

# In Nature's Realm: Savor Nature Like a Composer



A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper left, casting a shimmering path of light across the water's surface. The sky is a gradient of warm orange and yellow. The ocean is dark with white-capped waves. In the foreground, dark, jagged rocks are visible.

# Purpose

Enhance your life by increasing your awareness  
and understanding of music about nature



# Approach to Composing Music About Nature

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- ☐ Bodies of Water
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How does Beethoven  
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Symphony No. 6  
Pastorale?

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Green woods trail by Letchworth – Dvorak – Silent Woods



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Rainbow colored flowers – Mendelssohn – Songs Without Words – Spring Song





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Autumn scene by beaver lodge – Strauss Four Last Songs – September



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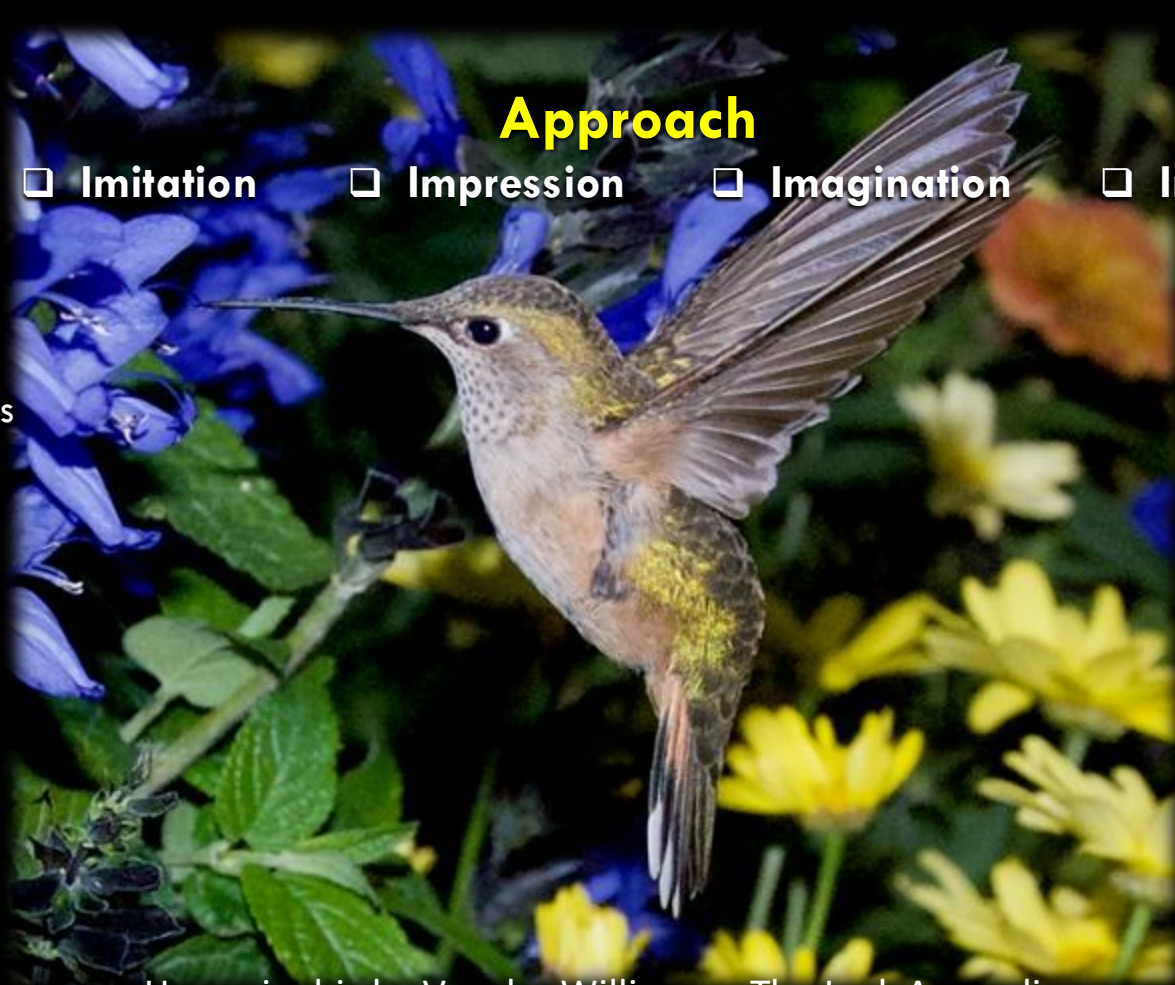
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Hummingbird – Vaughn Williams – The Lark Ascending

