

Read this poem. Then answer questions 12 through 15.

# Music of the Heart

by Millie Westerburg

- 1 What is it about music that's classic  
That makes me think of the age Jurassic<sup>1</sup>?  
Is it a symphony ponderous and slow  
Like a huge stegosaurus<sup>2</sup> on the go?
- 5 Or does a sonata airy and light  
Give birth to thoughts of raptors<sup>3</sup> in flight?  
Maybe the inventions of J.S. Bach<sup>4</sup>  
Suggest the movements of a nimble croc.
- Sometimes I'd rather hear songs that are jazzy;
- 10 They can make me feel soulful or snazzy.  
The saxophone moans up and down the scale  
While the deep bass fiddle sounds low and male.  
The twinkling keys of the piano man  
Are diamonds or hoof beats from right and left hand.
- 15 The clarinet sings with a human voice  
Songs of life that make my heart rejoice.
- I scan stations on the car radio  
To find some new tunes and some that I know.  
From classic to country to hard rock and rap,
- 20 The right musical notes make my toes tap.  
Madonna<sup>5</sup>, the Beatles<sup>6</sup>, or Eminem<sup>7</sup>,  
Trumpet, trombone, steel guitar, or drum:  
I find music that shines, and my heart sings;  
From winter, song creates eternal spring.

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<sup>1</sup>**Jurassic:** period of time marked by the presence of dinosaurs; lasted from approximately 195 to 135 million years ago

<sup>2</sup>**stegosaurus:** a Jurassic creature known for its heavily armored body

<sup>3</sup>**raptors:** Jurassic birds of prey

<sup>4</sup>**J.S. Bach:** Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), one of the most famous classical composers

<sup>5</sup>**Madonna:** Louise Ciccone (1958– ), a popular musician and actress

<sup>6</sup>**The Beatles:** an extremely popular rock 'n' roll band in the 1960s and 1970s

<sup>7</sup>**Eminem:** a rap artist who became popular in the 1990s

**12** In the first eight lines, the author makes a point about the timeless qualities of music by using imagery from

- A** prehistoric times
- B** the late 1600s
- C** the mid 1700s
- D** the 1990s

**13** Which literary device does the author use in lines 13–14 while comparing the keys of the piano man to diamonds and to hoof beats?

- A** simile
- B** metaphor
- C** hyperbole
- D** personification

**14** The animals named in the first stanza are **mainly**

- A** pets
- B** birds
- C** reptiles
- D** dinosaurs

**15** What can the reader conclude about the author's taste in music from the examples of musicians given in the poem?

- A** She appreciates many different forms of music.
- B** She mainly likes classical music by composers such as Bach.
- C** She is a fan of rock 'n' roll music by groups such as the Beatles.
- D** She likes only modern music by artists like Madonna and Eminem.