

# Scheherazade

by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov  
(1844–1908)



Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov was a Russian composer who was known for his colorful and dramatic music. Many of his pieces are based on fairy tales from Russia and other cultures.

Scheherazade is a **tone poem** based on stories from *One Thousand and One Nights* (the same book that gave us *Aladdin!*). A tone poem is a piece of music that tells a story, kind of like a movie soundtrack, but without the movie. Sometimes the composer is very specific about the details of the story, and sometimes they give the title and let you imagine the rest. When you listen to the music, you get to picture the movie in your imagination.

**Listen to Scheherazade at <https://bit.ly/rsa-at-home-scheherazade>**

Each Movement tells a different story.

- I. The Sea and Sinbad's Ship
- II. The Kalandar Prince
- III. The Young Prince and the Princess
- IV. Festival at Baghdad

Once you've listened to all four movements, draw a picture of your favorite scene from the music. If you would like to share your drawing, have an adult take a picture of it and share it on Facebook!

Do you have a favorite story that you think would make a good tone poem?

Draw a picture of your favorite scene from *Scheherazade*  
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