

: COMPOSER'S CORNER

Danse Macabre by Camille Saint-Saëns

Say it:
don-ss
mah-kah-br-reh



One of the pieces of music you will hear in your Family Musical Mornings Concert is called *Danse Macabre*. It sounds like a group of silly skeletons dancing and having fun in a cemetery. They are joined by a special skeleton who plays the violin for their dance!

A person who writes music is called a composer. The composer of *Danse Macabre* is Camille Saint-Saëns. He lived a long time ago in France. His birthday was this month on October 9!

Say it:
kuh-meel
say-sah



Mr. Saint-Saëns heard a poem about skeletons dancing and decided to write this piece of music to match the poem. Here are some of the words of the poem:

Zig, zig, zig, on her violin
The winter wind blows, and the night is dark,
Moans are heard in the trees
Skeletons pass through the shadows
Running and leaping through the graveyard.



When you listen to this piece of music at the concert, see if you can hear the dancing skeleton bones played by the xylophone!

Say it:
z-eye-low-f-oh-n

If you would like to learn more about Mr. Saint-Saëns, you can visit this website to see his picture and read about him:

[Camille Saint-Saëns Biography](#)