

**LISA**

We'll start here. Look at my hands.

(She plays a major triad. Georgie repeats it an octave higher. Nate has gone to the bookshelf and taken down a small, hand-held video camera. He begins to record Lisa and Georgie.)

Listen again.

(Lisa plays the triad again and then hums a few notes that suggest a melody.)

Got it?

(She nods. They play the repeating motif. Georgie nailing the melody on the first try.)

Close your eyes.

(She closes her eyes. Lisa sees Nate with the camera. He shakes her head. Nate stops recording. Over the next few lines, he re-positions himself behind Lisa and begins to record again.)

Keep playing. Think of a place. Far away. A beautiful place. Got it?

(Georgie nods.)

Open your eyes. Where have we gone?

**GEORGIE**

Nonnie's island.

**LISA**

Okay. Let's add this.

(Lisa improvises a repeating pattern.)

What is it?

**GEORGIE**

Waves?

**LISA**

Crashing on the beach. Listen closely. Now you do it.

(Georgie stumbles a little, but Lisa helps her get it right. Lisa returns to the original theme while her daughter plays the wave motif.)

Got it?

(Georgie nods.)

Add some sea gulls. *Caw, Caw, Caw!*

(Georgie adds some notes that sound like a seagull call.)

Add more birds.

(Georgie continues to add more bird sounds as she plays the wave theme.)

Let's put some seashells in our bucket.

(Lisa adds a repeated plunking sound to the theme. Georgie follows.)

Who else is there?

(Georgie stops playing. Lisa continues her part.)

**GEORGIE**

Mermaid. With a big fish tail. Like Goldie's, Willy!

(Lisa alters the accompaniment to a minor key. She strikes a few piano keys with more emphasis for Georgie to use. She picks it up quickly.)

**LISA**

What happens next?

(They continue playing under the dialog.)

**GEORGIE**

He wants the little girl to go in the water.

**LISA**

Who?

**GEORGIE**

The mermaid.

**LISA**

He's a boy?

**GEORGIE**

But her mommy won't let her.

**LISA**

The waves are too high.

**GEORGIE**

So he comes out of the water.

**LISA**

What happened to his tail?

**GEORGIE**

But he can't stay or he'll die.

**LISA**

He can't breathe?

**GEORGIE**

Like when I tried to get Goldie to watch TV with me.

**LISA**

What does he do?

**GEORGIE**

Gives up and swims away. And the little girl doesn't see him. For a very long time.