Trolls

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In Norse mythology, trolls were creatures that lived in the forests, mountains, or caves, away from human settlements. They were seen as antagonistic towards humans, brutish-looking, and to be avoided. Various folk legends claimed they were as big as giants or as small as gnomes and had shapeshifting abilities. No doubt, many curious people must have ventured out to see a troll for themselves. The music vividly explores sneaking around in dark and unfamiliar places, a sense of confident adventure, and—quite possibly—the surprise of spotting a troll!

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Effective contrast in dynamics, especially when the contrasts are sudden, will bring out the inherent suspense and mysteriousness in the music. Encourage students to be creative and write an adventure story to share about searching for a troll that follows their impressions of the path of the music!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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X - 9 $\langle b, (t), (t) \rangle$ extended position shift bow lift/reset high or low fingerings hooked bowings