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Stream flowing through forest – Smetana Ma Vlast – The Moldau



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Water lily with dragonfly – Galway – Yamada – Red Dragonfly





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Misty mountain vista – Hovhanness – Symphony #2 - Mysterious Mountain

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Pastoral scene by Bluebird Trail Farm – Butterworth – English Idylls No. 2





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Storm over Lake Erie – Beethoven – Symphony #6 Pastoral – Storm

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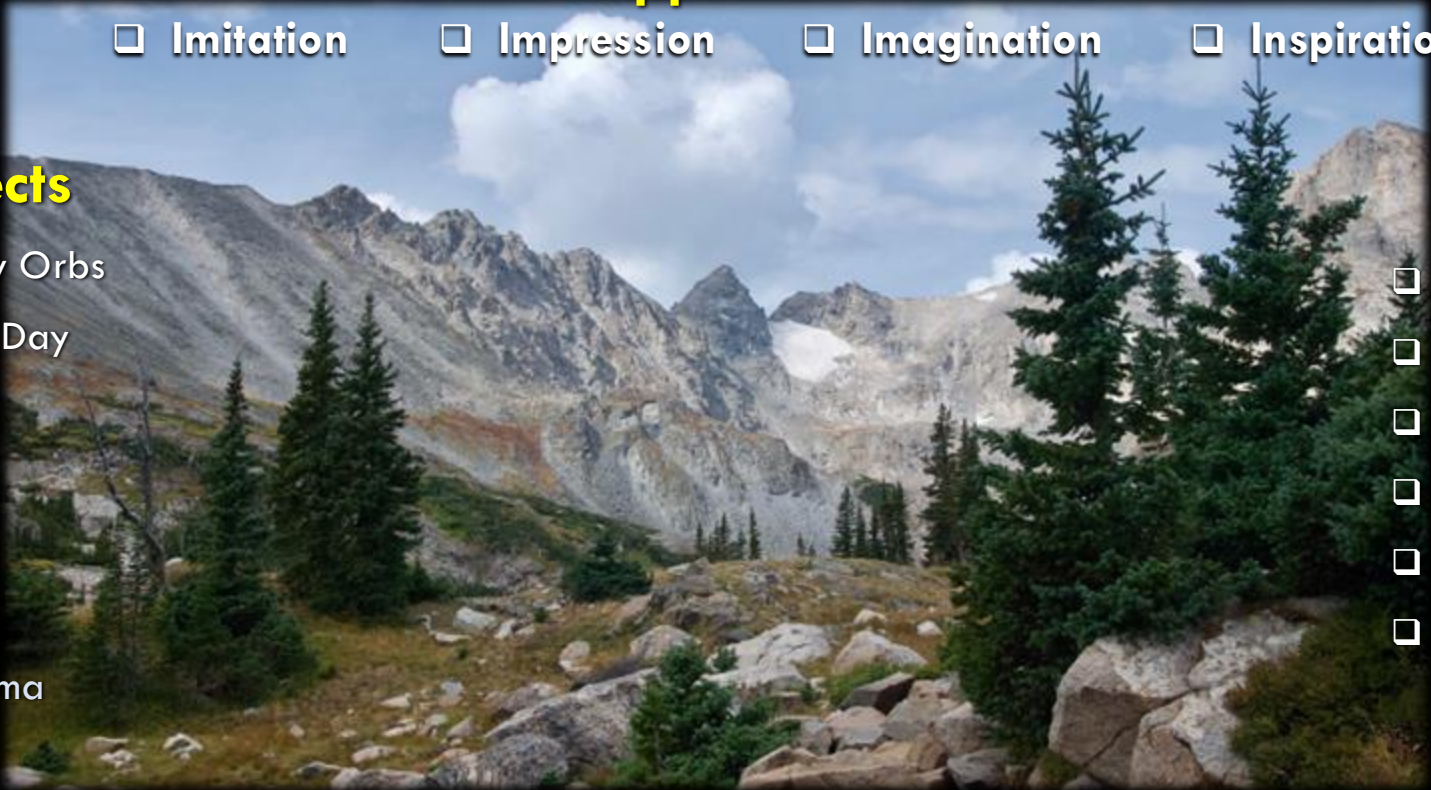
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Mountain Vista – Dvorak – Symphony #9 – From the New World





