The Aquarium

This beautiful and peaceful movement sounds like fish gliding through the bubbling water. The music is played by the strings, 2 pianos, the flute, and a very unique instrument called the glass harmonica.

What I noticed about this movement:

The music made me feel:
Personages with Long Ears

This movement features the sounds of the donkey, whose hee-haw is played by 2 violins. Listen for the low notes that quickly jump to higher sounds just like the braying donkey.

What I noticed about this movement:

The music made me feel:
The Cuckoo in the Depths of the Woods

The 2 pianos play most of the music in this movement, however, they are often interrupted by the cuckoo sound that is played by one clarinet.

What I noticed about this movement:

The music made me feel:
The Aviary

The music in this movement is played by the **strings**, the **piano**, and the **flute**. It sounds like a flock of birds fluttering and flapping their wings. The flute plays a beautiful melody that sounds like the singing of a bird.

**What I noticed about this movement:**


**The music made me feel:**


Pianists

This movement is a funny joke about two piano players practicing their warm-ups. The composer is trying to say that sometimes pianists can sound like or act like, well... animals!

What I noticed about this movement:

The music made me feel:
Fossils

The music in this movement is played by the xylophone, the strings, the clarinet, and the piano.
The composer uses the xylophone to sound like bones clacking together and to create the image of skeletons dancing.

What I noticed about this movement:

The music made me feel:
The Swan

The smooth gliding of the swan is played by the cello, and is accompanied by two pianos. This movement is played slowly and very gracefully, just as the swan floats across the lake.

What I noticed about this movement:

The music made me feel:
Finale

The closer of this great work is dance-like and very upbeat. It is played by the orchestra along with the pianos. It includes all of the instruments and animal sounds from the earlier movements.

Camille Saint-Saëns was a French composer, pianist, and conductor. He was born in 1835 and composed his music during the romantic era.

Camille Saint-Saëns
The Carnival of the Animals

Circle the animal names in the puzzle.

LION
TORTOISE
FOSSIL

ROOSTER
ELEPHANT
SWAN

BIRD
KANGAROO
MULE

FISH

T K A N G A R O O