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## >> take a **LISTEN** **'Casey at the Bat'**

Sure, you've heard the story of "Casey at the Bat," the 1888 poem by Ernest Lawrence Thayer. But have you really heard it?

This Stories in Music CD offers a fresh and dramatic reading of the classic baseball tale, accompanied by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. But most noteworthy is the musical lesson it provides. Conductor-composer Stephen Simon explains tempo changes and how the use of different instruments reflects what's happening in the story. Also, young musicians are encouraged to play along with various versions of "The Casey March" melody. (The booklet includes the notes of the songs, as well as a crossword puzzle and other activities.)

The CD also has an informational track about Thayer and his famous work – it is said that by 1900 almost everyone in the United States had read or heard the poem.

Magic Maestro Music/Kids, which produced the CD, has a similar recording for "Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel," for younger kids.



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