



World of Music

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Vivaan was off to a classical music concert with Ma.
“Let’s go!” she said.

Her friend, Radhika Masi, was one of the performers.





When they met Masi outside the concert hall,
she said, "Why don't you both come with me?
Vivaan, I want to show you something."



They all went in, and followed Masi to a room.
Vivaan looked inside.





Musical instruments everywhere!



"What are all these?" Vivaan was curious.

Masi said, "A musical instrument is a device used to make music. Let me introduce you to each of them."

"Look at that big box!" Vivaan said. Ma smiled.



Masi sang,
"**Harmonium** sure looks like
a box,
a musical instrument with
bellows, keys and stops.
You can create melodies
with it and sing along,
sit on the floor and play
your favourite song."



"**Tabla** always comes in pairs,
and brings its own cushion-chairs.
It makes beautiful, rhythmic sounds,
when you tap your fingers on those rounds."





"Now let's have a look at
Sitar,
it's popular worldwide, an
all-star.
Shaped round at bottom
with a tall neck,
a Sitar has many strings and
frets."



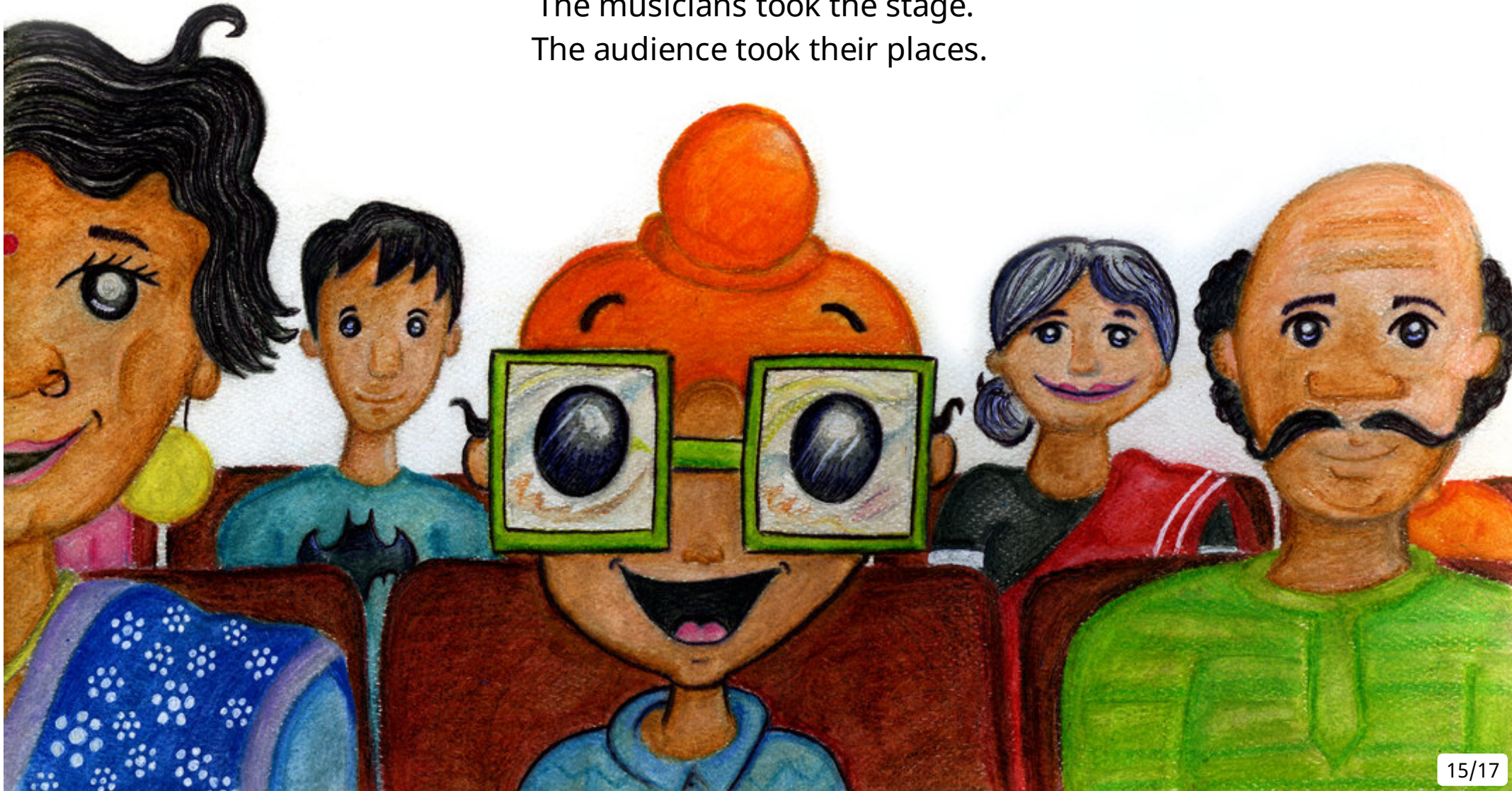
Made of bamboo and hollow inside,
Bansuri is always by Krishna's side.
Blow air to make sound, use fingers to play,
You can take a Bansuri anywhere.

Masi said, "The sound of this one brings back memories,
Remember where you heard its melodies?"

Vivaan said, "I heard **Shehnai** during your wedding celebrations,
where everyone kept going, Congratulations! Congratulations!"
Ma and Masi burst into laughter.



"The concert is about to start. Let's head to the hall," said Masi.
The musicians took the stage.
The audience took their places.





And the notes from the instruments filled the huge hall.

Classical musicians who made an appearance

Sitar - Pandit Ravi Shankar, Anoushka Shankar, George Harrison

Harmonium - R.K. Bijapore

Flute - Debopriya and Suchismita Chatterjee, aka Flute Sisters

Shehnai - Ustad Bismillah Khan

Tabla - Zakir Hussain



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