

# BBC TEN PIECES

Benjamin Britten was an English composer who was born and lived in Suffolk. 'Storm' comes from an opera he wrote called 'Peter Grimes'. The opera is about a community struggling to make their living by the sea. The piece depicts a raging storm; listen out for the thunderous timpani and raging brass at the beginning as the storm swells. Also listen for when the harp plays, representing the sun shining through the storm clouds.

## STEP 1

Draw a picture of what you imagine the storm looks like:



## STEP 2

Listen to the music again and answer the following questions.

What are the dynamics of the music? Is it loud or quiet?	
Do the dynamics change?	
Why do you think Britten chose to use these dynamics?	

## STEP 3

Use three adjectives to describe the music.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.