

## - Musical Lightning -

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 People differ greatly in taste,/ but similar instruments are used/ in surprisingly similar  
 ways/ by people in many countries.// One musician says/ that this is because of the  
 instruments themselves.//

Electric guitars make sound from electricity:/ they sound like lightning.// It is  
 the sound of power,/ and so it makes us feel powerful emotions,/ both happy and sad.//

Horns, now made from brass,/ were once made from the horns/ taken from  
 animals.// To play a horn/ is to make a new voice/ from an inanimate object.// This is  
 why movies use brass instruments/ in spectacular scenes about death or rebirth.//

Drums are the sound of touch.// Walking, clapping, or dancing are all ways /  
 to make a beat.// It is natural that people will want to dance/ when they hear the sound  
 of dancing.//

There is meaning in the sound of each instrument/ because there is meaning  
 in the shape of each instrument.//

たくさんの種類の音楽があり / たくさんの楽器がある / 世界中に//  
 人の好みは千差万別だが / 似たような楽器は使われている / 驚くほど同じような使われ  
 方で / 多くの国の人々に// あるミュージシャンによると、 / それは楽器そのものに理由が  
 ある//

エレクトリック・ギターは電気から音を出す / それは雷のような音がする// それは  
 力強い音であり / そして私たちに力強い感情を抱かせる / 喜びでも悲しみでも//

ホルンは現在、真鍮で作られているが / かつては角から作られていた / 動物から採取  
 された// ホルンを演奏するということは / 新しい声を生み出すことなのだ / 生きてい  
 ない物から// そのため映画で金管楽器が使われる / 死や復活の壮大なシーンに//

ドラムは触覚の音である// 歩いたり、手を叩いたり、踊ったりすることはすべて手段  
 だ / ビートを刻むための// 人々が踊りたくなるのは自然なことだ / 人々が踊りの音を  
 聞いた時//

それぞれの楽器の音に意味がある / なぜならそれぞれの楽器の形に意味があるから//

### Vocabulary and Phrases

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| instrument      | 楽器     |
| to differ       | 異なる    |
| taste           | 趣味     |
| electric guitar | エレキギター |
| lightning       | 雷      |

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| horn             | ホルン (角笛) |
| brass            | 金管       |
| horn             | 角        |
| inanimate object | 無生物      |
| rebirth          | 再生       |

### Total Number of words used

: 164 words

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: 82 sec.

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**【Listen & Fill Blank】**

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**【Q&A / A&Q】**

**Question 1:** Why is it surprising that instruments are used similarly by many different people?

**Question 2:** What were horns made of in the past?

**Question 3:** What is your favourite instrument?

**Ask 1:** 答えが「Drums」である質問を英語で書いてください

**Ask 2:** Electric guitars についての質問を英語で書いてください

**Ask 3:** この記事について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

**Sample Answer 1:** Because people have different tastes and different cultures.

**Sample Answer 2:** Horns. The horns of animals.

**Sample Answer 3:** Trombone/Electric guitar/jug/etc...

**Sample Question 1:** What instrument is fundamentally the sound of touch?/  
What instrument is the sound of dancing? /  
etc...

**Sample Question 2:** Why are electric guitars awesome? / Why are electric guitars electric?/ What is your favourite type of electric guitar?/ How far can Shaq throw an electric guitar on a windy day?/ etc...

**Sample Question 3:** Why did people start making instruments in the first place? / What is the fundamental meaning of the piano?/ How many instruments are there in the world?/ etc...