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GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD By Thelma C. Carter (with illustration #2)

If you hear a sound, you are alerted to attention! Your mind responds to whatever association you have made with a particular sound. A siren reminds us of a fire or an accident.

Sounds make up our day, such as: a dog's bark, the school bus, a school band playing, rain on a window pane, jet planes overhead.

Sounds are of two kinds, air-borne and percussion. Air-borne sounds are caused by the human voice and by string and wind instruments. Percussion sounds set up vibrations which are carried to our ears by solid materials such as floors, ceilings, walls and pipes.

Heavy, harsh or piercing sounds are unpleasant to us. We listen for low, controlled sounds of friendly voices, sweet music, muted organ tones, etc.

One day, make a little test of the sounds that alert your attention. You'll find yourself listening for particular sounds that bring pleasure to your life. A naturalist hears bird song -- the sound of a cricket. The mechanic, the sound of a motor. A musician, the enchantment of a lovely song.

Christians hear another sound -- the voice of God who speaks to our hearts! Sometimes we have to deliberately shut out all other sounds to hear Him. "Be still, and know that I am God" we read in Psalm 46:10.

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AFTER THE STORM By Enola Chamberlin

The winter sun is hiding,
The clouds are dark and low;
The cold wild wind is rushing,
And soon there will be snow.
And I am only waiting
Until it stops, and then,
I will go out and make me
A row of tall snow men.

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