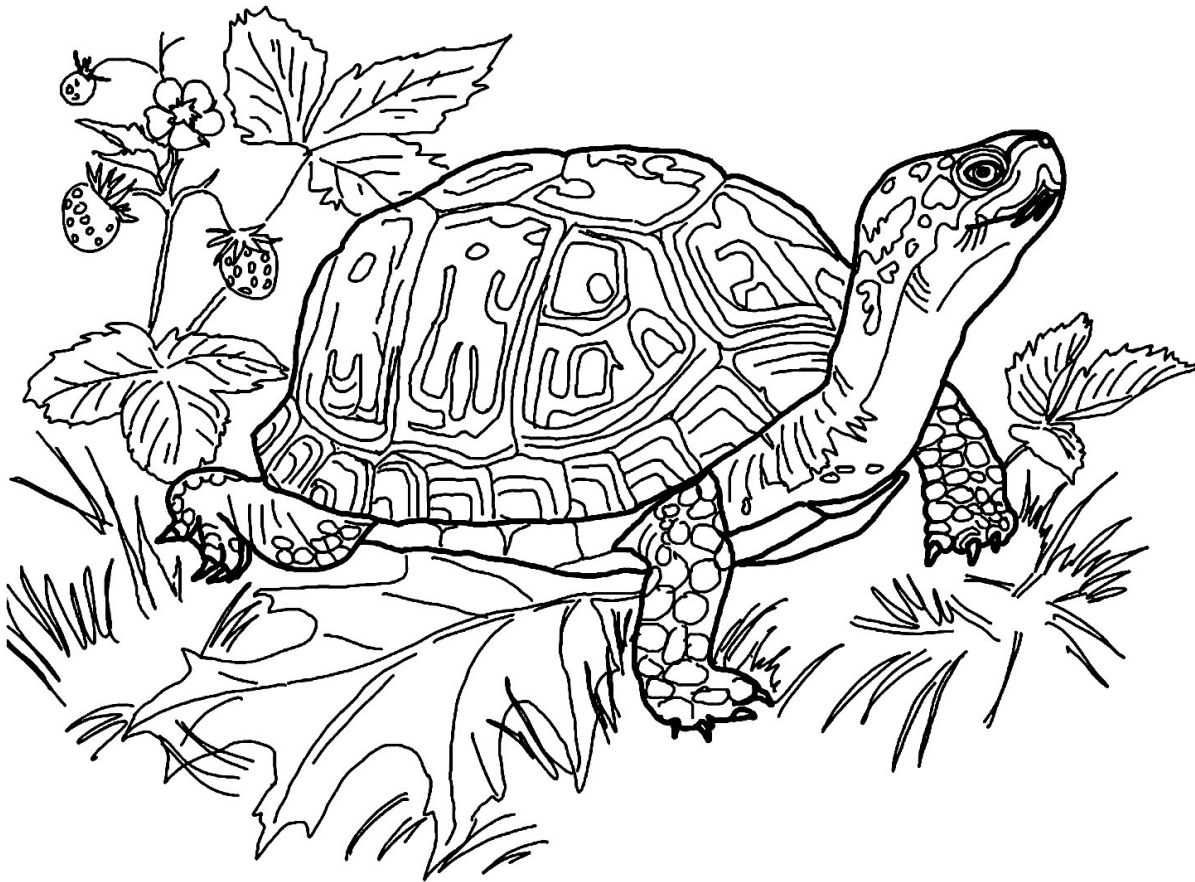
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Have you heard of the **CAN-CAN**? It is an fast dance where you kick your leg to the side, and then the other. Watch this video of the Can-Can.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6MG0D_-21U

Camille Saint-Saens thought it would be funny if the turtles were doing the can-can, but **VERY SLOWLY! LARGO** is the musical word for **VERY SLOW!**

Can you do the CAN-CAN?



#5 The Elephant

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ug8hCAyBaqq>

Sing along with the **PIANO** and **DOUBLE BASS** (giant violin)! Here are the words!



"Guests throw me peanuts and popcorn, day after day.

