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I imagine a world without music. I think to myself “is that even possible?” A world without music? How can that be? Music is all around me. It’s everything! Music is the sound of my footsteps, the beat of my heart, and the sound of my voice. There is only one thing needed to make music – Imagination. When I go outside, I hear the beauty of nature’s music. I hear a bird chirping, the wind blowing, and tree branches rustling overhead. As I walk, leaves crunch beneath my feet. I hear a bee whiz by my ear. There are many sounds of nature. Just think, without music there would be nothing to dance to. There would be nothing to listen to. There would be nothing to sing to. The world would not be a happy place. Music can express how one feels. If I’m happy, I might enjoy listening to “I’m Walking on Sunshine” by Katrina and The Waves. Music is all around me. We hear lullabies in hospitals when babies are born. We sing “Happy Birthday!” when someone celebrates their birthday. We sing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” at baseball games. We sing our National Anthem at concerts, schools and other important gatherings. We hear music at happy occasions like funerals. Music is part of life. Music can do so much. It can even put a smile on someone’s face. I love music. Whether I am singing a song in choir class or playing the piano at home, it’s always music to my ears. Music is precious. It makes me feel good that I can sit down at a piano, read music notes, and create beautiful music by pressing keys. Music is amazing. A world without music wouldn’t be a world at all.