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Napster Gives Away Music For Free (This Time It's Legal)

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Summary:

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Article Body:

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For music teachers and others that just like to browse this new feature could be a great curriculum resource (www.musicedmagic.com/curriculum/bringing-listening-back-to-the-band-room.html). In the music classroom a teacher might want to play part of a Beethoven sonata (play.napster.com/track/13954030) or another piece that the school does not own in their local music library. Instead of shelling out fifteen or twenty bucks for a complete CD the teacher can go to Napster, use their free plays to show the song in class, and if in the end you decide you simply have to own the track anyway for future use you can buy it online and download the complete HIGH-fidelity file to your computer for only

ninety-nine cents. Once downloaded you turn around and burn these tracks to a CD for use in any CD player in any classroom.

For the music lover or an online author these new Napster links are a great way to add easy and useful content to whatever you are trying to share. In fact, that is exactly what the folks at Napster want you to do! Link away! Like a new song off of Korn's newest CD? Link to it! For all of Napster's bad press many years ago they have finally come out with something that even their biggest skeptics cannot deny. The new free music service is a great and long overdue idea that will be great for sharing musical information across the Internet.