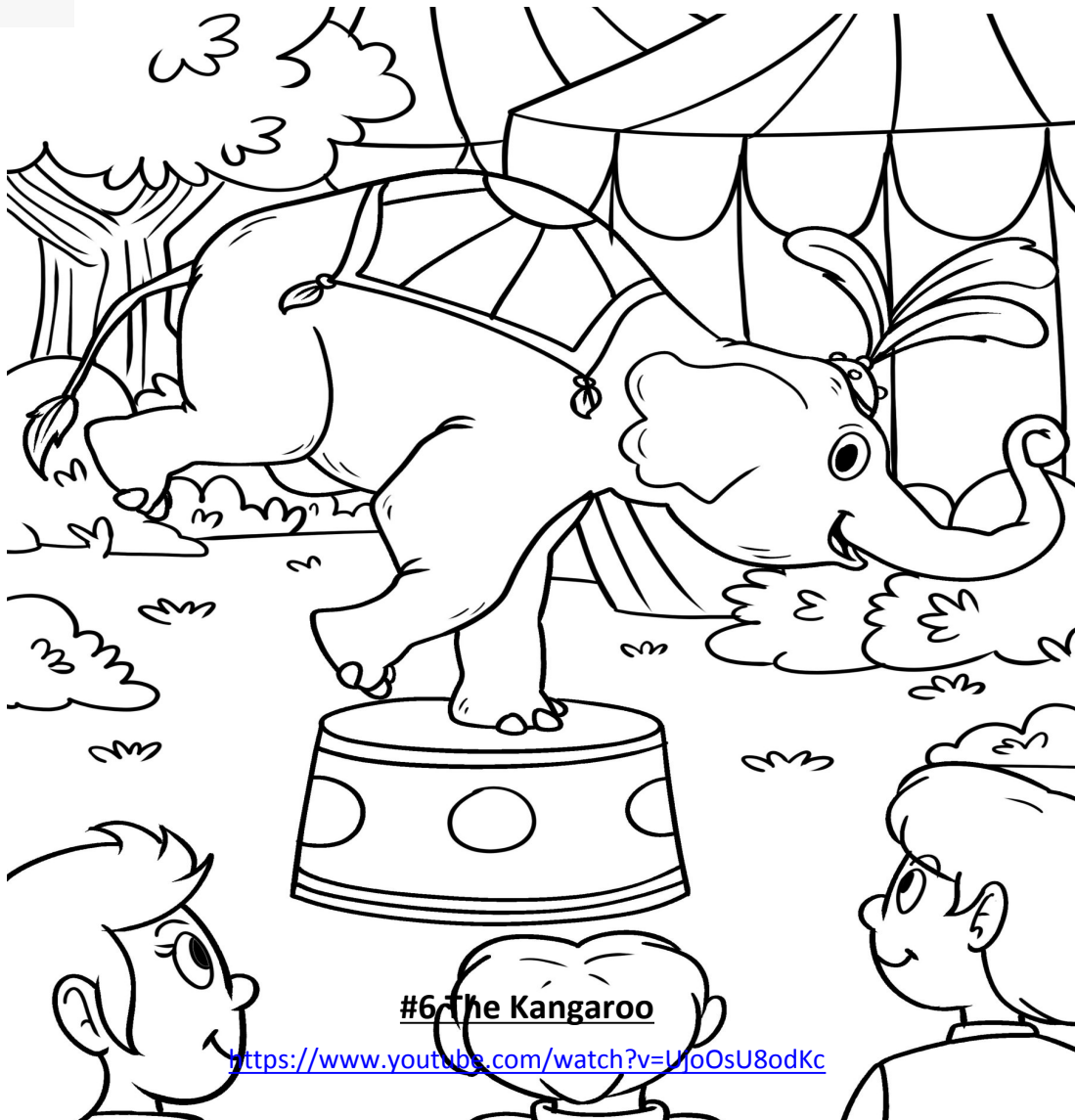
I swing my truck to grab and cup,

Before my keeper comes to sweep them up!

Humans are smart but I think that they cannot read,

The signs in their own language saying,

Please do not feed!"



#6 The Kangaroo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJoOsU8odKc>

The kangaroos are hopping and bouncing all over the Australian Outback!

