

# Listening Guide

“The Blue Danube” waltz by Johann Strauss Jr.

Listen to the waltz first. Then read the questions below. Listen to the piece as many times as you need to so you can answer the questions and do the activities. Write your answers in spaced provided.

1. Does the piece start loud or soft?
2. Does it start fast or slow?
3. Does the speed stay the same or does it change?
4. Is the piece happy or sad? What other words can you use to describe the mood of the music?
5. What pictures or stories do you think about when you hear the music?
6. Clap the beat with the music. (Notice how many beats are in a measure. What is the strongest beat?)
7. Try counting the beat out loud as the music is playing: “one, two, three.” Can you move around the room, walking or dancing along with the beat?