NLO Shorts: An Introduction to the Orchestra

The Clarinet

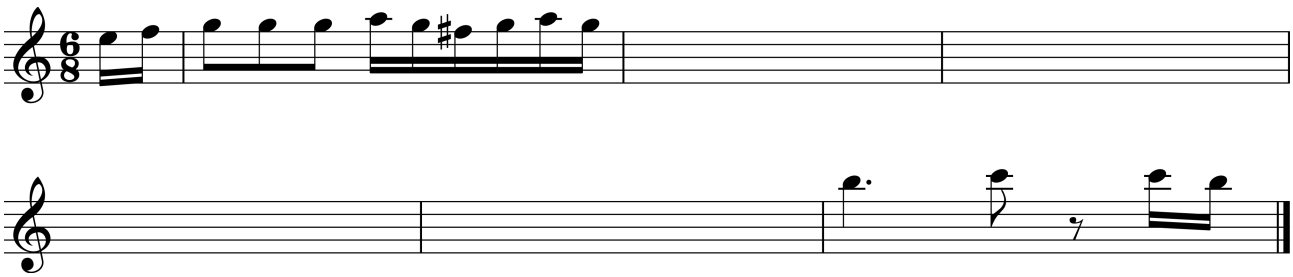
Watch the NLO Shorts videos introducing the instruments of the orchestra. You can find them on the New London Orchestra YouTube channel, or on their website at bit.ly/NLOShorts. As you are watching the videos, answer the questions below. If you're unsure about spellings, turning on subtitles might help!

1. Does the clarinet have a single or double reed? [1]

2. Listen carefully to the extract from Shiva Feshareki's *Departing in Peace, Arriving with Love* (0:19). Is this melody conjunct or disjunct? [1]

3. Listen carefully to the extract from Samuel Coleridge Taylor's *Clarinet Quintet* (1:03). Describe the contour of this melody. [3]
   Ascending | Descending | Unchanging | Beginning | Middle | End

4. Describe the difference in timbre between a clarinet playing high in its register and low down. [2]
   Rich | Shrill | Thin | Warm | Husky | Thick | Screaming | Lush

5. What is a slide between two notes called? [1]

Extension: Listen to the extract from Mozart's Clarinet Concerto (2:00). Fill in the missing notes on the stave below. (This is a transposing part for the clarinet in A!)