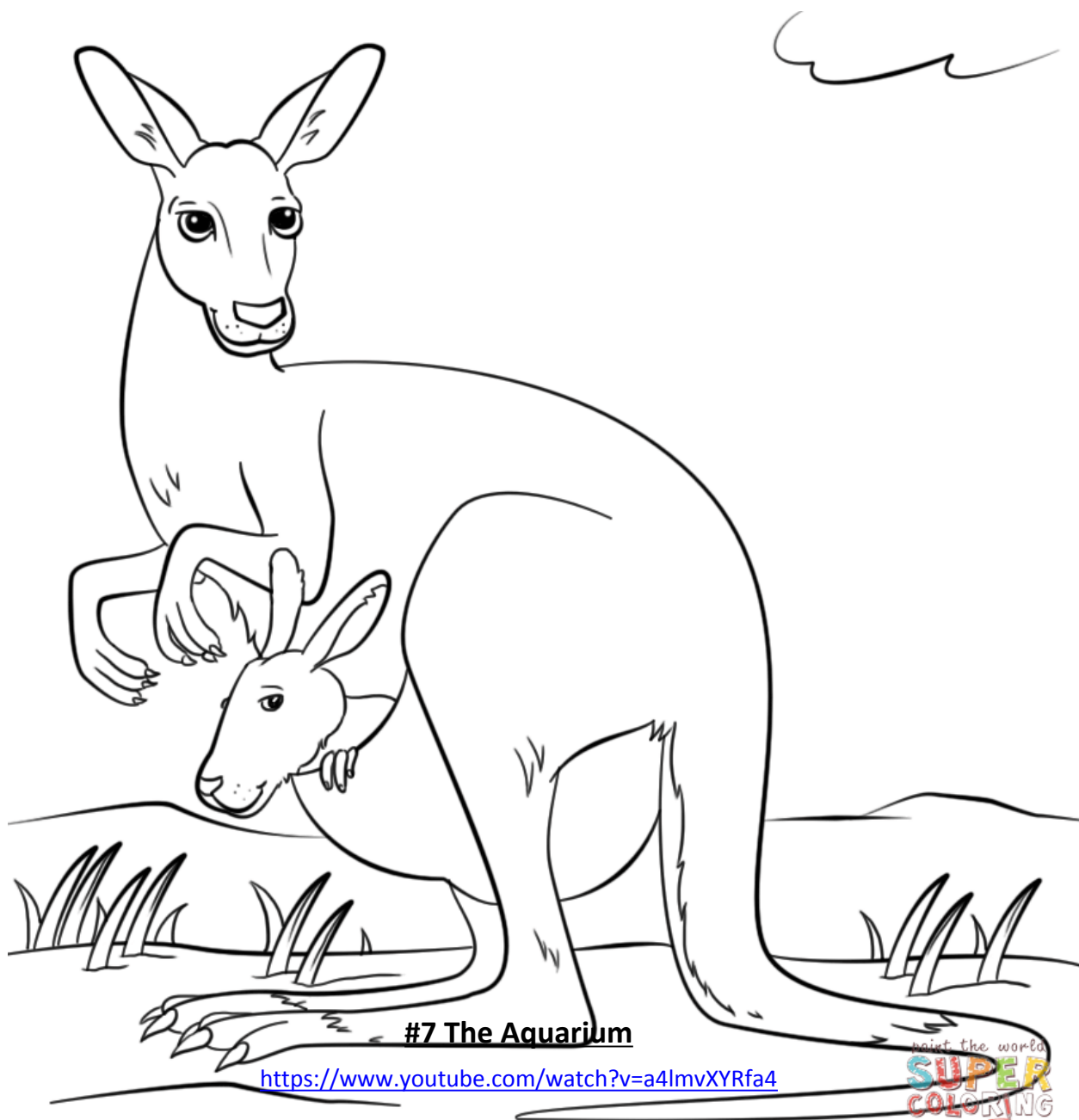
Do remember the word for bumpy or bouncy music?

Staccato is the word!

Count how many times the kangaroos hops!

12 jumps, rest, 12 jumps, rest, 20 jumps, rest.

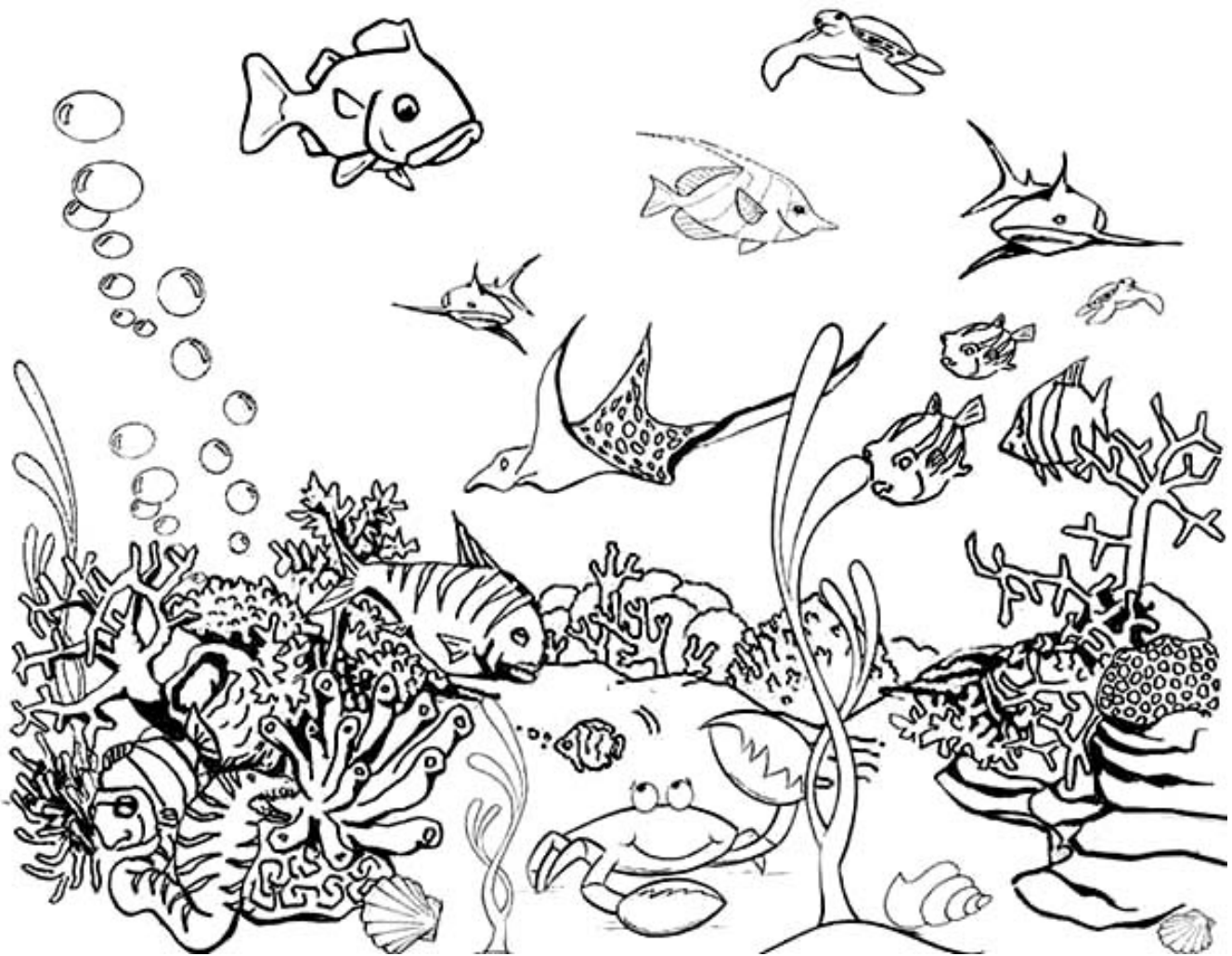
Can you hop along with the kangaroo?