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Jellyfish – Saint-Saëns Carnival of the Animals – Aquarium



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Windswept clouds over mountains – Debussy Nocturnes – Nocturnes - Nuages





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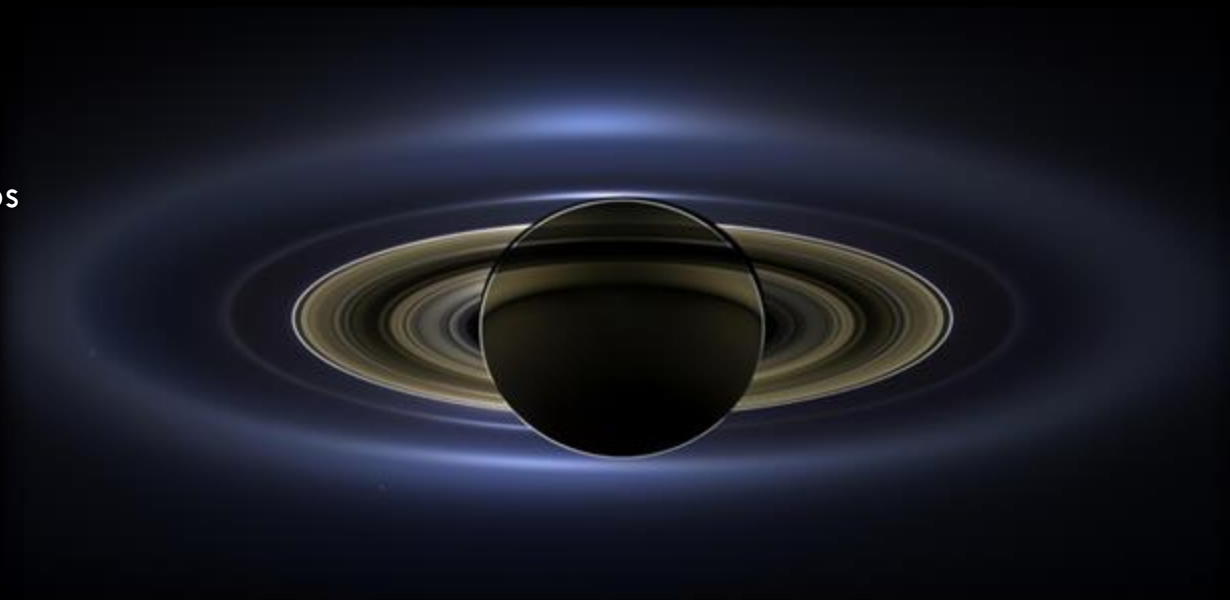
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Saturn – Holst The Planets – Saturn – Bringer of Old Age



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Yellow flower with Moth – Elgar - Wand of Youth Suite – Moths and Butterflies





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Rocky coast in Ireland – Mendelssohn - The Hebrides Overture – Fingal's Cave Op. 26



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Ape – Richard Strauss Thus Spoke Zarathustra – Einleitung





