



A Pentatonic Rhebus
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NARRATOR: Once upon a time, there was a girl named Deedee.

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NARRATOR: Her age . . .

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NARRATOR: . . . was nine . . .

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NARRATOR: . . . and she was in the third grade.

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NARRATOR: She had a brother named Ed.

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NARRATOR: His age . . .

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NARRATOR: was eight . . .

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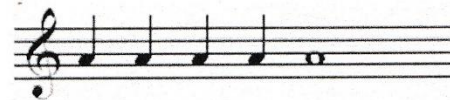
NARRATOR: . . . and he was in the second grade.

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NARRATOR: Report cards came out and they both got straight A's.

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NARRATOR: They showed their report cards to their dad . . .

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: . . . who was very happy. He said, "I should do a good deed for you."

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: "I'll drive you to the park." The children said, "Gee, Dad!"

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: But first, they had a snack. They ate egg salad sandwiches . . .

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NARRATOR: and had hot cross buns for dessert.

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NARRATOR: For a beverage, they had grapefruit ade.

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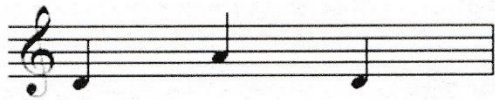
NARRATOR: Then they got in the car, fastened their seat belts, and rode uphill.

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NARRATOR: The children asked, "What are we hearing on the car radio?" Dad said . . .

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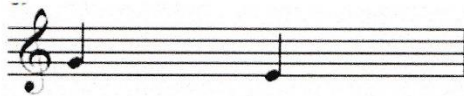
NARRATOR: "It's an Australian group called AC/DC."

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NARRATOR: When they got to the park, they said hello a couple of classmates.

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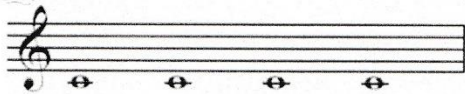
NARRATOR: The classmates were average students who made straight C's.

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NARRATOR: When the classmates heard the two children bragging about their grades, they thought it was monotonous.

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NARRATOR: They said they wanted to gag the two children.

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: So the two children both said they were sorry.

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: The classmates said that that was all right.

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: The two children said, "We hope you ace everything next time."

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: So they all played on the seesaw. . .

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: . . . and played Ring Around the Rosy.

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: After a while, the sun was starting to set, so they all said goodbye.

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: They got in the car, fastened their seat belts, and rode downhill.

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: Again, the children asked, "What are we hearing on the car radio?" Dad said . . .

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NARRATOR: "It's a composition by John Cage."

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: By the time they got home, it was almost bedtime, so they all said good night.

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: And that concludes the story of Deedee, . . .

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NARRATOR: Ed, . . .

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NARRATOR: . . . and their Dad.

SOLO INSTRUMENT:



NARRATOR: So we say thank you to all of you.

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