Camille Saint-Saens loved the mystery of the ocean and all of its creatures. Can you imagine seaweed, sharks, jellyfish, brightly coloured fish, and dolphins all swimming together?

Can you hear the glockenspiel making the sound of the sun shimmering on the water?

Can you move to the music in a **LEGATO** way?



#8 The Donkey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HFeRRv6RIXE>

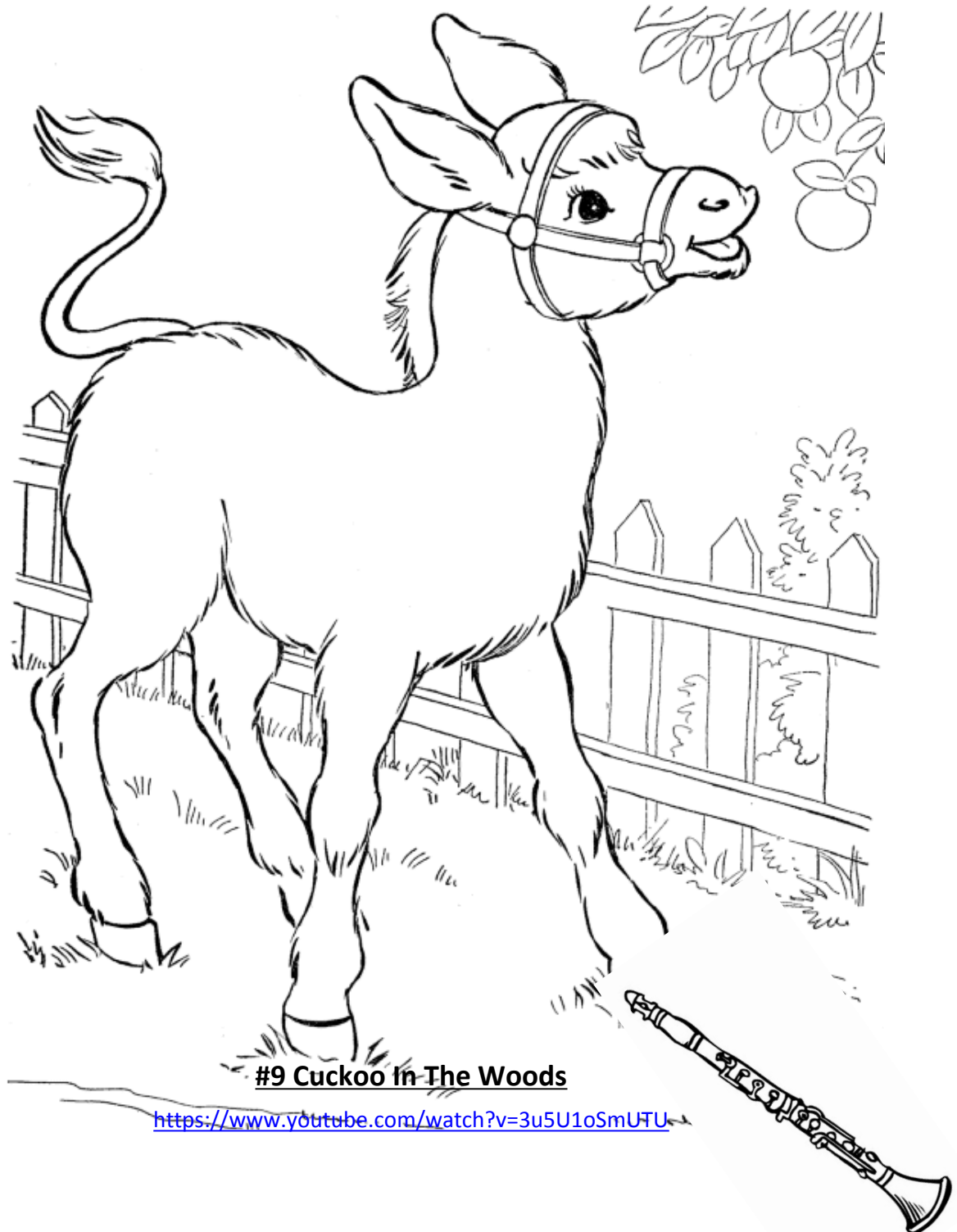


Can you hear the donkey braying in the farmyard?

Hee-haw! Hee-haw!

Camille Saint-Saens thought it would be funny to use the violins to make the ear-piercing sound of the donkeys!

Count the "Hee-Haws" as you listen to the song!



#9 Cuckoo In The Woods

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3u5U1oSmUTU>

