

A "Save Santa"



Composing Activity



I really need your help! It seems like every child this year is asking me to write them a song for Christmas. I can't write a million songs on my own! Can you help? Great!... just follow along below.

1

LET'S START WITH A MOTIVE

You've heard Beethoven's "duh duh duh dummmmmmm"... that's a motive! It's the backbone of a piece.

2

OK, NOW A MOTIVE NEEDS A RHYTHM

Let's use my favorite sentence ...
"I like milk and cookies!"

3

CLAP THAT SENTENCE



4

A MOTIVE ALSO NEEDS A MELODY

Choose any combination of notes in "C" position to match the rhythm in Step 3.

5

**RHYTHM
PLUS melody
EQUALS
motive**



**WRITE YOUR
motive HERE**





Thanks for helping me out. You're the best! Complete the piece below by filling in the missing measures (the red boxes) with your motive from the previous page.

Piano

4/4

Pno.

3

Pno.

5

Pno.

7