Look Up and Hear the Music
Answers to the Comprehension Questions

1. The setting is the lawn of Miki's home. It is during the day.
2. It's Miki's favorite day of the week because it's the day of her music lesson.
3. The sounds that calm Miki are the chirping of the birds and insects.
4. I can tell that Miki is excited to have her piano lesson because Miki darted into the living room when her mother called, "Mrs. Stone is here!"
5. Miki's new piano song is about the voice of insects.
6. While Mrs. Stone was playing the song, Miki was tapping out the rhythms of the insects she heard at night.
7. The word "dancing" is used to describe Mrs. Stone's fingers as she played the song.
8. Miki said, "I want to play the piano just like you and feel the magic!"
9. Yes, I can predict that Miki will learn how to play *Mushi no Koe* well since she practiced the song every day.
10. Miki visualized the insects on the grass.
11. The school's orchestra will have two piano players when Miki joins it.
12. To perform a solo is when one person performs.
13. She feels nervous about performing a solo. Miki froze when her orchestra teacher told her about it. *I will be playing for so many people*, she thought.
14. Mrs. Stone was excited for her and said she was proud of her.
15. She will tell herself over and over again that it's a song she loves. She said, "I'll feel the magic when I hear the music."
16. Miki's parents were sitting next to Mrs. Stone at the concert.
17. Mary and Miki placed their music sheets on the piano stand.
18. Miki didn't stand up right away because she thought it would be polite to wait for the clapping to stop before she stood.
19. The problem was that Mary played Miki's solo too.
20. Miki tried to calm herself. She thought, *Maybe no one noticed since the piano was hidden behind the string section*.
21. Yes, I did. No, I didn't. I know someone who did. (Answers will vary.)

22. Miki didn't want to bring negative attention to the concert by stopping Mary.
23. Mrs. Stone was a good listener and gave her the hope that there will be other performances.
24. Miki learned that once she was on stage, she was excited to play for a large audience.
25. Ozawa Sensei's idea is to showcase Miki's joy of music. She will perform at the winter holiday concert.
26. *Ue o Muite Arukou* means *I Look Up as I Walk*.
27. Miki will perform two songs at the winter holiday concert.
28. Miki has a second chance to perform, and her belief that she is meant to do this is stronger.
29. The answers will vary.
30. Mrs. Stone's face lit up and there was a dance in her steps as she prepared Miki.
31. The answers will vary.
32. Pepeko is a caring companion to Miki.
33. Miki visualized her earlier daydream as she played the music and heard the words of *Ue o Muite Arukou*.
34. The seasons shown on this page are spring, summer, and autumn.
35. Answers will vary.
36. Miki saw the stars when the audience sang along with her playing *Silent Night*.
37. The stars shone brighter and the insects chirped louder presented a positive outcome and the power of sensing the beauty around us.
38. The answers will vary.