The Cuckoo is calling from deep within the woods. Can you hear his call?
What instrument do you think Camille Saint-Saens used for the cuckoo bird?

How many times do you hear the cuckoo call?

Go outside and see if you can hear any bird calls!



#10 The Flock of Birds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMcLiErpAPc>

The flock of birds is ready to take flight! Camille Saint-Saens knew the perfect instrument to give the high, fluttery sound of the bird's wings.

Do you know what it is?



Can you draw a picture of the flock of birds flying off into the sunset?

#11 The Monkeys

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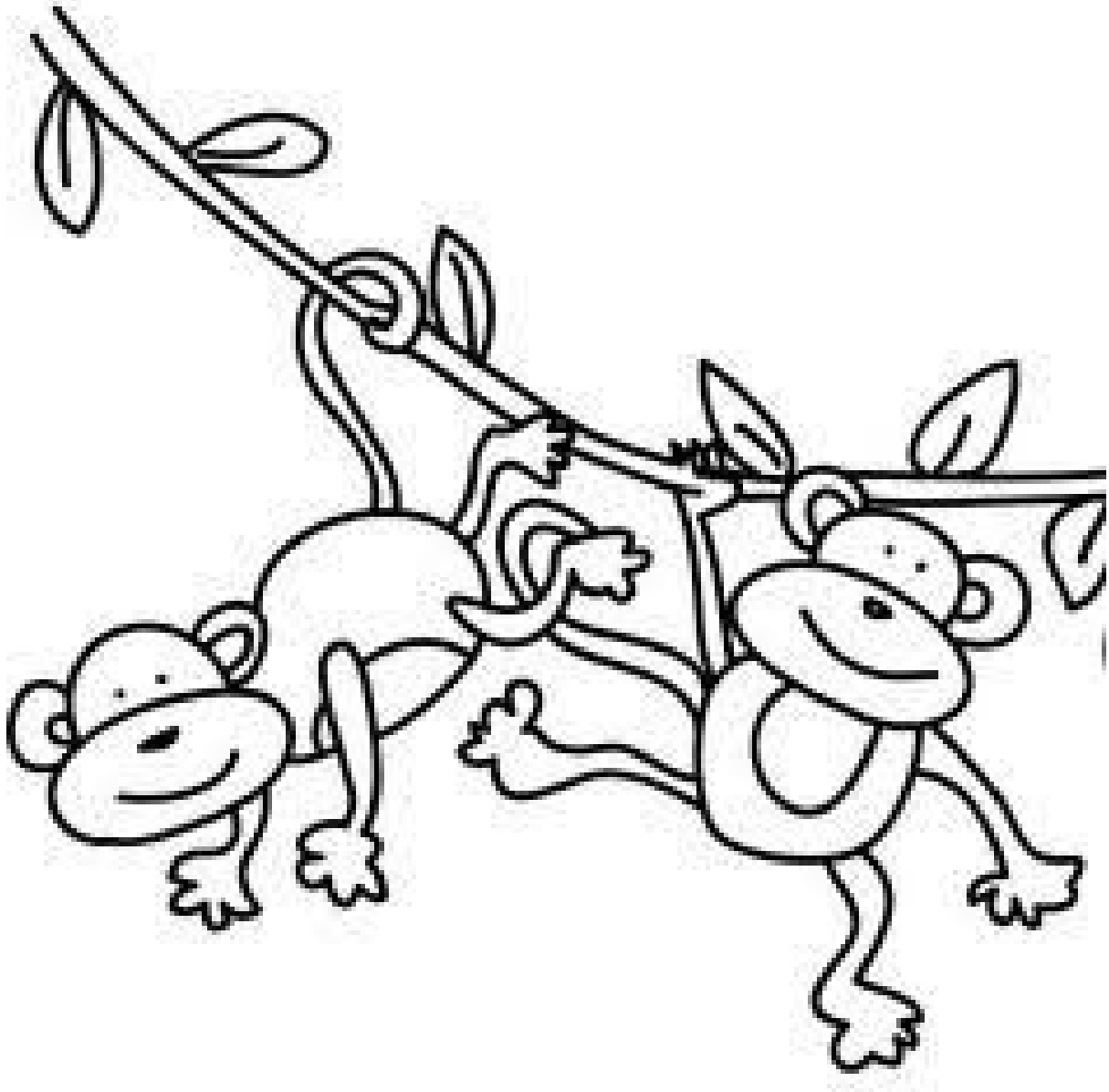
Camille Saint-Saens thought it would be funny to call this one the Pianists, to say that piano players are also like animals!

