

UNIT 4

Sometimes, composers write music for stories. Some of these stories have been told for generations. The song "Beauty and the Beast" was composed for the Walt Disney animated film that retells the classic French fairy tale "Beauty and the Beast."

Sing "Beauty and the Beast."

Beauty and the Beast

from the movie *Beauty and the Beast*



CD 7:5

Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman

Lyrical

G *mp (mf)* **Dsus C/D D7 G** **Am/D D7 G**

do - Tale as old as time, true as it can be. Bare-ly e - ven
2. Tale as old as time, tune as old as song. Bit-ter-sweet and

Bm **C** **C/D D7sus D7**

friends, then some-bod - y bends un - ex - pect - ed - ly.
strange, find - ing you can change, learn-ing you were wrong.

G **D7 C/DD7 G** **Dm7 G7** ²

just a lit - tle change. Small, to say the least. Both a lit - tle
Cer-tain as the sun ris - ing in the East, tale as old as

C **Cmaj7** **Bm7** **Am7 rit.** **C/D** **D7** ^{1. G} *a tempo*

sca-red, nei - ther one pre - pared, Beau - ty and the Beast.
time, song as old as rhyme, Beau - ty and the

INK!

How does the song
"Beauty and the Beast" add to the
telling of the story?

Meet the Musicians

Alan Menken (b. 1949), shown at right, is a theater and film composer and **Howard Ashman** (1951–1991) was a lyricist. They are known for their music in Disney's animated movies, such as *The Little Mermaid*, *Aladdin*, and *Beauty and the Beast*.



LISTENING CD 7:8

Short Ride in a Fast Machine

by J. Adams

Program music tells a story with sounds. The music suggests images or events. What kind of machine do you think of as you listen to this music?

Listen to "Short Ride in a Fast Machine."

19. **Ev - er just the same. Ev - er a sur - prise.**

Ev - er as be - fore, ev - er just as sure as the sun will rise.

Beast. Tale as old as time, song as old as rhyme, Beau - ty and the Beast.