



A Race to the Finish

A Mini-Musical based on Aesop's Fable "The Tortoise and the Hare"
for Unison and 2-Part Voices

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Reproducible Student Pages and Staging included

Musical Sequence

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1. A BEAUTIFUL DAY

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(As the music begins, the Animals of the forest gather on stage, enjoying the lovely day.)

With a lilt (♩. = ca. 60)

ALL

PIANO *mf*

5 *mf*

O - ver the hill and by the stream is the pret - ti - est place to
Come see the Tor - toise and the Hare, see the birds of the for - est,

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sit and dream. The sky so blue and the grass so green, on a
and the Bear, the Fox, the Wood - chuck, come see the Mare on a

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The tempo is marked 'With a lilt (♩. = ca. 60)'. The piano part features a lively melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The vocal line enters at measure 5 with the lyrics 'O - ver the hill and by the stream is the pret - ti - est place to Come see the Tor - toise and the Hare, see the birds of the for - est,'. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady rhythm. At measure 8, the vocal line continues with 'sit and dream. The sky so blue and the grass so green, on a and the Bear, the Fox, the Wood - chuck, come see the Mare on a'. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody.

11 1. 2.

beau-ti - ful day like to - day. beau-ti - ful day like to - day.

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Oh, what a beau-ti - ful day. _____ Lis-ten to me as I say, _____

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“Oh, what a beau-ti - ful day to laugh and to play, a beau-ti - ful day.”

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