

# Bee's Sound Garden

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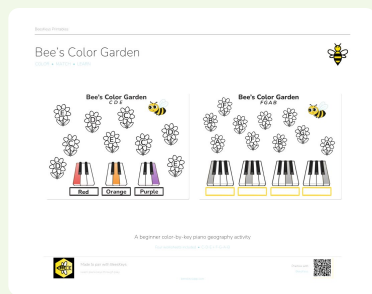
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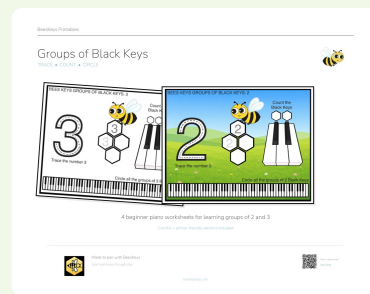
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# BEE'S SOUND GARDEN

## Explore improvisation right at the beginning!

Bee's Sound Garden is a way for students to imagine what different sounds in the real world could sound like at the piano. Choose pre-illustrated cards, illustrate your own cards, or let your students have fun creating sounds and drawings to match.

**Materials needed:** Piano · Cards · Scissors

## WAYS TO PLAY

- 1** Print your cards, leave it as a sheet or cut them out and pick at random.
- 2 Tell a story!** Let your imagination take you through one card, or a series of cards.
- 3** Draw your own story, then play it at the piano.
- 4** Pay attention to the **highs/low**s on the card!
- 5 For older students,** let them illustrate their own card, choose a scale they're working on, and improvise using that scale over a simple I-IV-V-I progression. They can play the chords in their left hand, or you can play the progression as a duet.
- 6 Guess my card!** The teacher draws a card and plays it. The student guesses which creature it was, then swap places.
- 7 Play it together.** On the two-voice cards, one player takes the **HIGH** voice and the other takes the **LOW** voice at the same time.

### Two decks in one download



Use the pre-illustrated cards, or come up with your own illustrations on the blank cards. Drawing the card first, then playing it is often the part that unlocks a shy improviser.

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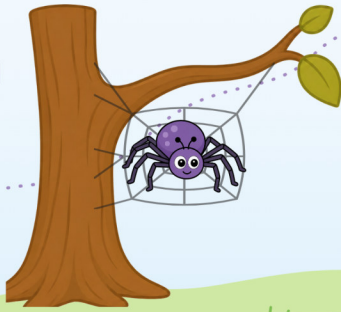
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## Spider Climbs Her Web

Climb **HIGHER**, one step at a time.



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## A Seed Grows

Grow from **LOW** to **HIGH**.



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## Bee Takes Flight

Start **LOW**. Fly **HIGHER**.



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## Grasshopper Jumps!

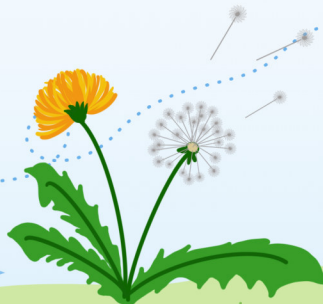
Jump from **LOW** to **HIGH**.



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## Dandelion Puffs Away

Float **HIGHER**, softly.



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## Ants in a Line

March from **LOW** to **HIGH**.



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## Snail Climbs the Tree

Climb **HIGHER**, then slide **LOW**.



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## A Leaf Falls

Drift from **HIGH** to **LOW**.



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## Bee Flies Home

Start **HIGH**. Fly **LOW** to the hive.



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# Sleepy Frog

Play **LOW** and slow. Then yawn.



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# Worm Wiggles

Wiggle **LOW**. Peek **HIGH** once.



Bees Keys

# Ladybug Scurries

Scurry on the **HIGH** keys.



Bees Keys

# Caterpillar Meets Frog

Take turns: **HIGH** voice, **LOW** voice.



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# Fireflies at Night

Play tiny **HIGH** sparkles. Add a few **LOW**.



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# Beetle Underground

Rumble on the **LOWEST** keys.



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# Butterfly Flutters

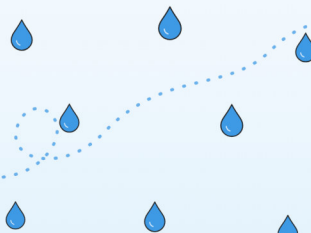
Flutter **HIGH**, dip **LOW**, go **HIGH** again.



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# Raindrops

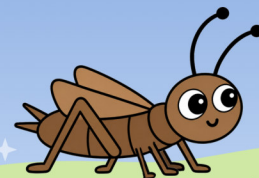
Start **HIGH**. Fall **LOWER**.



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# Cricket at Night

Play **HIGH**. Answer **LOW**.



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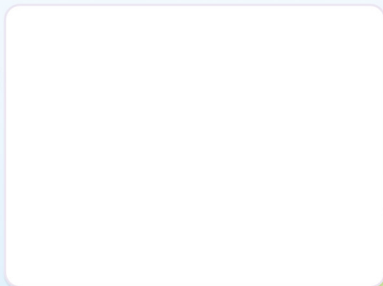
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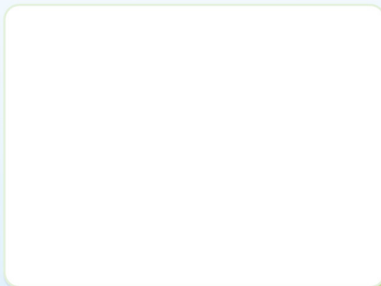
Climb **HIGHER**, one step at a time.



