

A violin and bow are positioned on a wooden music stand. The violin is a rich, polished brown color, and the bow is dark wood with light-colored hair. The music stand holds a sheet of paper with musical notation. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting with foliage. A white rectangular frame is superimposed over the image, containing the text.

# Unit 2 The universal language

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## Reading

# What musical instruments do you know?



**piano**



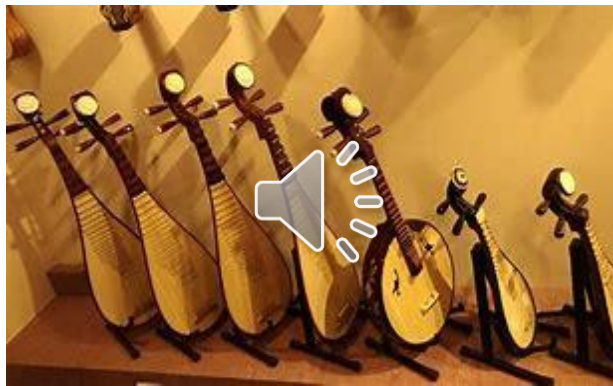
**violin**



**suona**



**flute**



**pipa**



**erhu**

*Lead in*



The music is very light. We feel\_\_\_\_\_.

*Lead in*


Windy Hill  
(风之谷)



We feel \_\_\_\_\_.

## Prediction

What information do the following emails contain?

 Send	From	Alice Duncan	←	writer
	To	Lucy Becker	←	receiver
	Subject	<i>Butterfly Lovers</i>	←	topic

To	Stephen Lin	×	←	receiver
From	Harry Yu	×	←	writer
Subject	Country music	×	←	topic

Understanding  
culture through **music**

Email 1:

Understand Chinese culture through *Butterfly Lovers*. 《梁祝》

Email 2:

Understand Western culture through country music.



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# 《梁祝》 The Butterfly Lovers

Composer 作曲 何占豪 HE Zhanhao 陈钢 CHEN Gang  
Conductor 指挥 范妮 FAN Ni  
Violin 小提琴 全体演奏家 All Performers  
Orchestra 乐团 中央芭蕾舞团交响乐团  
National Ballet of China Symphony Orchestra

*Read the first email and fill in the main idea.*

**Para. 1** I watched a performance of Butterfly Lovers last night.

**Para. 2** The story and music of *Butterfly Lovers* work very well together.

**Para. 3** *Butterfly Lovers* illustrates how wonderfully Chinese and Western musical elements can mix.





## Four parts:

## Para. 2



The two lovers first meet  
The music is light and pleasant.  
The atmosphere: as if whispering to the audience.



They spend 3 years at school together.  
The music is fast and cheerful.  
The atmosphere is happy.



Liang falls sick and dies.  
Zhu weeps bitterly and jumps into Liang's grave.  
The music is dramatic with heavier notes.  
The atmosphere is angry and sad.



The couple transform into butterflies and fly away.  
The music takes a soft turn and ends on a bittersweet note.

**Listen and guess:**

**Para. 2**

which stage do the following music pieces belong to?

**Beginning**

**Development**

**Climax**

**Ending**



*What does **Butterfly Lovers** combine according to **Para. 3**?*



**Western musical  
elements**



**Chinese musical  
elements**

*combination*

### History

grew out of

the blues and folk music

became popular

time: in the 1940s

place: in the south of America and then spread across the nation

### Typical instrument(s)

the guitar

### Country music

### Examples

the musician: John Denver

the song: "Take Me Home,  
Country Roads"

### Features

tunes: easy to sing

lyrics: deep in thought

themes: hardship, heartbreak, hope

images: peaceful green fields and  
simple life of the countryside



# Who is John Denver?

- ◆ Name: Henry John Deutschendorf Jr.
- ◆ Jobs: American singer-songwriter (创作型歌手) ;  
record producer and actor (唱片制作人)
- ◆ Achievements:
  - In the late 1960s: began his music career
  - In the 1970s: one of its best-selling artists
  - By 1974: one of America's top-selling performers;  
“among the most beloved entertainers of his era”



*Take me home, country roads*

*Almost heaven, West Virginia*

*Blue Ridge Mountain, Shenandoah River*

*Life is old there, Older than the trees*

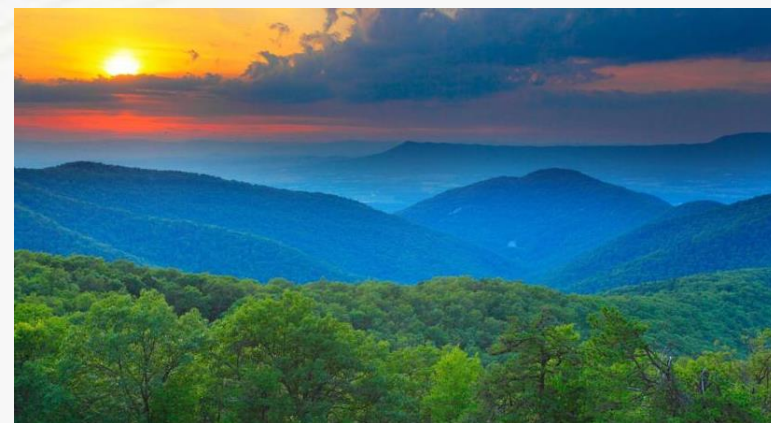
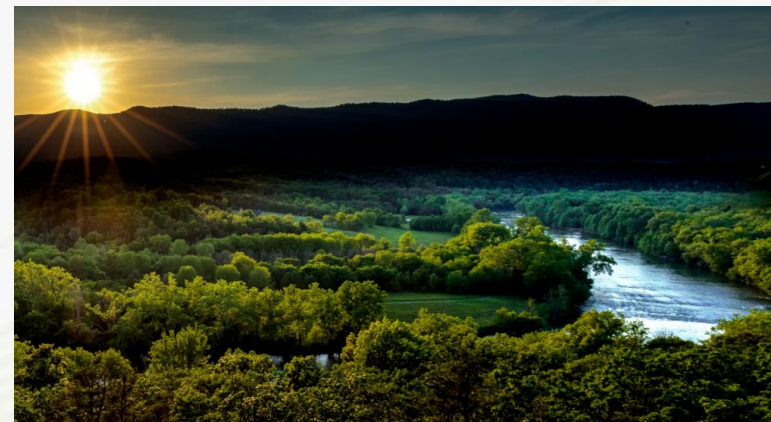
*Younger than the mountains, growing like  
a breeze*

*Country roads, take me home*

*To the place I belong*

*West Virginia, Mountain Mama*

*Take me home, country roads*





THANKS!