Look Up and Hear the Music - Comprehension Questions

1. **Describe the setting at the beginning of the story (pg. 4).**
2. **Why is it Miki's favorite day of the week (pg. 4)?**
3. **What are the sounds that calm Miki (pg.5)?**
4. **How do you know that Miki is excited to have her piano lesson (pg. 6)?**
5. **What is Miki's new piano song about (pg. 7)?**
6. **What was Miki doing while Mrs. Stone was playing the song (pg. 8)?**
7. **What action word is used to describe Mrs. Stone's fingers as she played the song (pg. 8)?**
8. **What did Miki say that shows she is enjoying Mrs. Stone's playing of the song (pg. 8)?**
9. **Can you predict that Miki will learn how to play *Mushi no Koe* well? What is the evidence for this (pg. 9)?**
10. **What did Miki visualize (see in her mind) as she played *Mushi no Koe* (pg. 10)?**
11. **How many piano players will the school's orchestra have when Miki joins it (pg. 11)?**
12. **What does it mean to perform a solo (pg. 12)?**
13. **How does Miki feel about performing a solo? How can you tell (pg. 12)?**
14. **How can you tell that Mrs. Stone is a caring teacher (pg.13)?**
15. **What does Miki plan to do to be less nervous about the performance (pgs. 13 and 14)?**
16. **Who was sitting next to Mrs. Stone at the concert (pg. 14)?**

17. **What did Mary and Miki place on the piano stand (pg. 15)?**
18. **Why didn't Miki stand up right away after Mary played her solo (pg.16)?**
19. **What is the problem that occurred (pg. 17)?**
20. **How did Miki handle this embarrassing moment (pg. 18)?**
21. **Did you or anyone you know have an embarrassing moment (pg. 18)?**
22. **Why didn't Miki stop Mary when she started to play her solo (pg 19)?**
23. **How is Mrs. Stone helping Miki (pg. 19)?**
24. **What did Miki learn from this unexpected event (pg. 19)?**
25. **What is Ozawa Sensei's idea (pg. 20)?**
26. **What is the meaning of the song, *Ue o Muite Arukou* (pg. 21)?**
27. **How many songs will Miki perform at the winter holiday concert (pgs. 20 and 21)?**
28. **Why is the story event described on page 22 so important?**
29. **Have you experienced a second chance? If you have, what was it?**
30. **Describe Mrs. Stone's appearance as she prepared Miki for the winter concert (pg. 23).**
31. **Would you like to have Mrs. Stone as your music teacher?**
32. **Who is being a caring companion to Miki (pg. 24)?**
33. **What did Miki visualize as she played the music and heard the words of *Ue o Muite Arukou* (pg. 25)?**
34. **Name the seasons shown on this page (pg. 26).**
35. **What do you think of when you hear the words, "I look up . . . happiness lies beyond the clouds (pg. 27)?"**

36. **What did Miki see when the audience sang along with her playing *Silent Night* (pg. 28)?**
37. **Why is the description of the night at the end of the story important (pg. 30)?**
38. **Which illustration is your favorite? Why?**