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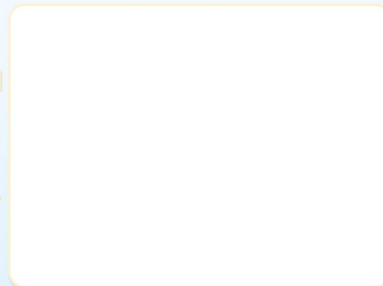
Grow from **LOW** to **HIGH**.



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## Bee Takes Flight

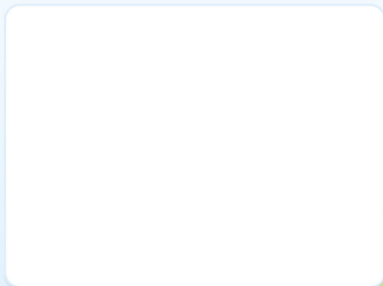
Start **LOW**. Fly **HIGHER**.



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## Grasshopper Jumps!

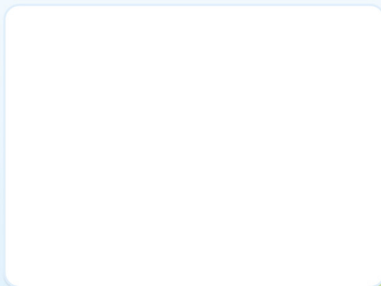
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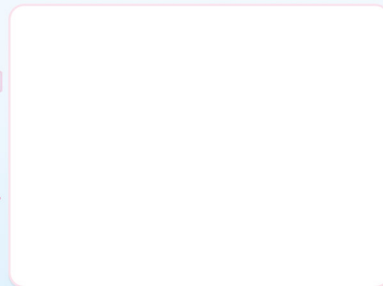
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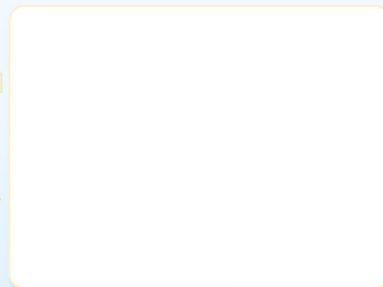
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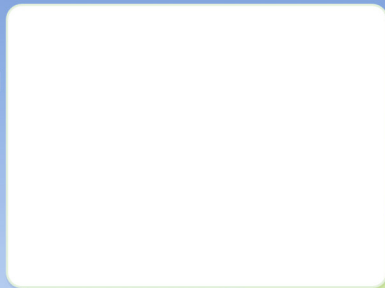
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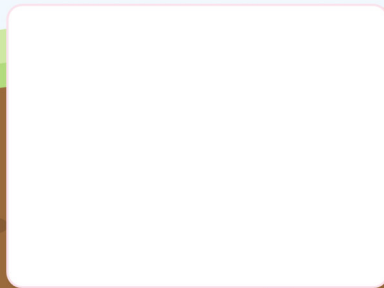
Play **LOW** and slow. Then yawn.



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## Worm Wiggles

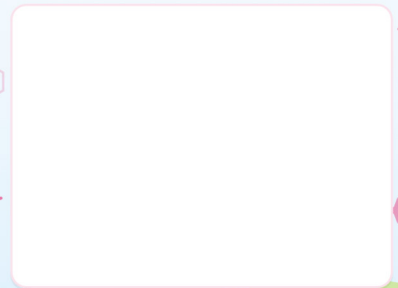
Wiggle **LOW**. Peek **HIGH** once.



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## Ladybug Scurries

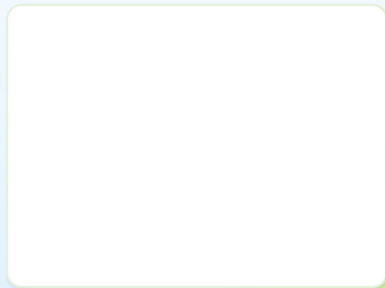
Scurry on the **HIGH** keys.



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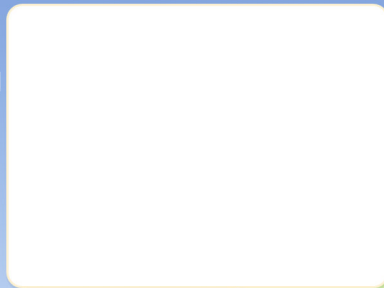
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## Fireflies at Night

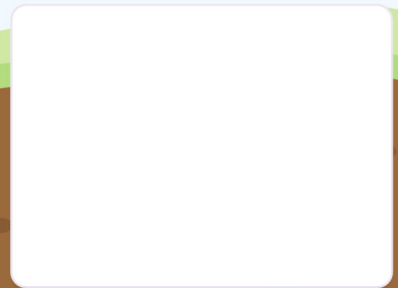
Play tiny **HIGH** sparkles. Add a few **LOW**.



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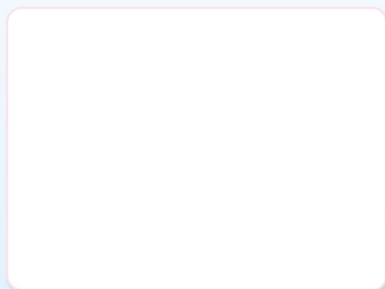
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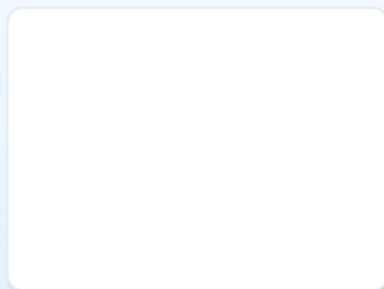
Flutter **HIGH**, dip **LOW**, go **HIGH** again.



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## Raindrops

Start **HIGH**. Fall **LOWER**.



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## Cricket at Night

Play **HIGH**. Answer **LOW**.



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