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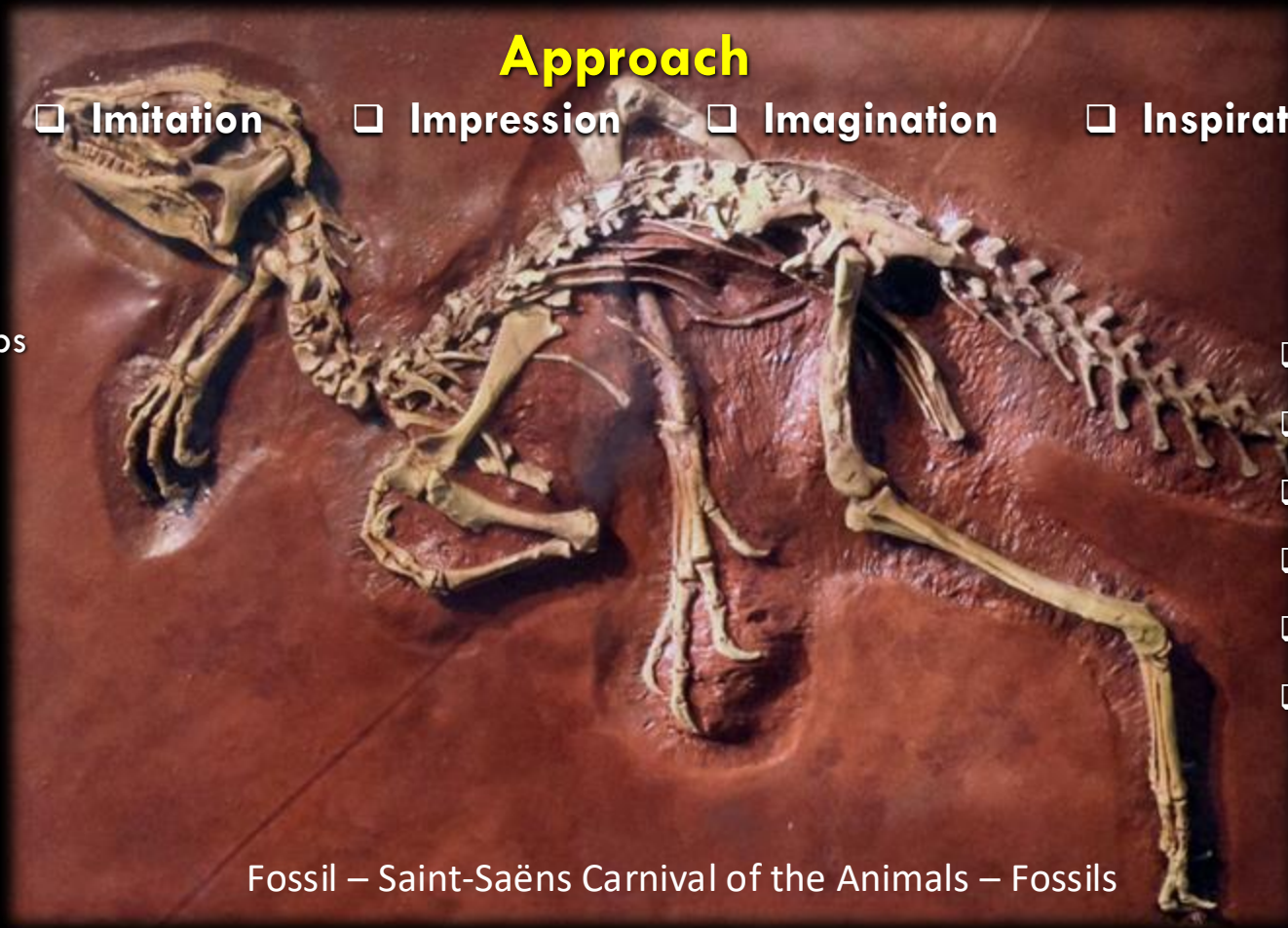
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Fossil – Saint-Saëns Carnival of the Animals – Fossils



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Sunrise/Sunset over Lake Erie – Debussy – (Poetry of Nature disc) – Le Mer – Dance of the Waves



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