Can you hear them practicing their scales?

Up and down, down and up!

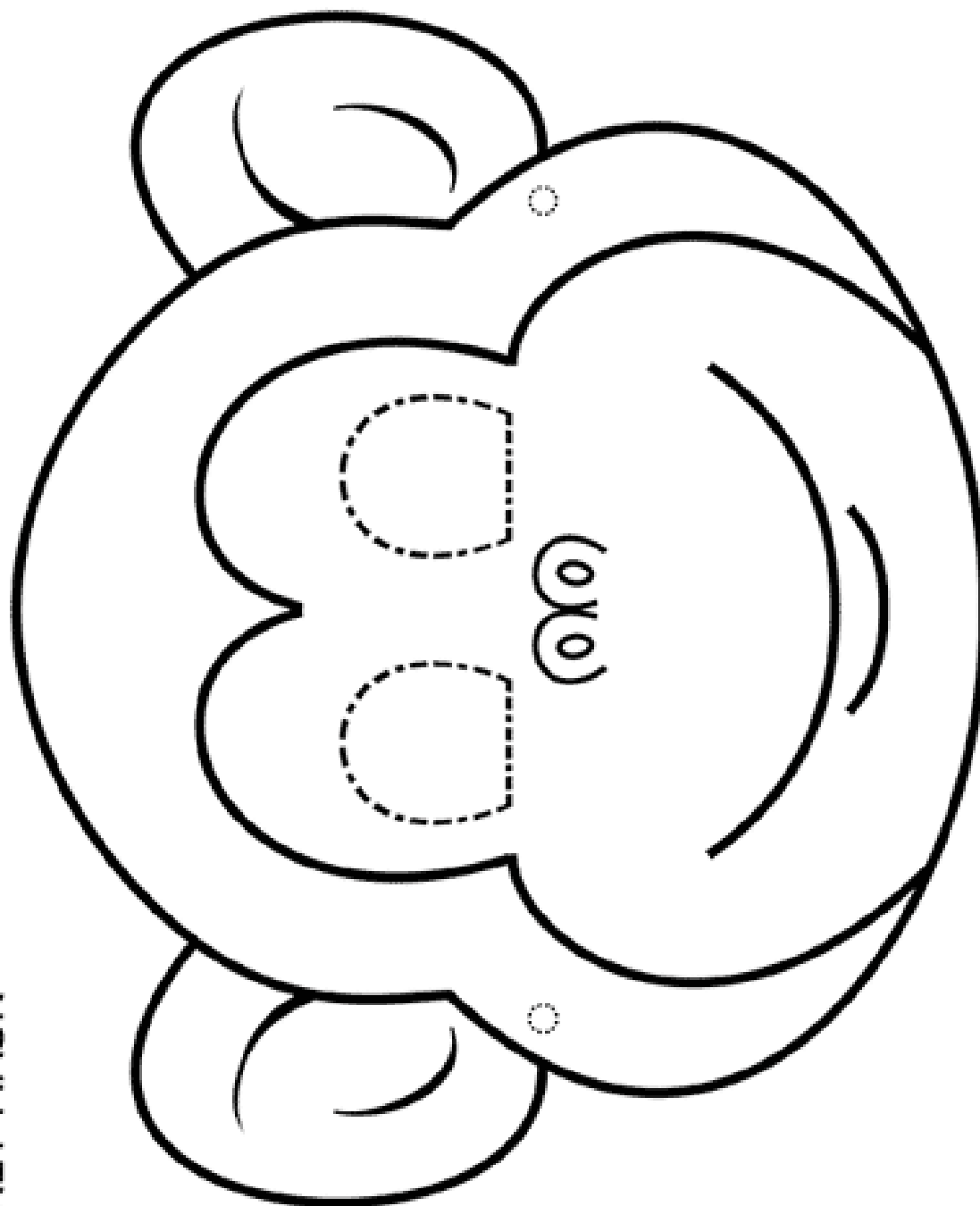
Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do!

