Listen to Music Composed on Themes from Nature

The natural world has inspired musicians, too. Even classical composers have written pieces that illustrate aspects of nature.

Here’s a sampling of some well-known pieces. You may have some of these recordings at home. Or look for them at your local library. When you listed to this music, can you picture what the titles suggest?

**The Carnival of the Animals**  
Camille Saint-Saëns

**Flight of the Bumblebee**  
Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov

**The Four Seasons**  
Antonio Vivaldi

**La Mer (The Sea)**  
Claude Debussy

**On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring**  
Frederick Delius

**The Planets**  
Gustav Holst

**The Rite of Spring**  
Igor Stravinsky