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Jupe has a toy piano.
She plinks and plunks.
She makes up her own songs.



“You make beautiful music,” says Lurk
as he sings along.

“Thank you,” says Jupe.

“You do, too.”



One day, Jupe and Lurk see a piano in a store window.

“I wish I had a real piano,” says Jupe.



“Let’s see if you can try it out,”
says Lurk.

Jupe and Lurk go into the store.



There are pianos everywhere.
But the store is quiet.
There is no music.



Jupe picks out a grand piano.
She slides onto the bench.
She plinks and plunks.
Lurk begins to sing along.



Monster shoppers come over to the grand piano.

“I’ll buy it!” says one monster.



Jupe and Lurk move to a tall piano.
Jupe slides onto the bench.
She plinks and plunks.
Lurk sings along.



“That’s the piano for me!” says
another monster.



This time, the storeowner talks to Jupe. “Your music is helping me sell pianos,” he says.

“If you keep playing, you can earn your own piano.”



Every day, Jupe plays a piano, and Lurk sings along.



Soon, Jupe earns her very own piano!



“What will you do with your toy piano?”
asks Lurk.

“Hmm . . . ,” says Jupe.

“I’d like to give it to you.”



Now, Jupe and Lurk plink and plunk
and sing . . . together!

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