Like a monkey climbing high up in the trees and swinging from branch to branch.



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#12 The Dinosaur Bones

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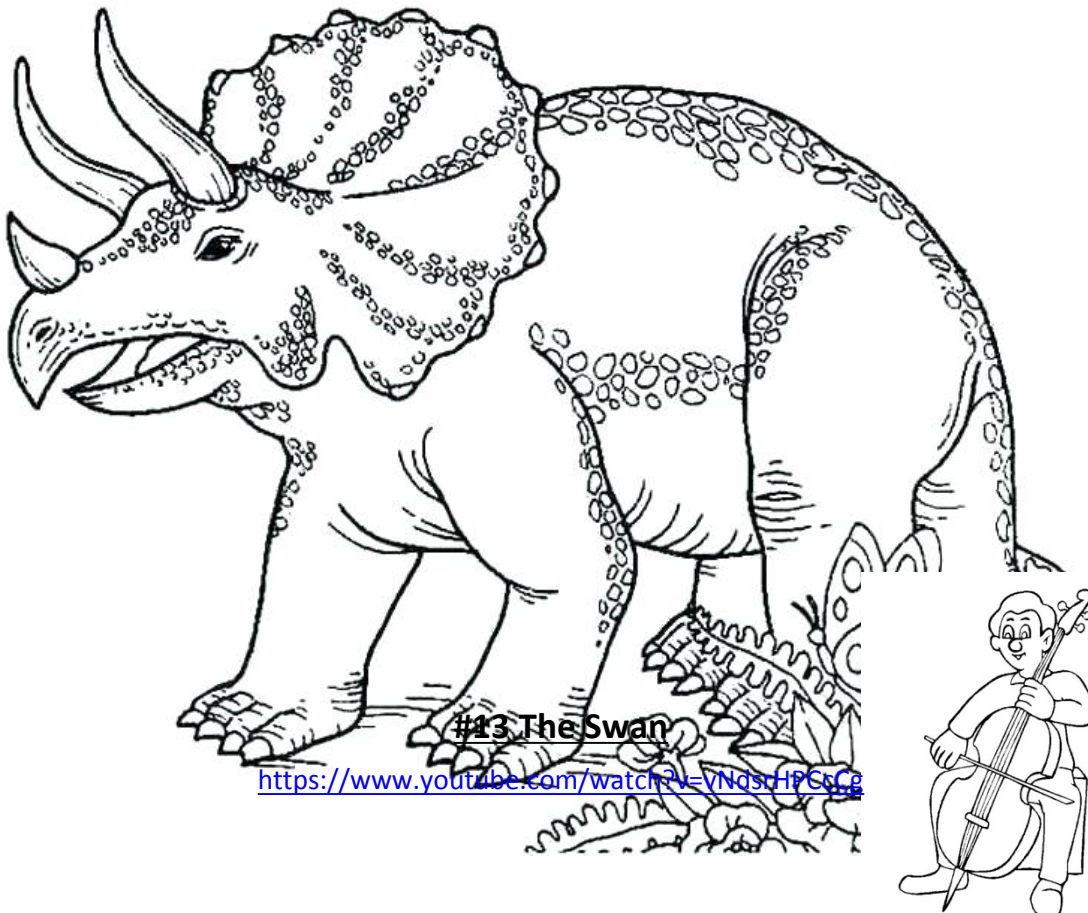
Can you hear the dinosaur bones clanging together?

Camille Saint-Saen thought it would be clever to use the **XYLOPHONE** to make the sound of the bones clacking together on the beat.

Find something at home to use as an instrument!

Maybe two wooden spoons could be your mallets, maybe an empty ice cream container can be your drum. Use your imagination!

Here is the rhythm of the fossils! Play along!

