

## LITTLE WALTZ – DEBUSSY

### Context

Debussy wrote the music for a ballet called *The Toybox* in which the characters include a doll, a brave soldier and a wicked Punchinello (similar to the Punch character in *Punch and Judy*). The doll dances the *Little Waltz*.

### Teaching and Learning

- This is a waltz in 3-time.
- The instruments include the harp, the triangle, the celesta, the clarinet, the flute, the cymbals and plucked strings.
- Words that can be used to describe the music: light, dainty, high, jingly, warm.
- Here is the outline score of the waltz tune, first heard on the clarinet:



### Activities for Children

- Children can waltz to the music with their partners, while counting 1-2-3.
- A comparison can be made with the waltz music in *The Elephant*. Which piece is daintier?
- Images of some of the instruments named above can be displayed and held up when they are heard.
- The children can make up a story about a doll, a soldier and a Punchinello.