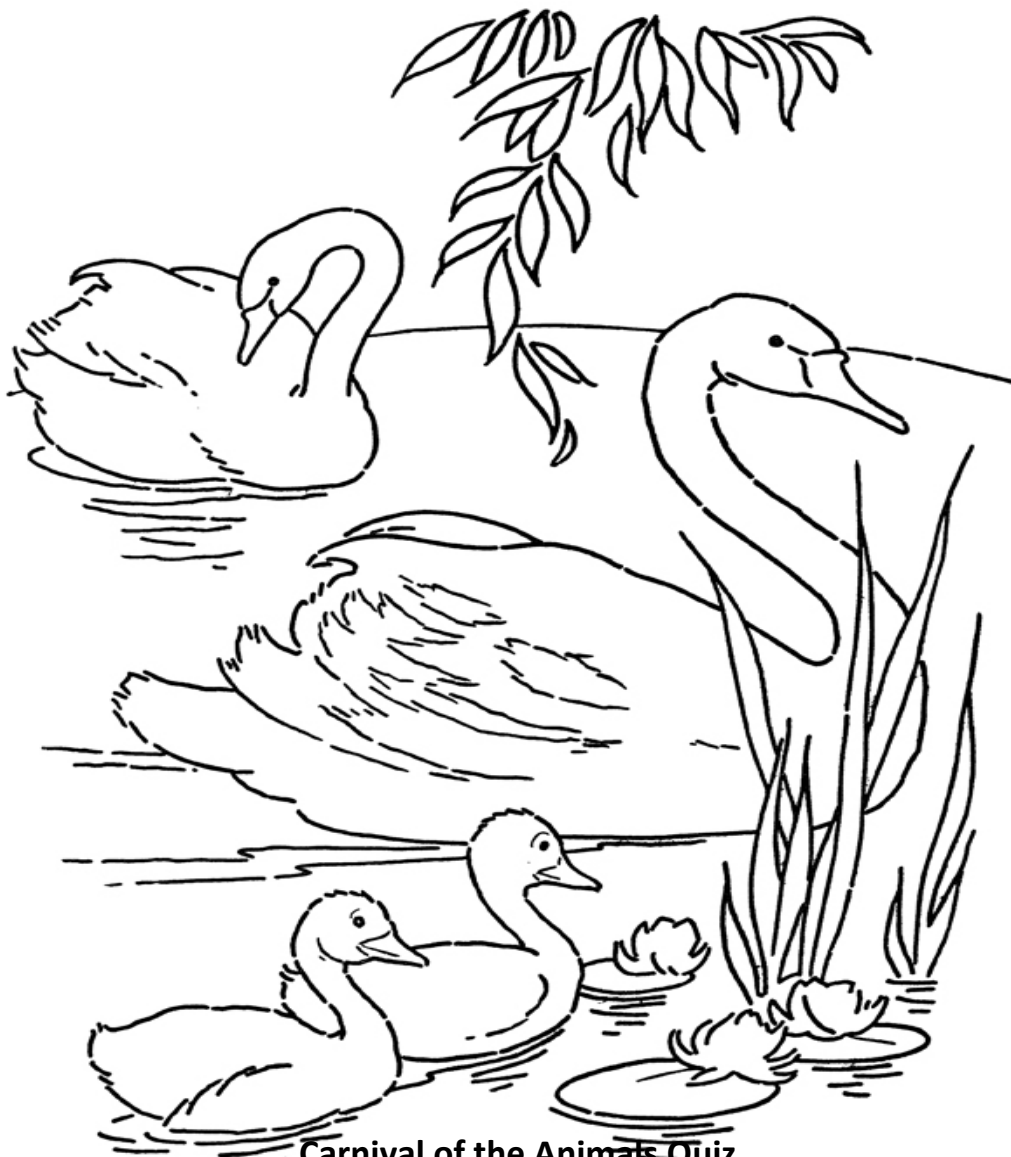


Have you ever heard such beautiful music!
Camille Saint-Saens really tried to match the beautiful music with the beautiful
swan.

He chose the **PIANO** and the **CELLO** to play this song.
The **CELLO** is bigger than the violin, but not as big as the Double Bass.

Here's a video of the famous **CELLO** player YO-YO Ma.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qrKjwjo7Q>



Carnival of the Animals Quiz

Can you name all 13 Animals? Try not to look back!

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WORD SEARCH



C	G	M	K	X	V	L	P	W	G	Z
E	L	E	P	H	A	N	T	H	J	A
C	Q	L	X	S	N	E	H	C	W	Q
A	F	O	S	S	I	L	S	S	F	U
R	O	Y	A	L	M	A	R	C	H	A
N	K	H	C	N	A	N	H	U	N	R
I	C	N	O	I	L	C	K	C	N	I
V	B	I	R	D	S	D	D	K	A	U
A	D	H	W	K	W	H	K	O	W	M
L	K	A	N	G	A	R	O	O	S	Y
B	M	D	W	N	X	P	T	K	X	G

ROYALMARCH
CUCKOO
CARNIVAL

HENS
BIRDS
ANIMALS

KANGAROOS
AQUARIUM
SWAN

ELEPHANT
FOSSILS
LION